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Students Question SGA Budget Process

Associate Dean Of Students Not Consulted Before Release Of '03-'04 Allocations

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

Confusion over the Student Government Association's recent budget allocations, which appear to run contrary to University Handbook regulations, erupted last week when some organizations received significantly less than the funds they requested and when religious and political organizations, previously excluded from student funding, collectively received more than \$1,900.

Associate Dean of Students Donna Eddleman said

she was not consulted by the SGA before the organization announced its final allocations, as stipulated in the University Handbook. The handbook states: "Disposition of Student Government Association funds is determined by the Student Government Association in consultation with the Associate Dean of Students and the Comptroller, and is subject to the approval of the President of the University."

Despite this fact, the budget committee did not seek Eddleman's approval.

"I wasn't aware I needed to give it to her. She hadn't communicated to me that she wanted to see them before," said SGA President Anna Williams, who is also the Chair of the Budget Committee.

Williams said that the SGA Advisor Phyllis Ayers and the executive board review the allocations before

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Artist Jon Hair works on the 20-foot sculpture of Christopher Newport that will be placed on campus. Hair estimates that the sculpture will be completed spring 2004.

Christopher Newport Statue Will Stand Near Campus

Jon Hair's Sculpture Will Be Completed In Spring Of 2004

BY ASHLEY WILSON
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A 20-foot bronze sculpture of Capt. Christopher Newport, commissioned in 2002 as a gift of Irwin Belk of Belk department stores,

will soon grace the University's campus at an undetermined location, according to Jack Sims, Vice President of University Advancement. The artist estimates that the piece will be complete by the spring of 2004.

"Captain Christopher Newport is the namesake of the city and the namesake of this campus. We think it's highly appropriate that a statue honoring the life of Captain Newport is placed here," Sims said.

Jon Hair of Charlotte,

N.C. will sculpt the piece, which he said is already well underway. Hair, who specializes in bronze sculpture, is also currently working on a 40-foot piece commissioned by the United States Olympic Committee for display at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Hair is particularly excited about the Newport sculpture, he said in a recent interview, because of "the sheer size of the piece; the

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Phi Mu Sisters Swing In Biannual Fundraiser

Proceeds Benefit Children's Miracle Network

BY ELIZABETH SCHILLING
Staff Writer

The women of CNU's Phi Mu Fraternity braved cold temperatures and scattered rainstorms to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network during their biannual, 24-hour Swing-A-Thon on the Great Lawn last week.

"It's a fun and awesome event, even with all the rain. The sisters are fun to hang out with and it was a real bonding experience for me," said sister Abbie Moore.

Despite the sisters' enthusiasm, the weather may have impacted the event's turnout this year, sisters said.

"Last semester, it was a lot warmer, so we had many more people out here with us all night. But no one wants to be out in this kind of weather," said Stephanie Pulas.

In spite of this, the poor weather actually provided the opportunity for some members of Greek organizations to lend support.

"I would especially want to say thanks to Mike Huber of Pi Lambda Phi for bringing us doughnuts and sitting with us from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. last night. Pi Kappa Phi was nice by bringing us blankets to keep us warm," said Peanut Pilkington, a sister who was initiated this semester.

During Swing-A-Thons, each Phi Mu sister is re-

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Students, Faculty Examine Effectiveness Of New MAT

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

As a new Master's of Arts and Teaching program replaces the current education program, students, faculty and administrators take time to examine just how effective this new program will be.

Community voices, meanwhile, rise in response to the new five-year program. "I would like to have seen the full education program continue, but given that the decision has been made to eliminate that department, then this is the next best thing; it continues a source of teachers," said John McMillan, Chairman of the Newport News School Board. The new program allows

seniors to take up to nine graduate hours in their major, which will also count toward the 120 hours for their bachelor's degrees.

"The fifth year will offer ample opportunity for students to be in school settings, formally and informally," said Dr. Dorothy Doolittle, Associate Provost for Research/Graduate Studies. "The courses for the MAT have been designed to enable students to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities that pre-service teachers need to make the transition to full-time teaching. The new MAT offers a stronger content area for the CNU students."

While many community members are grateful for a

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SGA Honors Outstanding Students, Faculty, Administration At Banquet

BY VIRGINIA MILLER
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The Student Government Association announced the voting results for the leaders of the year during the annual SGA Awards Banquet, held on Monday night at the Mariners' Museum. The awards included Professor of the Year, Male and Female Leaders of the Year, Senator of the Year and Organization of the Year. Three out of the seven were repeat wins from last year.

Professor Quentin Kidd won the Professor of the Year award.

"He can be found all over campus, from opening up his office to students to playing softball," said Ashley Boyd as she announced Kidd as the winner.

Kidd, who won this award last year as well, said he "didn't expect it, but was flattered." He does not believe he does anything special, but Kidd says he sees putting students first as a "way of life."

His award came as no surprise to Cristin Toutsi, a senior who has had three classes with Kidd.

"He makes learning enjoyable the way it should be," she said. "He makes students want to learn both inside and outside the classroom."

Toutsi experienced this when she spent 10 days in London with Kidd and 20 other students this spring. Kidd made the trip both a vacation and a learning experience, said Toutsi, who said he fostered her sense of pride and appreciation for the United States.

Alex Butterfield won the Administrator of the Year award.

"This year's winner is a very caring, sincere woman. She is dedicated to the stu-

dents of CNU and the University," said Boyd before announcing the winner. "Her joyful spirit shines any time of the year."

Alex Butterfield is an advisor for multiple groups on campus, including the Gay-Straight Student Union, the Multicultural Student Association and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

While she said she was surprised that she won, she is "thankful that the students listen to me," and she plans to "continue trying to challenge people to think about their community," she said.

Tasha Eley, a freshman campus student, credits

her campus involvement to Butterfield.

"She has motivated me a lot as a commuter," Eley said, who was inspired by Butterfield to enter this year's Miss Essence Pageant.

The announcement of the Female Leader of the Year left sophomore Ashley Boyd speechless and in shock for the second time in two years; Boyd is a repeat winner.

"I'm very honored to receive something like that," she said when she was asked what she thought of the award.

Boyd became SGA Secretary during her freshman year and currently serves as

Vice President of University Relations. Boyd worked to enhance the office of VPUR by holding club workshops and a Club Leadership Day, she said. She also kept the SGA updated on the events in the Virginia General Assembly.

Jeremiah Davis, the current Vice President of Student Services and future SGA President, won the Male Leader of the Year award.

"I don't see myself as a leader; I see myself as a steward of the students," he said.

Davis said he came into the year wanting to make

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Band Plays For Charity

Luther's Fall performs to benefit cancer victims.

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Tennis Team Excels

Women's tennis team grabs second place while men's tennis takes third in the Dixie Conference Tournament.

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Campus In Brief

University Orchestra Performs In Gaines

The Department of Music will present the University Orchestra in concert on April 23 at 8 p.m. in Gaines Theatre. The concert will be conducted by Anne E. Argondale and is titled "Unfinished Business."

Soprano Jennifer Bryant, winner of the student concerto/aria competition, will perform Mozart's *Better Jungling from the Impresario*, as well as Menotti's *Monica's Waltz from the Medium*. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the CNU Department of Music at 594-7089.

Class of 2005 Hosts Volleyball Tournament

The Class of 2005 will hold its volleyball tournament on April 26. It will start at 10 a.m. The date and time changes are due to the postponement of Springfest.

CNU Motorsports Hosts Third Annual Car Show

CNU Motorsports' 3rd Annual Car Show is slated for April 26 in "Lot K" behind the Student Center. Registration begins at 10 a.m., and there is a fee of \$5 that goes to the CNU students and alumni. Judging will begin at 12 p.m.

First, second and third place will be given in the following categories: Import (Mid, Import, Wild), Domestic Truck/Bike and "Best In Show." Other prizes will also be awarded.

Last RHA Meeting Will Be Held In James River

The last Residence Hall Association Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the James River Multipurpose Room. Elections for next year's executive board will be held during this meeting. Everyone is welcome, and Christine Warner or Paul Drumwright can be contacted for further questions.

MSA Will Host Basketball Tournament

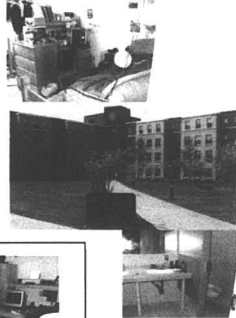
The MSA is hosting a basketball tournament on April 26 at 10 a.m. It is a four on four, double elimination tournament. Each team is allowed one alternate. The majority of players on each team must be students at CNU.

On Campus Housing

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Campus Housing Is In High Demand This Year

BY QUINTON SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

After talk of a housing shortage and possible overcrowding of rooms, there are still a few rooms to spare after the end of the final housing lottery on April 15. "This year, there has been a greater demand for on-campus housing than ever before," said Steven Pappas, Director of Auxiliary Services. "At one point, we had close to 200 more people sign up to participate than there were beds available. At that point, we were quite concerned."

The possibility of overcrowding generated several new approaches to housing dilemmas. Regulations have been altered to allow an overcrowding of rooms, Pappas said.

Overcrowding for upperclassmen was an option that would accommodate as many students as possible and promote the ability to allow friends who wanted to live together to be able to do so, according to Pappas. In

other words, he said, a friend could be brought in who was late on turning in his registration, which would allow housing for as many students as possible.

"Because of attrition, we now have some of these extra beds available," he said, adding that the overcrowding was meant for returning students who would be living in James River or Barclay.

There will be a few freshman rooms that will be tripled, but this is separate from the fact of the initial overcrowding idea, Pappas said.

Some freshmen may also be assigned bed space in James River, in order to utilize every extra bed, said Pappas.

He hopes that all current rooming assignments will remain unchanged, but if necessary, other options will be discussed.

These options will probably base housing priority on the preparedness level of the student.

"If I got to that point, we may have to look at the fact that upper-level students are

more prepared to move out into the community, than say, a rising sophomore," Pappas said.

No changes are currently in order, Pappas said, but each year officials make a supply/demand assessment as to whether these changes will have to be made.

Currently, Barclay Apartments are full. Warwick River has 29 beds open in double rooms and one quad, and James River Hall has 23 beds left over in suites only," said Pappas. The CNU Apartments, reserved for upperclassmen, are also full, he said.

Now, students on the waiting list can be called in the order that their contracts were turned in to fill all left-over beds, according to Pappas.

Meanwhile, some students are happy with their assignments for the next academic year, while most of those who did not receive the rooming assignments they had desired are attempting to make the best of the situation.

Sophomore Dawn Oesterle, for instance, was

pleasantly surprised when she and her friends were slated for a four-person living arrangement in the CNU Apartments.

"My three friends and I wanted to get in to the CNU Apartments. However, our lowest number was 309. We based our assumption on how fast the apartments went last year but thought we might have a chance of getting in. To our surprise, there were plenty of apartments to go around, plus some," said Oesterle. "We are very happy to be over in the CNU Apartments next year and to have our own rooms, bathrooms and, most of all, a kitchen."

Sophomore Regina South, on the other hand, hoped to room in the Barclay Apartments, which were filled by the time her 3.15 g.p.a. housing lottery appointment came around on the fifteenth.

"I can say that my housing outcome made me frustrated and mad, but I can also say that at least I have some place to live, so I should be and am thankful for that," South said.

Virginia In Brief

Manassas Woman Suing For Weight Damages

A Manassas, Va. woman is suing a fitness center company and personal trainer for \$100,000, claiming that the trainer dropped a five-pound weight on her head, according to the *Virginia Pilot*. Anita Stevens Ackermann was treated for bleeding and contusions, according to her attorney, William H. Henry, who was quoted in the *Pilot*.

The incident occurred on April 14, 2001, when Ackermann went to Bally's Total Fitness in Woodbridge for a personal training session according to court documents.

Prior to the incident, Ackermann with eight-pound weights, but they were too heavy for Ackermann. The lawsuit claims that when Pryor switched to five-pound weights, she fumbled with the weight and dropped it directly on Ackermann's head and face.

The lawsuit names Hollywood Universal, which is Bally's parent company.

Ackermann is suing for \$50,000 in compensatory damages and \$50,000 in punitive damages.

VA Beach Police Search For 'Sunday Robber'

Police are looking for a man who targets older women in large, expensive automobiles, and the suspect mostly strikes on Sundays, according to the *Virginia Pilot*. The Virginia Beach police said that he follows them to their homes and surprises them before they can get from their cars to their front doors, according to the *Pilot*.

The police are calling him the "Sunday Robber" because his seven victims have been held up mostly on Sundays. The crimes began about a month ago, and most occurred after sundown.

Police Detective K.C. Reilly was quoted as saying that the robber possibly chooses his victims by age and the type of cars they drive. All but one of the victims have been women.

Hampton Man Convicted Of Murder

A Hampton man was convicted on April 17 of capital murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Travis Flowers last summer, according to the *Virginia Pilot*.

Larry T. Jones was found guilty of robbery and use of a sawed-off shotgun and other weapons violations. He was acquitted on a robbery charge and a weapons violation.

A circuit court jury recommended that Jones be sentenced to life plus 33 years in jail and fined \$10,000.

His sentencing is scheduled for June.

Rev. Harrison-Davidson Leaves After 10 Years

United Campus Minister Recollects On Fond Memories

BY ASHLEY HAIRSTON
Staff Writer

The Reverend Cheryl Harrison-Davidson has held her position as head of United Campus Ministries at CNU for 10 years. Next fall, however, the student body will be introduced to a new reverend. Harrison-Davidson is relocating to Roanoke, Va. because her husband was appointed to a position in that area. Her time at CNU leaves her with many memories.

Born in Atlanta, she grew up in the church and describes herself as a born-and-bred Methodist. Although

Harrison-Davidson says she loves her job now, being a reverend wasn't always the career she wanted to pursue.

"God had to call on my life, and it took me a while to recognize it. I saw the position for campus minister and applied for it," she said.

After 10 years, she said, it feels "kind of bittersweet I guess. I'm going to miss the students; I'm going to miss the relationships I've developed over these 10 years."

Harrison-Davidson's fondest memories focus around the community aspect of CNU. One of her favorite events was the potato drop, co-sponsored by campus ministries and the Student Government Association. Volunteers gathered up 30,000 pounds of potatoes, loaded them into a tractor-trailer and gave them to the less fortunate during this event, according to Harrison-Davidson.

Harrison-Davidson also

remembers the memorial service held on the Great Lawn in which 2,500 students gathered in recognition of the events of Sept. 11.

Harrison-Davidson attempted to demonstrate her love for community service through a program called Praxis, which she established in the spring semester of 1994. Praxis is a program that gives students the opportunity to earn class credit for participating in community service. Students in the Praxis program are required to complete a list of tasks, among which are participation in 16-20 hours of community service and, the task Harrison-Davidson feels is most important, participation in two 90-minute reflection groups. The program has grown throughout the years, starting with one class, 25 students and seven agencies, and developing into about 20 classes, 300 to 400 students and 250 agencies.



Rev. Cheryl Harrison-Davidson

Before Harrison-Davidson says she leaves the student body with a final thought: "Students are here to prepare for life. Go for those things in life that give you passion. In other words, don't go for the things that give you the biggest bucks. Go for the things you care about, that can give you life and hope in the world—make a difference."

Professor Ashby Kinch Takes New Job In Montana

BY ELIZABETH SCHILLING
Staff Writer

As Dr. Ashby Kinch thinks back on his years at CNU, a favorite quote comes to mind: "We hunt hard for meaning, or we retreat, like lazy, sophisticated little children." - Chailin Anwar

These are the words Kinch wants his students to remember as he "hunts after meaning" next semester, when he begins teaching upper-level and graduate

courses in medieval literature at the University of Montana, Missoula.

Specifically, Kinch, an associate professor in CNU's English Department, looks forward to the chance of having more "meaning" in his scholarly research area, medieval studies.

"The [new] job will offer me a lot of time to engage in some experimental teaching. Montana has a solid graduate program... so I am looking forward to working with these talented graduate

students. I will also have a lot more time to pursue my own research interests at a place with a solid library and a special fund for buying research material in medieval studies, my area of scholarly research," said Kinch.

Kinch's students believe the new position to be a better use of his expertise. Many of them marvel at his extensive knowledge in medieval literature.

Since he is very passionate about his subject area, said senior Jerome Heath, an English major seeking a teacher certification. "It seems like he will know everything about a piece of work, the author's intentions, the history behind it, and all the interpretations of it. He can even speak Middle English like a foreign language."

Another student, sophomore Chomera Parker, credits Kinch's class as the reason

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Student Finds Himself In Quandary As Commencement Approaches

Twins Of A Single-Parent Family Face Graduation Discrepancy

BY QUINTON SHEPPARD
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Finishing a college education, for the most part, can be a rewarding experience, and most students look forward to graduating in the presence of their families.

For fifth-year senior Adam Carrier, however, sharing his graduation-day experience with a proud family may not be possible.

In addition to the stresses that all seniors endure, Carrier has also had to deal with an unusual dilemma. Carrier's fraternal twin brother, also a fifth-year senior, is graduating from Longwood University. Both of the twins' graduation ceremonies are set on the same day at times just one hour apart from each other.

Carrier does not have the luxury of having one parent attend his brother's commencement and the other attending his because he comes from a single-parent home.

His mother is flying out from Green Bay. His grandparents are flying from Los Angeles. His aunt and uncle would be traveling from Northern Virginia.

None of them wanted to have to make the decision regarding which sibling's commencement to attend. Carrier's mother was heartbroken over the possibility of

having to decide between her two sons, Carrier said.

"You see, the Sunday afterward is Mother's Day. That just made it even tougher for Mom. She was extremely upset about the whole situation," said Carrier.

His mother, Jean, said, "It's hard enough living away from my sons, and I've dreaded the possibility of simultaneous graduations since they were freshmen. All I want is to see them both in their regalia on that day."

Carrier said his dilemma came to his attention about a year ago, and he has been trying to find a solution ever since. Seeking advice, he headed to the registrar's office at CNU.

"The office said it had never dealt with a situation like this before. It didn't know how to handle it," he said.

So Carrier decided to take a different route. He wanted to see if Longwood University would be able to make a suggestion. Longwood came up with a solution that didn't give him exactly what he wanted but gave him the option that he feels is the best.

Longwood University will not allow Carrier to commence with his brother and receive his own diploma. Instead, he will be able to hand a diploma to his twin brother as the Longwood graduate crosses the stage. Carrier will then be able to put on his cap and gown and celebrate with the rest of the graduates at Longwood.

"I won't get to walk, but it works for me," Carrier said.

As for Adam's friends, he says that they know how im-



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portant his family is to him. "My friends are glad I get to reunite with my relatives in celebration at Longwood, which is more important to me than any ceremony. It's about the people, not the event," Carrier said.

He also mentioned that Alan, his brother, has decided to move back to Wisconsin with their mother. Adam will stay here in Hampton Roads to work. He said that the graduation at Longwood would not only be a start-

ward a new life, but would be a long goodbye as well. As for Jean, she is pleased with the outcome of the dilemma. "I still get my wish. It's a perfect Mother's Day gift," she said.

Carrier chooses to take an

optimistic stance regarding his graduation-day dilemma. "Commencement is a beginning, not an ending. My family and I will be celebrating the beginning of my life rather than just the ending of my five years of education."

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twenty feet is pretty big," Hair said. "This guy's enormous."

Hair was further attracted to the project because of its historic importance, especially considering the area's proximity to Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown.

"I like doing historic pieces because I'm a history buff myself," he said. "It's exciting. Ever since I was a little kid, I wanted to do great art, and this is up there with the ancient Greeks and Romans — it's that style. This piece is going to be there for thousands of years."

Newport's wardrobe and hair will be accurate for the period, Hair said, thanks to extensive research.

"For the sword, we found a period sword and drew it in a computer," said Hair.

People will associate the statue with the University and the man.

-Ashleigh Bronner
freshman

To piece together the rest of Newport's wardrobe, Hair researched historical references, and "I went to Hollywood, California to look through Warner Brothers' wardrobe department. I found the doubles, big pants and all that, but I couldn't find them in the right size."

A historical customer in Long Beach, Calif. created an accurate costume, based on Hair's research, to fit a six-foot model. The photographs of this model are the basis of the Newport sculpture, Hair said.

"The wardrobe had a lot

of flair—dramatic big hats, big bucket boots ... swords, scarves. They were dick-looking guys then. For an artist, it's a smorgasbord," he said.

Hair is not the only one expressing excitement over the sculpture. Several students, as well, saw the piece as a way to raise awareness of the school's namesake.

"It'll make people realize Christopher Newport is an actual person, a lot of people don't know that," said freshman Ashleigh Bronner.

"People will associate the statue with the University and the man."

Sophomore Emily Andrusko, who did not know that Newport led the Jamestown voyage "until my mom told me," also feels that the sculpture will not only raise awareness of the school's namesake, but will also make the grounds more attractive.

"It adds to the whole feel and scenery of the school. Other schools have them, and they look nice," Andrusko said.

Some of those other schools may have such sculptures because of the same man who is sponsoring CNU's piece.

Belk, who is funding the project, previously named CNU's track, and he has named tracks and commissioned sculptures at as many as 12 other campuses, according to Sims. Naming tracks and sponsoring sculptures is a hobby for Belk, Sims said.

The University has not yet decided on a final location for the sculpture, Sims said, but one possibility is a traffic circle located between the University's main entrance and that of the Mariners' Museum, which is set for a recent PR for Arts press release.

Although Hair estimates that he will complete the figure by spring of 2004, Sims said that the sculpture's introduction may be contingent on the city's renaming of Shoe Lane. For now, an exact date has not yet been determined, Sims said.

Seniors, Faculty Revamp Social Work Club

Club Members Strive For Organization Through Unity

BY QUINTON SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

Although the Social Work Club recently snagged the title "Outstanding Club at CNU" and was awarded "Best New Club" and "Best Budget Presentation" by the Student Government Association's Budget Committee, this student organization is about more than just winning prizes, according to club sponsor Dr. James Forte.

"People tend to think that all social work is negative, dealing only with welfare and those problems. However, we really make a difference in people's lives," said club member Jessica Ruder.

A sense of caring and devotion to club members is what makes the Social Work Club unique, she said.

The Social Work Club of CNU, set up by seniors and faculty, has been in existence for a while, said Ruder, but due to financial problems, it is just now getting up and on its feet.

"The club recently rewrote its constitution and revamped its committee structure to add even more to its productivity," said Forte, who feels that the club possesses dynamic officers who will do nothing less than model service on campus.

Club members said that the unity of their organization was crucial to its reorganization.

"The unity of all the social work students has been strong this year," said junior member Laura Lundy. "All of us have a strong sense of justice and equality for all people. We want to educate people on campus about so-

cial work and where they can seek help. Because of the closeness of the social work majors, this has really come together."

Ruder attributes the club's success to a close-knit, accepting academic department.

"The department we work with is comforting, accepting and passionate about everything it does," said Ruder. These efforts have been passed down to the club itself, she said.

Ruder said that she received confirmation of this recently at a General Assembly rally where student workers lobbied with legislators.

During the event, the coordinator of the lobby, Dr. Robert Schneider of VCU, complemented the CNU Social Work Club on its closeness and drive, according to Ruder.

Ruder wants to see this program grow even further and feels confident this will

happen due to the passion and potential of all of its members.

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the upstairs lounge of the Student Center, Ruder said. She added that pizza and drinks are provided at every meeting.

Meetings always begin with an icebreaker to make everyone relaxed and comfortable, said Ruder. Senior officers generally run all meetings and present to the club current social work projects, she said.

Seniors who played key roles in revamping the organization included: Tara Barnard, Sarah Hughes, Tammy Falls, Merrie Malpas and Mollie Jones, according to Ruder. Faculty members who were particularly helpful included: Ms. Cheryl Mathews, Ms. Gwendolyn Thornton and Club Sponsor Dr. James Forte, all of the Social Work Department, Ruder said.

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they are finalized.

"Historically, the process has been that the allocations recommended by the SGA have been approved," said Eddleman.

Additionally, the Office of Student Life and the Fiscal Technician requested copies of the final decision after the final allocations were released to the Senate, according to Eddleman.

Clubs and organizations are also confused about why they received significantly lower amounts of money than what they asked for.

When asked by The Captain's Log to release club and organization budget packets, which included the amount of money requested by each organization, Williams refused to release the information. The Captain's

Log then filed a Freedom of Information Act request to her last Monday. Williams has been given five business days to comply with the request. She still had not released the information at press time.

Clubs and organizations have also been unable to access reasons for the allocations. Dr. Phillipine, the governing body for three female social Greek organizations, received less than a quarter of the approximate \$4,000 that the organization requested from the SGA. The organization's members now question the student government's final decision for budget allocations.

"I'm a little hurt," said Panhellenic Treasurer Jennifer Silberman. "We are trying to get our name out, as well as address issues that are important to not only women but everybody on campus."

This year, Panhellenic sponsored a Sexual Assault Rally and a two-day Alcohol Awareness event.

"I thought it made sense to ask for the same as we did in past years since we're trying to expand," Silberman said.

Panhellenic's final allocation came to \$650, which is less than a fourth of the \$4,000 that the organization had requested.

"We're just upset about the inconsistencies in the process," said junior Leslie Hutchins, a member of Alpha Phi.

These inconsistencies are a result of the SGA's lack of written policy, some said.

"If you've got it written down [policy], it keeps you out of trouble," said Vice President of Student Services Jeremiah Davis.

The SGA relied on verbal policy, and that "caused

chaos," Davis said.

The budget committee did have some guidelines on how the money should be allocated.

Williams said that the committee looked at individual budgets and took into consideration whether or not the organizations collected dues, if they had the opportunity to fund-raise, and if the money they requested would be used for events and activities that would benefit the campus as a whole.

Further confusion arose regarding funds allocated to religious and political organizations, which previously received no funding in accordance with the University Handbook.

The University Handbook states that "recognized student organizations which are not classified as religious

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or political, and whose purpose of program exists to serve the student body as a whole, are eligible to be considered for University financial support."

The final allocations, however, include several religious and political groups, as well as several Greek organizations and sports clubs. Catholic Campus Ministries (CCM), InterVarsity and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) were religiously affiliated clubs that received funding through the SGA.

The money allocated to CCM has been budgeted for office supplies, and the budget did not include any campus events, according to Tim Masterson, CCM Student Campus Minister.

Although FCA was allocated money for the T-shirts included in its budget,

InterVarsity did not receive funds for its T-shirts.

Junior Rachael Harrell, who served as a member of the budget committee, said that InterVarsity's T-shirts were cut from its budget because the shirts included a Sprite logo.

Since the University is under contract with PepsiCo Inc., the Business Office typically does not purchase Coca-Cola products such as Sprite, according to Eddleman.

In spite of this precedent, confusion still remains as to whether or not funding should be used to print T-shirts with a Sprite logo and whether the SGA has the authority to make this decision in the first place.

"Will the T-shirts benefit the entire CNU community? If the answer is yes, then the Sprite logo is not an SGA decision," Eddleman said.

Money was also cut from InterVarsity's budget because

the club indicated it wanted to distribute Sprite products at SpringFest, according to Harrell.

"They probably would not be given money if they were going to get Sprite. That in my mind would be legitimate," said Katey Morlino Howerton, Coordinator of Student Life.

Ultimately, however, no one is completely sure as to how the issue should be addressed.

"What we know is that the Business Office does not pay for non-Pepsi products," said Eddleman. "There is not a written policy, and that is really the bottom line."

A follow-up article on the Student Government Association's budget allocations will appear in the online edition of The Captain's Log, pending release of information sought in a Freedom of Information Act request.

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continuing supply of teachers, some students are disappointed the original department was cut.

Karla Boyce, for instance, is an education student who will make it through her coursework before the department closes. What she first perceived as an advantage, however, became a major hindrance to her receiving her master's degree.

"Under the new program, since I will already have my teaching licensure, I am not eligible to enter into the program," said Boyce. "I not only have been made to rush through all my education classes and cram them into one semester; now I am told that I cannot enter into the new program because I will already have a teaching licensure."

While there is opposition to the program, however, there are others who see many benefits as well.

"I feel that Newport

News Public Schools' participation in this program can assist in CNU continuing to provide qualified and certified teachers for possible employment with our school division," said McMillan.

Sprague feels that the students in this program will be more prepared for a career in teaching.

"Instead of focusing on finishing their undergraduate degree, during their fifth year, the students are all working in the same classes to prepare to be teachers," said Sprague. "They will also be doing a lot of work in the public schools. There is a real synergy that results from this."

The new program has a "different option, and students are supposed to get content knowledge from their undergraduate majors, not as part of the graduate sequence of courses. This five-year MAT actually goes the extra [mile] and requires graduate courses at the undergraduate level," said Doolittle. "This

MAT program replaces the old MAT programs, but it is not supposed to be the same programs," she said.

Members of the department, meanwhile, are working to make the transition a smooth one.

"The faculty in the Department of Education are still at CNU and still working very hard to help the current students finish their undergraduate teaching programs. Newport News School Board asked CNU to do something to keep an uninterrupted stream of potential teachers available in this area," said Doolittle.

Sprague, like several others, sees a great deal of potential in the program.

"I am excited about the opportunity to continue teacher preparation at CNU at the master's level," said Sprague. "I'm convinced it can be done with the expertise, energy and enthusiasm of CNU faculty, students and administrators."

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sure that the SGA did not "compete but contribute" to the students, clubs and campus of CNU. A major accomplishment included his work with other campuses to help

promote the education bill. "They are two excellent leaders," said SGA President Anna Williams of Davis and Boyd. "Jeremiah won by an overwhelming majority, and that shows the students' confidence in his ability."

In addition, "Ashley has

really shown she has real spirit and integrity," Williams said.

The Campus Activity Board won the Organization of the Year award for the second time in a row.

Travis Bins was Senator of the Year.

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quired to raise \$30 for the Children's Miracle Network. According to Pulas, the exact amount of money raised was not yet calculated by press time.

In addition to fundraising, some women of the sorority also help in the planning of the event.

"The people with the most personal sacrifice were the sisters in charge of planning the philanthropy events.

They have to take longer shifts, while other sisters are only required to swing at least one hour," said Pulas.

The Phi Mu sisters successfully completed the Swing-A-Thon at noon last Friday.

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she became an English major. "It's said he is leaving CNU. His class was my first English class. I really enjoyed writing for him and meeting with him in conferences to discuss my papers. His class helped me make the decision to become an English major," said Parker. "Any school that employs him as a professor will be very fortunate to have him on staff."

The hardest adjustment for Kinch will be leaving family members who live on the East Coast.

"The biggest negative is for my wife: she will be leaving behind her family on the East Coast. My sister lives in D.C., but when I told my family we were going to Montana, they all said, 'Great! We'll come skiing next year!'" said Kinch.

He also said he will miss his relationships with other professors. He can list many fond experiences with his associates, including friendships and collaborating on work together. He hopes to keep in contact with many of them. Kinch sees the separation as a normal occurrence in the career of being a profes-

sor, however.

"That's kind of how Academia works: we're like the wandering clerics in the Middle Ages, moving from monastery to monastery, court to court, collecting contacts and creating an intellectual network for ourselves in a broader culture that does not particularly value our labor," said Kinch.

The role Kinch has played at CNU has not only included teaching English; he has also been involved in student activities. He has acted as a judge and faculty advisor to CNU's literary magazine "Currents." Kinch has also been an advisor to the Rugby Club and hopes to see that program flourish in the future.

"I have had an especially good time working with the rugby players here to try to develop the sport. They are an energetic and committed group; despite the obstacles that they have encountered, they keep plugging on. I have watched a group of players go from never having heard of the sport to becoming rugby devotees in a few months. It really is amazing," said Kinch.

In addition to aiding stu-

dents in their activities, Kinch has also involved himself in faculty committees as well. Kinch co-chaired the Task Force for Curriculum and Academic Life, and he says he is passionate about the curriculum becoming more liberal-arts focused.

"There are incredibly dedicated faculty [on the task force] who are thinking very creatively about the big picture, not just the curriculum and the hours and the requirements," said Kinch.

Rather, he says, the task force desires to push "thousands of intelligent, broad-minded individuals out into a society where they can contribute innovative new approaches to old problems."

Kinch also encourages his students to get the most out of a college education. Kinch thinks college is when students get a chance to hunt down "the big game," to which Anwar refers.

"If you do not change as a person, as a result of your education—become more reflective, more thoughtful, more engaged, better informed, more widely read, more curious—you have wasted your time and your money," said Kinch.

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World and Nation

Chinese Government Admits Errors During SARS Outbreak

BY MICHAEL DORGAN
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In an extraordinary admission of mishandling the SARS epidemic, China's government Sunday announced a tenfold increase of infections in Beijing and the removal of the minister of health and Beijing's mayor from their high-level positions in the Communist Party.

The update raised the number of confirmed cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome in China's capital to 346, including 18 deaths. Vice Minister of Health Gao Qiang, who released the new figures at a news conference, said Beijing also had 402 suspected SARS cases. In days, many of which are expected to become confirmed cases.

Gao announced several emergency measures to contain the rapidly spreading epidemic, which has infected at least 1,807 people in China, and killed at least 79. Most cases so far have been in the far southern Guangdong province, where the now-globally epidemic began, but infections have spread to at least nine provinces and administrative regions.

After a series of news blackouts and policy blunders, China's central government now appears to be making an all-out effort to combat the epidemic.

Hospitals across the nation have been ordered to accept all patients with SARS symptoms regardless of their ability to pay, he said.

Monitors have been posted throughout China's vast transportation web to spot people with SARS symptoms on planes, trains and buses and quickly isolate them.

Gao said the government has sent teams to assess the degree of infection in rural areas, where most of China's population still resides and where health-care services range from inadequate to nonexistent.

Gao said there is no evidence yet of widespread infection in rural areas, but he acknowledged that China's "floating" population of more than 100 million migrant workers could transport the virus that causes SARS throughout rural areas.

"Once it spreads to those areas, the consequences will be especially grim," he warned.

Gao pledged that the government will mobilize to its full capacity and spend whatever money it takes to combat the epidemic.

China's government for months suppressed news about the epidemic, apparently to avoid frightening the public and scaring off foreign tourists and investors. Less than two weeks ago, Chinese health officials insisted that the epidemic was under control and that China was safe for travelers.

Gao's announcements Sunday were accompanied by a rare apology from a government with a tradition of not admitting error.

"We will try to improve upon the weaknesses and faulty aspects of our work," he said.

U.S. Official Leading Rebuilding Efforts Arrives In Iraq



Retired U.S. Lt. Gen. Jay Garner (second from right), his deputy British Gen. Tim Cross (second from left) and Karim Hassan (right) of Baghdad's electricity board get a briefing from U.S. Army engineer Maj. Andy Backus on the power situation in the Iraqi capital at Baghdad's southern power station on Monday.

General Takes Control; Saddam Remains At-Large

BY NANCY A. YOUSSEF
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The retired U.S. general picked to lead efforts to rebuild Iraq's collapsed infrastructure and government arrived in Baghdad Monday and Iraqi technicians reported that they had started one of the city's electrical generating plants and might be producing electricity as soon as Tuesday.

Coalition forces also captured another member of the regime, Muhammad Hamza al Zubaydi, the commander of Baath Party's operations in the central Euphrates region.

U.S. officials called him the highest ranking official taken captive so far. He was the eighth official to fall under U.S. custody of 55 that the U.S. military has said it wants to detain.

But Saddam remained a fugitive, and it was unclear what efforts were being made to find him. Zab Sephna, a spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress, a Pentagon-backed group made up of anti-Saddam Iraqi exiles, said the INC believes Saddam is in the Dila region near the border with Iran and that there were numerous reports of Baathists putting up Saddam's picture in Baqubah, a city northeast of Baghdad.

Earlier in the day, Saddam's son-in-law Jamal Mustafa Abdullah Sultan al Tikriti, turned himself in to the INC and was handed over to U.S. military authorities at 3 a.m.

Sethna said al Tikriti and a cousin, Khalid Najem Abdullah Sultan al Tikriti, had fled to Syria but agreed to surrender because "this was a better option than

spending a lifetime on the run."

Another official, former senior intelligence officer Khalil Ibrahim al Nasseri, also turned himself in, the INC said, but had not yet been transferred to the Americans.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, who heads the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, touched down at Baghdad International Airport at around 8 a.m. local time and immediately joined a convoy that took him into the city center for a tour that was intended to highlight U.S. concerns about lawlessness and a lack of public services in the Iraqi capital.

His first stop was a local police station. He then visited the 700-bed Yarmuk Hospital in west central Baghdad, where a generator, donated by the charity CARE, had been installed in the last 24 hours.

Then he made a stop at the city's al Doura power plant, where the appearance of smoke from one of the stacks earlier Monday had caused

many Iraqis to wonder if power would soon be on. Most of Baghdad has been without electricity for nearly three weeks.

But Seit Saad, a technician at the plant, said it would be another day before there was electricity. Saad said the smoke was just an indication that the plant's boiler was being heated.

Once the boiler is functioning, he said, much of Baghdad will have electricity.

Garner was accompanied by about 20 aides. Another 450 people are expected in the country to help administer the new civil government.

Garner shared few details about his plan for Iraq, though restoring water and electricity service would be his top priorities. In response to a question about how long he would be in Iraq, he indicated he planned to stay only several weeks. "We will leave fairly rapidly," he said.

North Korea Softening Its Confrontation With U.S.

BY TIM JOHNSON
Knight-Ridder Campus

Perhaps unnerved by the quick American military march through Iraq, North Korea is softening its confrontation with the United States even as it has ordered its million-man military to stiffen up for a possible fight.

Last weekend, the Kim Jong Il regime backed down on its demand for one-on-one talks with Washington, accepting broader talks over its revived nuclear weapons program.

"There has been some overall improvement, I think, in the prospects for dialogue with North Korea," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday.

But the Bush administration isn't yet ready to say how soon multilateral talks with North Korea could take place, or how many nations would participate, Powell said.

North Korea admitted last October that it has received a nuclear facility that experts say may allow it to obtain enough material by later this year to build one nuclear bomb a month.

U.S. frictions with North Korea soared earlier this year, but Pyongyang has remained quiet during the month-long U.S.-led campaign to topple Saddam Hussein.

"They are probably extremely upset about the decapitation strike (against Saddam on March 19) and the idea that Kim Jong Il could be targeted at a moment's notice," said Peter Hayes, the executive director of the Nautius Institute for Security and Sustainability, an arms control research center in Berkeley, Calif.

Others concurred that North Korea has felt shock waves from Iraq.

"North Korea is very much afraid of a U.S. pre-emptive strike after Iraq," said Selig Harrison, an East Asia expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington.

Monitoring devices about U.S. surveillance aircraft from the Korean Peninsula have yet to "sniff" an isotope of krypton that would prove North Korea has begun reprocessing thousands of fuel rods at its Yongbyon nuclear facility, experts said.

It is unclear whether technical problems have delayed the plutonium reprocessing or if Kim's regime is pausing to see whether negotiations get under way, experts said.

"Every indication is that the North Koreans have cooled it for some weeks now. They realized that there were some red lines out there," Harrison said.

Even as North Korea backedpedaled on its demand for direct talks, recent internal communications in the country trumpet a "military-first" campaign that gives the armed forces complete primacy in national life and broadens the country's potential for conflict.

On April 6, the Korean Central News Agency issued a statement that said Pyongyang would achieve a "tremendous military deterrent force" capable of beating back any enemy.

Bush Continues Tax-cut Push, Scales It Back

\$550 Billion Tax-cut Over Ten Years Proposed

BY DIEGO IBARGUEN
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A day after the Pentagon declared that major combat in Iraq had ended, President Bush on Tuesday turned his attention to the struggling U.S. economy, calling on Congress to pass tax cuts worth at least \$550 billion over 10 years.

"The nation needs quick action by our Congress on a pro-growth economic package," Bush told an audience of small-business owners on a sunny day in the White House Rose Garden.

It was the first time Bush said he could accept a tax cut that is \$176 billion less than his original proposal, a concession to a Congress that has balked at running up bigger deficits.

His remarks began a flurry of activity on the president's economic agenda, evidently part of a strategy to

avoid his father's fate: President George H.W. Bush's popularity rose after success in the 1991 Gulf War, but he lost re-election in 1992 because of concerns that he wasn't doing enough to fix a stumbling economy.

"This administration is

shown high overall approval ratings for the current president. But he has received lower marks for his handling of the economy, the leading domestic concern.

Mann said the net loss of 2 million jobs since Bush took

more goods and services from businesses such as your own. And the best and fairest way to make sure Americans can do that is to grant them immediate tax relief so they have more of their own money to spend or save."

But the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated that Bush's plans for new tax cuts and more spending on Medicare and the military would swell federal budget shortfalls by \$2.7 trillion over the next decade.

Before taking an Easter weekend holiday at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, the president plans to travel Wednesday to St. Louis to tour a Boeing Co. factory and deliver a speech on the economy. And while Congress is on a two-week recess, the administration is sending more than 25 officials to 60 events in 26 states to promote the economic agenda.

Bush, who said "victory in Iraq is our first step in complete" turned the spotlight on his economic agenda after days of negotiations in Congress resulted in the House's approval of a \$550 billion tax cut, while the Senate cut in half the \$726 billion Bush request, approving \$350 billion.



President George W. Bush speaks about his demand to Congress for \$550 billion in tax cuts over 10 years during an event in the Rose Garden of the White House, April 15.

consumed with appearing to be engaged in the economy, drawing a lesson from the first President Bush, said Thomas E. Mann, a presidential observer with the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "Whether the blur of that activity has any impact is questionable."

office, a flagging stock market and exploding budget deficits could have the president seeking re-election when the U.S. "fiscal and economic well-being seem in sorry shape."

Bush told his White House visitors that "economic and job growth will come when consumers buy

Opinions

Where We Stand

The Need For Transparency In Allocating Student Fees

Perhaps no other student organization on campus has more direct influence over the day-to-day experience of the student body than the Student Government Association. As the main forum for student governance and the oversight body for all clubs and organizations, the SGA's reach is far and wide. Whenever a student joins the Psychology Club, attends a CAB Movie Night or participates in any fashion in a club or organization, that student comes into contact with the policies and regulations laid out by the SGA.

The SGA's most influential responsibility is perhaps its ability to allocate student fee money to the University's clubs and organizations. Each year, the SGA doles out close to a quarter of a million dollars, paid by student fees, to the clubs and organizations as their operating budgets for the upcoming year. In this fashion, the SGA can exercise a great deal of influence as to what the student experience will be.

Although the process of allocating this money is a large undertaking, the University Handbook is remarkably silent as to how it should be done, saying only that "Disposition of Student Government Association funds is determined by the Student Government Association in consultation with the Associate Dean of Students and the Comptroller, and is subject to the approval of the President of the University. This disposition of funds is based on requests from various recognized organizations and committees."

This most recent round of allocations by the SGA, for the 2003-2004 academic year, has now come into question. Many students do not understand why allocations were given the way they were, and concern has arisen over the process that was followed in giving the allocations. With a quarter of a million dollars of student fees at stake, no written processes or procedures have been released as to how each individual allocation was determined. Moreover, the normal process of gaining the approval of the Associate Dean of Students before allocations are released, which is called for in the University Handbook, was not followed. The 2003-2004 allocations were released to general public before the Associate Dean of Students had seen them.

Government and administration on all levels, from the Federal to the University level, works only when it is fully open and transparent. Policies must be written and available, and there must be opportunities for public discussion and debate of those policies. In the process of fully reporting the upcoming year's SGA allocations, this newspaper was initially denied access to all the documents related to these allocations and was forced to file a Freedom of Information Act request for those documents.

With so much money in the balance, students should and must have total access to all of the information related to the allocation of their student fees. Student government should and must be held to the same standards of accountability and accessibility that all other government is. When the process of allocating student fees is not totally written, open and available, it calls into question the entire role that student government plays on campus.

Reflections Of A First-Year

Taking Chances Was The Key To Happiness And Success During Freshman Year

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

As my first year of college is coming to a close, I have been thinking of where I am now and where I started.

Coming into my freshman year, I was a little nervous, but I was ready and eager to get to work.

The first semester was definitely an adjustment.

Living with a complete stranger was something new, as I'm sure it was to most students. While my roommate and I are very different people, we have become great friends. By taking a chance and living with this complete stranger, I was forced to grow, change and learn.

There have not been any major disagreements, but we have had to make compromises. During the first few months of school, I went to bed by 10 p.m. every night, did not skip a class and kept my room very neat. My

roommate stayed up much later than I did, and she is much less uptight than I am.

Now, I sleep far less than my roommate does. I spend so little time in my room that the clutter in my space has not even had the opportunity to bother me.

Through playing tennis my first semester and most of my second, I met a group of really wonderful young women, as well as a bunch of great guys from the men's team.

Even though the talent of some of the girls intimidated me, and while I did not play top six, I am still proud of myself for taking that chance. The girls I met on this team will be my friends for the rest of my life, and I will never forget all the fun times we had.

I took a chance and applied for an internship with the Norfolk Admirals, a professional hockey team in the minor leagues. I have definitely taken many steps out of my comfort zone with this internship, and I absolutely love it. It has been an experience that I will never forget, and I hope to continue interning with the Admirals next season.

Just four years ago, as a lonely freshman starting her high school career, I never dreamed I would be here today. Back then, I did not really know what I wanted to do, where I wanted to go or who I wanted to be.

I was shy, quiet and not outgoing, to say the least. I had opinions, sure, but I never spoke up. Things would make me angry, but I would just sit back and take it. I've always kept many of my feelings to myself. Even though anyone could tell how I was feeling just by looking me in the eye, rarely did I share what was really on my mind.

Much of this was due in part to my feeling that I had no right to complain about anything, since I had so much, and some people had too little.

I have worked hard to change that about myself. I now make sure that I talk to at least one person about what is bothering me.

Now here I am, with high school behind me and a year of college under my belt, and I feel like I can do everything I've ever dreamed of. Though this year has been rocky, I have made it through. Some things did not go as planned, and some big decisions had to be made, but I believe in the trial and error method for just about everything. All of this progress did not come without some backtracking. Everyone crashes and burns now and then, and I know that I have. At the end of the day, however, I can honestly look back and say that I am proud of where I have come from and happy to be who I am today.

Nike And The Sweatshop Connection

The Effects Of 'Shoe Apathy'

BY ASHLEY WILSON
Managing Editor

For a girl like me, the latest pair of Nikes has always been a turn-on.

I'll admit it: I've always been obsessive. I succumbed to the shoe-buying addiction when I was in my teens; orange cardboard boxes containing the month's sexiest, flashiest Nikes lined my closet shelves in sturdy, uniform ranks. After my freshman year of college, I took a job at Finish Line for two reasons: 1) I felt "compelled to inform individuals of the true technical quality and style of a Nike shoe" (that one went over well in the interview), and 2) The employee discount allowed me to support my Nike habit (and I do mean habit). By the end of the summer, I could name and number the model of just about anyone's choice of athletic footwear.

The truth is, though, that I haven't purchased a pair of Nikes in over a year.

The bigger truth? The foreign workers who manufactured my slick \$110 pair of shoes could have been paid less than a dime and a nickel for an hour's work in a factory.

And it's not just Nike. In the past several years,

awareness and even outrage regarding the exploitation of workers in American-owned foreign sweatshops has exploded onto the national scene. The driving force behind the clamor may come as a surprise: student coalitions are at the forefront of the anti-sweatshop movement. Many of them lobby against exploitation and have even managed to ban their own universities the sale of sweatshop-produced merchandise.

Worker exploitation is by no means a small issue in the United States today.

It is an even bigger issue outside of the U.S., however. In Honduras, for example, workers sewing clothing for Wal-Mart brands make as little as 43 cents an hour, according to the National Labor Committee. Seven-day workweeks are common, and 24-hour shifts are not unheard of. Many factory employees are 15, 16 and 17 years old.

In 2001, workers in a factory in American Samoa said they did not receive their wages, did not receive medical attention when they asked for it and were underfed while they sewed clothing for J.C. Penney Co., AsianWeek reported.

The labels of clothing manufactured in American Samoa can read "Made in America." The truth is, however, that most students at CNU just don't care. We don't have any student coalitions. No one bothers to research where their Abercrombie and Fitch shirts are made or where

their Capitans uniforms come from. It's as if most students don't even realize that the sweatshop situation exists.

Truth told, there is little chance that even the most concerned person can totally avoid supporting worker exploitation.

But we can try.

Apathy doesn't put food on the table of the South American sweatshop worker's family. Carelessness and ignorance don't make the injustice go away.

Three days ago, I received my final pair of Nikes as a gift. They are probably the last pair of shoes manufactured by this company that I will wear for some time. The irony of the situation is that I still consider Nike to be my favorite brand of athletic shoes; I love the style, and they fit me better than any other. As I transition to a new workout shoe of choice, I know I'll wear a few uncomfortable blisters.

But if a few extra calluses can put a few extra cents on the paycheck of a Vietnamese worker or a silver of meat on the plate of his cominican child, then I consider it profitable.

I can't do much, but I can do a little. I can write a few letters that encourage abusive corporations to reform their factory conditions. I can also work harder to be aware of what I support with my purchases I make. And if that means that I'll never wear the latest pair of Nikes ever again, then that's a sacrifice I find myself willing to make.

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■ In the issue 22 article titled "CNU Technology: The Good, The Bad, And The Dreams," network downtime was incorrectly labeled as frequent.

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Arts & Entertainment

Observational Humor That Weird No Bread Holiday

BY STEVE HOFSTETTER
Guest Columnist

I am befeckled, pale, and red-headed; if I were a few feet shorter, I'd probably be after your lucky charms.

People are often surprised to find out I'm Jewish. Not because of my looks—I just leave really good tips. (badum!) This time of year, when my non-Jewish friends are happily eating rolls and loafs and other such bread-like substances, they are amazed to find me subsisting on what they previously thought was an uncut sheet of salines.

This time of year means two things. One, it's Passover.

Two, the New York Mets are mathematically eliminated from the post-season. That second one has nothing to do with being Jewish, it's just an unfortunate truth.

There are a lot of stereotypes that Jews deal with, and I'm writing this column in part to diffuse them. Growing up Jewish was tough, even in New York. My classmates would always tease me.

They'd call me names like "cheapskate" and "hooknose" and "bagel-eater." That Hebrew school sucked.

I observe Passover, and I don't mean that I notice it's there. I do understand the irony of writing a column called "Observational Humor" about observing a holiday ("It's funny because it's Jewish"). As a public service, I'm going to explain Passover to you, the reader. There are many complex and confusing rules about what you can and cannot do, most of which I will omit because I don't understand them.

My typical explanation for Passover is that it's like Thanksgiving without bread or football. And yes, you can watch some Arena League games this time of year. But Arena Football to the NFL is like matzah to a nice loaf of bread. Except when a higher power commands otherwise, there's no way that stuff should be in your house.

The not eating leavened bread thing comes from when Jews were hurried out of Egypt and didn't have time to let their bread rise.

To commemorate their flight from slavery, we eat the same crap they were stuck with.

This is a valuable lesson—when I travel, I pack the night before. If something goes down and my trip has to be commemorated, I don't want generations of kids pissing at me because I forgot to pack my boxer.

Most of what we can't eat comes from the idea of what the Israelites couldn't get their hands on while in

the desert.

And though it would have been much more convenient for future generations had the Jews been ruled by a Wal-Mart, rules are rules.

The stuff you can't have on Passover is referred to as "chametz," which is taken from the biblical Hebrew for "stuff you can't have on Passover."

If you do keep kosher for Passover, you can't simply avoid chametz (pronounced "chametz"). You're also not allowed to own any. Traditionally, Jews "sell" their chametz en masse, just in case they missed anything while they were cleaning. You wouldn't want to get half-way through the holiday before stumbling upon an errant loaf of bread carelessly discarded under a sofa cushion.

I used to call my non-Jewish friends right before Passover and have them take all my chametz. One year, I had to give away about \$200 worth of real liquor. I have since realized that it is cheaper to abstain from grocery shopping and eat takeout the entire month of March.

I sold my chametz this year. I wasn't trying to keep kosher or anything, I just needed the money. Which makes me wonder if I'm a bad Jew or a good Jew.

I'm a bad Jew because I only observed the law by accident. But I'm a good Jew because, hey, I made a few bucks.

I'm kidding, of course. We don't actually charge anything for the chametz—it's just a symbolic transaction. And Jews aren't actually cheap either—it's just a stereotype. Passover is one of three eight-day holidays. We'd have found a way to cut those celebrations down a little and save some cash on the gifts.

But perhaps the most important Passover tradition is how cheap other people are (see friends, my).

It is rare that anyone offers to buy me beer.

Except on Passover, since they know I can't accept.

And waving beer in front of a Jew on Passover is like waving a donut in front of a fat guy on a diet. Waving beer in front of a Jewish comedian on Passover is like waving a donut in front of a very poor fat guy on a diet.

But come Passover, everyone I know tries to buy me beer. I've really got to stop going to this Hebrew school.

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CNU's Luther's Fall is set to jam at their Gaines Theatre CD release party and concert on Saturday, April 26.

CNU Band Helps Cancer Victims Get Back On Their Dancing Feet

Luther's Fall Will Hold Benefit Concert & CD Release Party In Gaines For American Cancer Society

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Luther's Fall, a band that has played many CNU venues, will hold its CD Release Party this Saturday in Gaines Theatre from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased

chased from the Box Office and are \$5 for non-CNU students and \$3 for CNU students. Out of each ticket sold, \$1 will go to the American Cancer Society.

"We chose to benefit the American Cancer Society because all of the band members have had a loved one who has suffered from cancer. We realized we were going to have a lot of people in one place, so there is no reason not to also have a good cause benefit," said junior Jon Allegretto, a guitarist and vocalist for Luther's Fall.

If people would like to donate more money to the American Cancer Society, they can do so at the release party, according to a posting on the band's Web site by band member Greg Corbin.

The posting also asks that any checks be made out to the American Cancer Society.

The release party will give a couple hundred CD

samplers away to ticket buyers. The sampler will intentionally be missing three other songs. If someone buys the CD at a show or from one of the band members, he will be buying a CD with the additional three songs included.

In addition to raising money for the American Cancer Society, Luther's Fall is also asking for people to bring canned goods to the release party to benefit the Peninsula Food Bank. The band is sponsoring a contest with student organizations involving the canned food drive.

"Whichever student organization brings in the most amount of nonperishable food will win a Luther's Fall performance as entertainment for an event of their choosing," said Allegretto.

At press time, the only student organization to sign up for the food drive contest is Psi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

There will also be a raffle

for ticket holders from sponsors. One of the donated prizes to be raffled is a Fender Electric Guitar. Other prizes include gift certificates for tattoos, restaurants and more.

"We have prizes from companies such as Blue Horseshoe Tattoo, Applebee's, Firestone, Jeff's Music and Pro Music and Sound, plus others," said Allegretto.

Luther's Fall will also be playing at SpringFest this Friday on the Great Lawn. Of the five-member band, three members are CNU students.

These members are Allegretto, vocals and guitar; Tim Deibler, bass; and Adam Price, sound. The other members of the band are Greg Corbin, percussion and vocals; and Mike Disney, drums.

For more information about upcoming events of Luther's Fall, visit www.luthersfall.com.

Star Trek's Groundbreaking Traditions In Danger With Onset Of Newest Series

A&E Opinion: 'Enterprise' Fails To Please Fans With Watered- Down Versions Of Old Storylines

BY DANIEL BANKS
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I am a trekkie, and for the past 17 years, I have enjoyed Star Trek in its previous incarnations—starting with the original groundbreaking series created by Gene Roddenberry. Paramount studios launched the show.

I saw the crew of the classic famous starship, not spaceships U.S.S. Enterprise ncc-1701 take my young imagination to strange new worlds, new life and civilizations. I saw the original maddening Captain James T. Kirk courageously facing death and commanding a crew of the resident Vulcan Mr. Spock played by Leonard Nimoy, and the first black female lead on television, Nichelle Nichols, and the first Asian Gulu. The series was well ahead of its original time. 1965 when America was going through race wars, riots, and civil rights struggles. Star Trek challenged America to live in a world of peace and harmony. And then enjoyed in what was humanity's sojourn of the 23rd century. Sadly, it was canceled after three years. Yet, it quickly enjoyed a hefty syndication run

during the 70s and 80s.

Then, Paramount studios decided to capitalize on the large cult following of Kirk's era and introduced Americans of the late 80's and produced Star Trek: the Next Generation another television gem created by Gene Roddenberry. The series was as ground breaking because it had been over 25 plus years since we saw the original starship. It warped to number one and became the longest running syndicated show in history. Audiences got to see a Klingon on the ship with a command post of his own, the infamous Captain Picard and suave Riker. Two more Star Treks series followed to honor Roddenberry upon the anniversary of his death as well as in celebration of Trek's 40th anniversary.

Audiences were introduced to Deep Space Nine

with Avery Brooks as the first African American lead and Voyager with Star Trek's first female lead, Kate Mulgrew. Each series gave fans reasons to love or hate Trek.

Now, it's the 21st century, and Trekkers and Trekkies get to see the new Paramount show: Enterprise, a series that is supposed to be well before Kirk's time, in the 22nd century. We see Captain Archer played by Scott Bakula, leading an almost misfit cast with a Vulcan science officer portrayed by supermodel Jolene Blalock, a southern engineer bearing close resemblance to James Doohan's Scotty, and a Brit that is supposed to be a watered down version of Picard. The new series is in serious trouble. Its ratings are down dramatically from its predecessor Star Trek: Voyager, and serious fans like

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Recent Popularity Of Comic-Based Movies Is Quite A Marvel

'Hulk' & 'X-Men 2' Set For Success

BY ADAM NADEAU
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"Blade," starring Wesley Snipes and Stephen Dorff,

was the unlikely first in the recent wave of Marvel's movie productions, debuting in 1998. Based on a relatively lesser-known comic from the 1970s, "Blade" was a surprise success.

This gave Marvel the confidence and revenue it needed to push some of its more popular properties into the hands of Hollywood directors and production studios. A sequel followed in

2001.

The record-breaking debut of the "X-Men" movie in 2000 further showed that critics and audiences both were ready to appreciate the rich stories and characters portrayed in its comic books. Celebrity names like Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellan, and Halle Berry added to the appeal of the film, as did the special effects.

Marvel's box office suc-

cesses were again made evident as the "Spider-Man" movie set theater attendance records in 2001. Starring Tobey McGuire, Kirsten Dunst and Willem Dafoe, "Spider-Man" portrayed Marvel's most recognized character in an action-packed spectacle that won praise from fans and movie-goes everywhere.

Earlier this year, "Daredevil" was a huge success, bringing even more high-pro-

file celebrities like Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner and Michael Clark Duncan into a dark, urban part of the comic book universe.

This coming summer, Marvel plans to release two more movies that hope to continue their trend of record-breaking sales with two more films: "X-Men 2" and "Hulk."

Scheduled to release on May 2, "X-Men 2" looks to

continue the story exposed in the first film, involving a new dynamic to the growing conflict between humans and mutants. All the X-Men's members from the first film (Professor Xavier, Cyclops, Storm, Jean Grey, Wolverine and Rogue) are returning, as are at least two of their enemies (Magneto and Mystique). New allies and en-

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myself are screaming.

For starters, the new show is less ground breaking. There is no reason to watch. The past four shows had a catch with serious changes that gave us a reason to tune in. There were social commentaries, suspenseful action hours, immediate danger. Voyager and Deep Space Nine kept the memory of Roddenberry alive.

Enterprise seems to be just floating on reserves. There are a few nice things to say. Sure, Klingons are the baddies again. Sometimes we see good conflict and a little suspense. Yet, during its second season, the show has lost what made it interesting to watch. One important factor is turning fans off. The cast has no chemistry. The cast has not found its place to warm in Trekkies like myself. I watch the show because I am a staunch Trek loyalist, but my patience is winding down. Where is the intrigue, the suspense, and drama? The previous four shows had social commentaries, episodes that affected the characters for years to come, but Enterprise seems to be drifting in space without an anchor.

Scott Bakula in my opinion, should either be given better lines or more acting



'The Next Generation' is one in a long line of TV series and movies based around Star Trek's characters, settings and philosophies. 'Enterprise' is the newest show.

classes over the summer. His character portrayal is one of the weakest yet. Sure, he had his shining moment when Enterprise premiered back in 2001 after Voyager had its send off.

He had the gull to stand up to the Vulcan High Command, whom at this time, hated humans for launching the first humanity starship. He proved that humanity's first crew was ready in space. The producers managed to

pull of a story plot that has gone down as one of the best in history since Deep Space Nine's pilot, Emissary. Now, the creators of the show have lost all originality. They either need to be fired or give stern lectures by fans. Fans are demanding excellence, not just average stuff. Every Wednesday night, we see recycled old plots. I predict the story even before half of the episode is over. The show has lost what made its pilot episode excellent.

Even the new of Enterprise are on records as saying the Enterprise borders the silly. I feel insulted every time I hear I remember that phrase. If Enterprise does not get any better by season three, I believe Paramount should fire the Enterprise Staff and let Star Trek take a much needed rest. My phrase is beginning to change from stun to kill.

Denny's Celebrates 50th Anniversary With Traditional 'American' Dishes

BY JOHN TANASCHUK
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Patti Grossthanner divides her year between a village in Switzerland and a subdivision in Plantation, Fla.

"The morning after I arrive, I'm here," Grossthanner, 58, says from her booth at Denny's near her South Florida home. Three times a week, she has eggs over medium, bacon crisp and a pile—make that a big pile—of hash browns. The day before her return to Europe recently, she came in for what she calls her "Denny's fix."

It is the American food of her Connecticut childhood, the kind of food that's hard to come by in Switzerland.

While some may turn up their noses at Denny's middle-of-the-road fare, five decades of success reveal plenty about the way Americans eat out. Men in white toques, curious ingredients

and edgy interiors might fill the pages of food magazines, but this is where America eats. No wonder change comes slowly at Denny's.

But Grossthanner, along with many Denny's customers, has noticed some subtle additions to the menu of the restaurant chain celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

"As we were walking to the table, I see this sandwich that was cut up differently. It had these multicolors. It was my first experience in American dining. To me, it was like theater. The Coke came filled with ice. The crispy bacon is an American phenomenon. It just never left my mind," said executive chef Tim Soufan of his first visit to Denny's.

Born in Syria, Soufan got a business administration degree at the University of Houston, then pursued his culinary education at two of France's elite cooking schools.

So what is a classically trained chef doing messing with the American icon that is Denny's? What could he

possibly know about country-fried steak, corned beef hash and cherry Coke served 24/7?

As Denny's celebrates its golden anniversary, Soufan is merely tweaking the now-1,700-location institution that began as Danny's Donuts in 1953 in Lakewood, Calif. First-year earnings at Denny's were \$120,000. It was renamed Denny's in 1959, and by then there were 20 restaurants. Denny's national sales last year totaled \$2.2 billion.

"Denny's is not here to create the latest fashion food fad," says Soufan, 43. "That's not what we do. Denny's is the largest mid-priced family dining restaurant chain the country."

Soufan has about 20 other new menu items ready for testing. Don't, he says, look for Denny's sushi. "Never! There will not be Denny's hummus or tabouli. 'Not yet. People come to us for the familiar.'"

From Denny's Spartanburg, S.C., headquar-

ters, Soufan travels the country to see what Americans are eating. "People are exploring more. They just want more out of their food. I am tasked to find out what the customer wants to eat and give it to them," he says.

Talk to customers and they'll tell you that it's the predictability of Denny's that attracts them. Denny's, they say, is a little like coming home.

A twentysomething medical sales rep wrote many of her college papers in Denny's. A seventysomething couple ate at Denny's on every family vacation when their children were young.

K-Mart chairman James B. Adamson wrote a book about Denny's: The Denny's Story: How a Company in Crisis Resurrected Its Good Name (John Wiley & Sons, 2000).

He endorsed a diversity policy at Denny's, and now, according to the company Web site, 45 percent of Denny's more than 30,000 company employees are minorities. Minority employees represent 29 percent of Denny's management.

A percentage of sales of the All-American Slam breakfast now go to the King Center, the Atlanta memorial dedicated to advancing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

It's Tea Time!

The Golden Angel Tea Room Offers Relaxed Afternoons, Even During Finals Week

BY VIRGINIA MILLER
Staff Writer

Hidden in an early nineteenth century house is a rare treasure. The Golden Angel Tea Room, located in Historic Hilltop Village in Newport News, has a unique variety of delectable treats.

Monday through Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. is a must. The afternoon tea requires reservations, but it is a reservation well worth it.

Upon arrival, tables with assigned names will be reserved for the guests that have made reservations. Each table has its own theme, with lovely knick-knacks to look at. After being seated in a comfortable chair, guests can begin their four-course meals with the already-prepared house salad and raspberry-flavored type of dressing.

While eating the salad, guests will be served "Connie's special blend" tea, complete with a choice of sweeteners, sugars, creams or the ever-popular sugar cube.

After salad, be prepared for the second course, soup. The French-onion soup has a mouth-watering taste that will

quickly lead to an empty bowl.

The main course is a delightful tray of six small tea sandwiches, a wonderful slice of bread and a filling fruit cup served in sweet sauce. Although the portions appear to be small, appetites will be satisfied very quickly.

Then get ready for dessert! The chocolate parfait and key lime pies are wonderful, and there is also a variety of other dessert assortments.

Afternoon tea, which is \$15.95, will leave guests with a full stomach and desire to return in no time.

While enjoying the lunch or tea, guests should take a few minutes to look around. Connie Sue Southcombe, owner of the Golden Angel Tea Room, owns all of the decorations. She has been collecting items since she was a little girl and has received many items as gifts.

The Golden Angel Tea Room, located at 10218 Warwick Blvd. in Hilton Village, is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and afternoon tea is held Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. By reservation only. The tea room also offers tea parties for all ages. Bridal Luncheons and Sunday brunches for parties of 15 or more.

Lunch prices range anywhere from \$7.95 to \$12.95. Gift certificates are also available, as well as off-premises catering. An 18 percent gratuity is also added for parties of six or more.

Upcoming events include a mother-daughter tea for Mother's Day weekend on May 10 and a special opening on May 3 to welcome the new owners, creators and producers of gourmet foods to the tea room.

For more information, call 596-6686 or e-mail the Tea Room at unique@mtn.com.

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emies (Nightcrawler, played by Alan Cumming, and Lady Deathstrike, played by Kelly Hu) join the intricate plot as Xavier's school is attacked. Oddly, the perpetrators of this assault are not super-powered mutants, but a group of human extremists led by William Stryker (played by actor Brian Cox).

This film, however, is just a midway chapter in the rumored X-Men trilogy that will conclude in 2006.

Comparatively less is known about the "Hulk," which will star Eric Bana and Jennifer Connelly and is set to debut in July. For those who are unfamiliar with the comic's mythos, the Hulk is the story about a man whose repressed rage and frustration are given form and expression after an accident involving gamma radiation triggers the birth of his giant, green

alter ego. Possessed of unimaginable strength, the Hulk is considered a threat to humanity and summarily hunted by the United States Armed Forces. Judging from various previews, the Hulk will be computer animated and fighting against tanks and jets.

As many comic book fans can attest, while the movies may be good, there are some things about the comic books and their characters that are not expressed in the films.

How does Wolverine know the Hulk? How is Mystique Rogue's mother? Are Cyclops and Jean Grey married? Every month, the X-Men (in no less than three of their own comics), the Hulk (featured in his own solo series), and countless other heroes and villains appear throughout diverse written and illustrated comics that detail their countless adventures throughout the Marvel Universe.

For more information about the movies or the comics, visit www.marvel.com.

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Weekly Horoscope For April 21-27

BY LASHA SENIUK
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). An unexpected flirtation from a co-worker or close friend may challenge long-term relationships. Potential mates no longer hide their feelings. Expect sudden overtures and quick invitations. If already attached, new attractions may manifest as humor, giddiness or, for some Aries natives, an intense concern with yesterday's promises. After Friday, key relationships may experience change. Pay special attention to shared expenses or important home improvements.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Late Tuesday accents rare job promotions and career potential. Some Taurans may also encounter unexpected financial breakthroughs concerning investments, home security or long-term payments. Respond quickly to all proposals. At present, authority figures will opt for fast improvements. After Wednesday, family adjustments and new home decisions require diplomacy. Expect serious discussions. Traditional roles and emotional obligations are a source of tension.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Forgotten business ideas may inspire unique workplace partnerships. Shared goals, revised daily duties and quick advancements are highlighted. Financial increase will be a continuing theme for the next eight weeks. Pay close attention to creative proposals and fresh sources of income. After Friday, a powerful romantic attraction is unavoidable. Close friends and potential lovers will expect obvious public promises and passionate encounters. Don't disappoint.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Before Wednesday, many Cancerians will witness unusual gestures of love from spouses, potential lovers or family members. Respond with honesty. In the coming weeks, emotional clarity is vital to romantic success. Later this week, workplace tensions ease. After Thursday, younger employees will allow for the advancement of new policies or group assignments. Ask key officials for special permissions or training. Improved skills and career expansion are highly favored.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Work assignments are unexpectedly complicated early this week. Expect daily disruptions and contrary opinions from colleagues or partners. Emotions may be surprisingly intense. Avoid complex workplace dramas, if possible. After Thursday, a calming influence arrives in all love relationships. Many Leos will experience a powerful desire to accept new emotional goals or explore long-term commitments. All is well. Trust the advice of close friends and relatives.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Home and financial change work to your advantage this week. Proposals for shared expenses or business projects may reveal valuable opportunities. Some Virgos may also encounter a return to past ideals, relationships or family promises. If so, stay open. There's much to consider. Late Friday, a close friend may request delicate family or romantic advice. Emotional triangles will not be easily resolved. Encourage loved ones to explore fresh social outlets and group activities.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Over the next four days romantic and business partners will listen carefully to your needs and offer meaningful suggestions. Past proposals will be quickly accepted; expect support from previously reluctant friends, co-workers or loved ones. After Friday, social intrigue is on the rise. Gossip and romantic speculation are unavoidable. New information may, however, be inaccurate. Wait for group confirmation or obvious emotional statements from friends and lovers.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). This week, friends, co-workers and close relatives may display an uncanny talent for causing irritation. Group proposals and strong opinions may be quickly changeable. Remain patient, however. Over the next four days, solitary activities will bring powerful social insights. After Friday, workplace politics will intensify. Expect older colleagues to ask for special assignments or publicly criticize authority figures.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20). Social invitations are unreliable early this week. Canceled plans and moody exchanges between friends may require careful diplomacy. Disagreements pass quickly. Respond honestly to minor comments or questions. After Friday, passionate proposals are accepted in all key relationships. Sudden insights and first impressions may reveal unusual motives. Take time for detailed romantic discussion. Loved ones need active guidance and gentle reassurance.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 20). Before midweek, an unusual statement or series of opinions from a colleague may be disruptive. Muddle through; at present, fellow workers or students may need to vent their frustrations. Later this week, an intense romantic encounter triggers powerful feelings of love. Someone close may wish to explore new levels of trust, sensuality or emotional intimacy. Set firm boundaries.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). By midweek, your emotional wisdom will be proven accurate. Over the next four days, a close friend or lover may reveal hidden vulnerabilities or offer revised romantic commitments. Public discussions are emotionally rewarding. Ask probing questions and expect sincere answers. Thursday through Sunday, new work responsibilities may cause disagreement in the home. Family members need your support and continuing approval. Remain flexible.

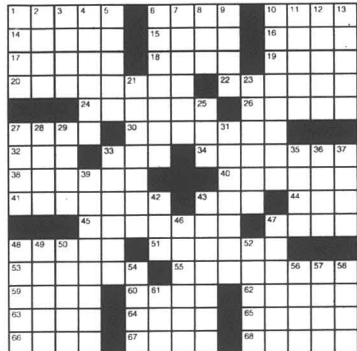
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Special workplace training and creative business expansions are accentuated this week. A new job proposal may enable financial advancement or career growth. Outdated habits need to fade. Friday through Sunday, loved ones may demand firm commitments or detailed social schedules. Several weeks of unreliable home plans and lagging physical vitality will end. Stay open to change.

If your birthday is this week... Social invitations will increase in the coming weeks. After almost 18 months of disrupted friendships and slow progress in romance, long-term relationships will steadily expand. Family approval, shared living expenses or distant travel may also be continuing themes. By late July, expect loved ones to propose unique changes to the home or a serious deepening of romantic promises. Later this summer, financial opportunities may also arrive. Between Aug. 7 and Sept. 20, watch for an unexpected work partnership to arrive. Home-operated business or revised career goals are accentuated. Trust your own instincts.

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Sports

Five CNU Baseball Players Make First And Second Team All-Conference; Turner Named MVP

CNU Holds Five Spots In Conference Play; Tied With Ferrum

BY ROB SILSBEE
Staff Writer

The Captains' baseball team was represented well as the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference announced its 1st and 2nd All-Conference Teams on April 15.

Baseball coaches and the athletic directors of the eight schools represented in the DIAC voted to choose the players.

CNU held five spots, matching a school high with Ferrum's five on both teams. Senior outfielders

Matt Turner and Jeremy Elliot were joined with senior third baseman Chris Phaup on 1st Team All-Conference, and sophomores Ricky Medina and Mike Cosby reached the 2nd Team spots at second base and pitcher, respectively.

Turner also earned the DIAC Player of the Year award as he steadily pieced together astonishing numbers. He batted for an average of .464, and his slugging percentage was a monstrous .958. He also reached base more than once every two at-bats, with an average of .567. His most impressive numbers, however, were his 11 homers and 49 runs batted in.

As Turner nears the end of his college career, he finds himself at the top of many of the CNU offensive categories. He holds career records for scored runs, home runs, total bases and RBIs.

He also holds season records with the same categories, along with a season record in triples.



Senior outfielder Matt Turner earned Dixie Conference Player of the Year among other awards.

Jeremy Elliot also holds a career record for the Captains. Just before he graduates, Elliot earned his sixty-third stolen base, the most in Captain history.

At the end of this season, Elliot owns the CNU top batting average with .470, slugging .581, and batted for an on-base percentage (OBP) of .543.

Elliot led the team in runs scored and hits this year with 48 runs and 55 hits. He also earned a free base with 21 walks, which is more than any other Captain.

Obviously the team leader in stolen bases with 43, Elliot led off for the Captains, leading them to plenty of offense.

Big number-three hitter Phaup was a huge producer for the team as well this year. Bating .413 with a .807 slugging percentage, he had a .492 OBP.

Moreover, Phaup was the best clutch hitter for the Captains. With the bases

loaded, Phaup went 4-for-6 on the season, the best on the squad.

He led the team in doubles with 16 and rounded out the 1-2-3 top of the order for the Captains.

As for 2nd Team All-Conference, both Medina and Cosby could have arguably found a place among their teammates on the first team. Medina batted .340, slugged .629 and had an OBP of .458.

He was among the top four in his team in average, slugging, OBP, runs scored, RBI's, doubles, home runs and total bases. He also played unselfish baseball as he led the team in sacrifice bunts.

Mike Cosby, a sophomore pitcher, was the number one pitcher of the staff. With an earned run average (ERA) of 3.79 and an opposing batting average of .259, Cosby tallied five wins in 78 1/3 innings pitched. Cosby had 85 strikeouts with 9.77 per game and just 1.72 walks per game.



Pitcher Mike Cosby finished with 85 strikeouts.

Among others, freshman Cary Bruner seemed to have missed appropriate acknowledgment. The named rookie pitcher was Sean Mullaney of Greensboro.

Mullaney was 3-2 with 37 strikeouts. CNU's Bruner was 4-0 with 43 strikeouts. I guess all we can do is say that he's still got three more years with CNU and probably won't be

dismissed so easily in the next few years.

Then again, this season isn't even over for the Captains. All these numbers aren't even finalized. CNU plans to take the next few games by storm and hopefully find itself deep in the College World Series in the next few weeks.

Lady Captains Place Second In Dixie Conference

Men's Tennis Places Third In Dixie Conference Tournament

BY JENN ROWELL
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CNU's men's tennis team placed third at the Dixie Conference tournament this season, and the women's team placed second.

As young teams, the men will have four of their top six players returning next season, and the women will have five of their top six.

Men's coach Rush Cole said, "I think they lived up to their own expectations. They had goals, and they achieved them."

While the team was young and learning, it did not lack leadership. Seniors Brandon Musika and James Hull made their mark on the team.

"Brandon's leadership was invaluable. His hard work on the courts was noticed by the rest of the team," Cole said.

"Playing with injuries throughout half of the season, James was able to pull out some important victories for the team," said Cole.

Freshman Adam Peters said, "Brandon and James were great captains this year. It will be hard to replace them."

Peters was the conference champion at the number six seed in singles. He had an overall record for the season at 19-3.

Though the team will be losing its captains this season, there is a great deal of confidence in the abilities of the young players.

"They didn't lack in confidence or experience. That's a winning formula, those two ingredients," Cole said.

"One of my goals this season was to gain confidence that I could be a really good collegiate level player," freshman Tom Richardson said.

"It's good because we start young, and by our junior/senior year we will be winning conferences and going to nationals hopefully," said freshman Ian Koons. "The longer we're together the better we play together."

Musika said, "Everybody seemed to have a lot of enthusiasm. All the new players kept me and James excited. They kept the excitement level up throughout the whole thing. It looks good for the future."

Musika finished his final season feeling pleased with himself.

"I did really well. I did better than last year; the team also improved a lot."

He finished fourth in the tournament at the number one seed. He said his semifinal match against Averett University's Veli-Pekka Anttila was the "greatest

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CNU Softball Team Drops Championship To Methodist

Captains Lose To Underdog Methodist 3-0 In Dixie Conference Championship

BY ANDREW CROOK
Staff Writer

The Captains softball team began its tournament play last weekend. CNU entered the tournament with the second best record in the Dixie 28-5-1. The Captains would be the second seed.

The team battled to the finals but came up short of the championship, losing 3-0 to Methodist College.

The Dixie Conference tournament was held at Shenandoah University in Harborside, North Carolina.

In the first round of the

tournament, CNU took on seventh seed North Carolina Wesleyan. The game was tied 2-2 going into the bottom of the eighth inning when a wild pitch would bring home Dallas Slosjarik with a first round 3-2 win.

The second round had CNU facing the fourth seed Averett Cougars. CNU's bats and strong pitching dominated the game. Jarrell would go 4-4, and Dallas Slosjarik would go 3-4. Pitcher Vanessa Gray, who is 14-4, would pitch a shutout through six innings.

The sixth inning would be the most important inning for CNU, as it would score 11 runs, going on to win the game 14-0.

In its second game of the day, CNU would take on eventual Dixie Champions, third-seeded Methodist College. Methodist College started the game strong by scoring two



CNU pitcher Vanessa Gray attempts to throw a strike in a game earlier in the season against Methodist. They lost the Dixie Conference Championship to Methodist this weekend. Methodist was the third seed while CNU was seeded at number two.

CNU Loses Dixie Conference Championship To Averett

Captains Fall To 24-7; Lose Dixie Conference Tournament

BY ROB SILSBEE
Staff Writer

As CNU's men's baseball sought a chance at Dixie Conference champions, the Averett Cougars gave the Captains their first loss in the double-elimination tournament Friday night, 18-10. Earning the Conference title two seasons ago and reaching the NCAA World Series semifinals a year ago, the Captains looked to grab the title again this year.

The CNU squad rushed to an easy first round victory over NC Wesleyan, winning the game 9-3.

CNU offense was stationed around Ricky Medina and Chris Phaup, each with solo home runs.

They each added another hit and another RBI later in the game. John Corbin went 3-for-4, Matt Wellen 2-for-2, and Kevin Stocks had 2 RBIs.

The Bishops of NC Wesleyan had a sluggish offense as freshman pitcher Carv Bruner improved to 3-0 with a 6-strikeout, 8-inning outing.

Jeremy Elliot also stole a base, giving him 61, one shy of the all-time CNU record.

The second round of the Dixie Conference tournament was a scare for the CNU squad as it nearly came up short against the Methodist Monarchs.

The Captains brought it within one in the eighth inning after Phaup doubled to left center. Scotty George singled, and Corbin grounded into a run-scoring fielder's choice.

In the ninth inning,

Lewellen led off, grounding out, followed by a strikeout by Stocks.

However, Elliot and Medina followed with walks to initiate the two-out rally.

Matt Turner, recently established DIAC Player of the Year, singled and scored Elliot. Phaup reached on an error, which scored Medina, the winning run at 4-3.

Elliot tied the all-time CNU record for stolen bases with 62 after going 2-for-3 and two runs scored. Turner had two RBIs, going 2-for-3 as well.

Mike Cosby faltered only in the first, allowing the entire Methodist offense of three runs. He pitched a complete game with 13 strikeouts to pick up his fifth win thanks to late-inning offensive support.

The Averett Cougars, who defeated CNU 18-10, scored three immediately in the bottom of the first.

The Captains, determined to not go quietly, answered with three more in the top of the second.

However, Averett ran away with the victory, putting up five runs in the bottom of the third.

Although CNU lost its first of the tournament, a highlight was found in senior outfielder Jeremy Elliot's career sixty-third stolen base. He stole one base earning sole possession of the all-time CNU record.

Both teams faced elimination as CNU faced off against Chowan the following game.

The Captains trailed 2-1 in the sixth on Friday night before rain forced postponement until the following morning.

Rejuvenated from a good night's sleep, CNU scored two in the eighth, allowing only one in the ninth to take the win.

The late-inning win was produced with a single by Elliot, a bunt by Medina, and

runners scoring when Phaup again reached on an error.

Elliot went 4-for-5, and George was 3-for-5. Eben Browner pitched 5 1/3, allowing two runs and striking out seven.

Browner pitched in relief to earn his first win, striking out eight in just 3 1/3 innings.

The Captains were then scheduled to face Averett in the championship game. CNU would have to defeat the Cougars twice to earn the title.

CNU took the first game easily 7-1, forcing the second game for the championship. Freshman pitcher Cary Bruner pitched a complete game, allowing just one run on six hits as he improved to 4-0.

However, Averett proved the only team capable of beating CNU as it earned both of the two wins over CNU. Averett won the DIAC title with a score of 6-1.

Cougar pitcher Gene Yost threw his second complete game of the tournament for the win. Yost also batted 4-for-5 with a triple and a run scored.

For his efforts, both on the mound and at the plate, Yost received the Most Valuable Player award after pitching 16 innings and giving up only one run and seven hits in two games.

He had a 0.56 ERA and also batted .407 with six RBIs in the tournament.

CNU earned second place in the Dixie Conference with plenty of surprises. Jeremy Elliot's record-breaking base stealing and late-inning heroics to advance in the tournament are trademarks for the Captains squad.

CNU is now 24-7, and it returned to home on Monday at home as it hosted VA Wesleyan.



Members of the softball team have a meeting on the mound during a game earlier in the season.

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runs in the top of the first. CNU would answer back by scoring a run when Dallas Slosiarik would single to center, scoring Lauren Batson. Unfortunately for CNU, Methodist would dominate the rest of the game, scoring five unanswered runs and winning 7-1.

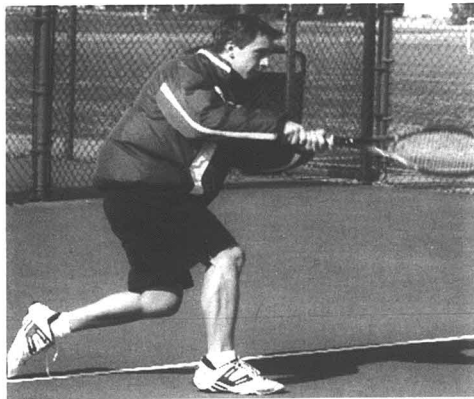
In the semifinal game, CNU took on number one seed Chowan. The Captains would score five runs in two innings, giving them a one-two punch to knock Chowan out of the tournament. A grand slam homerun by Ben Harrell and a three-run homerun by Rachel Doyle proved to be too much offense for the Lady Braves.

Harrell had her second straight perfect game. She was 3-for-3 with four RBIs, including the grand slam. Doyle was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, and Andrea Thorson and Dallas Slosiarik each went 2-for-3 as well.

The finals would prove to be a much better game than their first meeting in the tournament. Methodist College's pitching would hold CNU scoreless while it would score one run in three different innings to defeat the Lady Captains 3-0 to win the 2003 Dixie Conference Championship.

In the first inning, a sacrifice fly by Kim McCall gave Methodist a 1-0 lead. Emily Minton tripled for Methodist and later scored on a wild pitch to extend Methodist's lead to 2-0 in the second inning.

Highlights for the Lady Captains included Renee Sigafos, who went 2-for-3. CNU had three players make the all-conference team—first basemen Ben Harrell, center fielder Dallas Slosiarik and pitcher Michelle Kass.



Adam Peters finished first in the sixth slot for singles in the Dixie Conference. He helped the men's tennis team to grab third place at the DIAC Tournament.

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match of the life."

The women's team will also leave this season with a feeling of accomplishment.

Coach Jenny Nuttycombe said, "The team worked really hard. Everyone put

extra time into it. I feel they have worked hard and achieved a great deal."

The women came to

gether to work for a common goal.

"I felt like we had a really good bond, even better than last year," said sophomore Krystal Caprio. "I think that helped us do as well, because we weren't winning for ourselves, but for each other."

Sophomore Jessica Vadas said that she feels confident about having such a young team.

"That just means we're going to be strong in the years

to come," said Vadas. "We're really close. We aren't losing anyone but Ashley [Alston]. I think we'll be even stronger next year."

Nuttycombe said, "I couldn't be happier. We will continue to strive to be the top. We would like to become the team that everyone wants to beat."

Jenn Rowell has been a member of the tennis team since last semester.

Women's Lacrosse Team Defeats Trinity 18-9

Lady Captains Finish The Season 7-7 Overall

BY KATIE BRACKETT
Sports Editor

The Lady Captains won their last game of the regular season against Trinity last Tuesday.

They defeated Trinity 19-6, contributing to this offensive frenzy were several Lady Captains, Elaine Kirby finished with five goals.

In the first half the Lady Captains swarmed the Trinity goal-keeper Kristen Johnson with 29 shots on goal. They made 11 goals in the first half as well.

Freshman Sally Allstadt had nine shots on goal in the

game, middle forward Elaine Kirby had 10, sophomore Amy Zucharo had six against Johnson.

Sophomores Laura Hayes and Lacey Milburn each contributed five shots. Junior middle forward Meagan Pfarr and sophomore Kristin Johnson both finished up with two shots a piece.

In the second half CNU had 14 shots to Trinity's four attempts against CNU goalie Erin Bell.

Scoring for Trinity was Tearea Strum with five of the six goals, Meghan Traylor finished up with one goal.

Each team came away with five turnovers, CNU took advantage of those turnovers making them into either scoring opportunities or goals.

Scoring for the Lady Captains' were Elaine Kirby with five, middle forward Sally Allstadt, attacker Laura

Hayes, and Lacey Milburn with three goals.

Amy Zucharo, and Kristin Johnson finished up with two goals each, Hadley Silver grabbed a goal for herself. Allstadt also finished up with one assist.

The Lady Captains dropped their last game of the season to Greensboro. In the championship game of the Dixie Conference Tournament CNU lost to Greensboro 18-7.

Amy Zucharo led the Lady Captains with three goals, Laura Hayes finished with two goals. Elaine Kirby and Lacey Milburn contributed one each.

The Lady Captains had 28 shots on goal to Greensboro's 36. In the first half Erin Bell made eight saves. Elizabeth Werbkisss finished with three saves in the second half.

CNU finishes its season with a 7-7 record overall.

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