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ACM Sets 2 Records In Its Annual Programming Contest

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CNU's Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) set two records in its Annual Programming Contest on April 9. ACM set one record when each participating team solved one problem. The organization set another record when, for the first time in this chapter's history, one team solved all five problems presented.

Thirteen teams of three students each participated in the contest this year. All teams worked to solve five problems that ranged in difficulty from beginning programming to advanced levels.

"The problems usually cover general programming, data structures and algorithms. Participants do not have to be a part of ACM to compete, but some of the problems require upper levels of coursework to be solved," said Geoff Parsons, a member of the second-place team.

One benefit of CNU's annual contest is that it occurs in spring, making it a practice event for the International Regional ACM Programming Contest in the fall. The winners of CNU's

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It's Crunch Time



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Dr. Pendelton prepares her class for the final exam in her Asian art history class. Students are not only pressured by term papers and group projects, but also by the upcoming finals week. Finals week will be April 28 to May 3.

Next Year's Class Officers Develop Plans For Future

Maroon, Eggenberger, Hutchins Win

BY VIRGINIA MILLER
Staff Writer

In the most competitive election for Class Officer Council this year, Jordan Maroon was elected Presi-

dent of the Class of 2006.

Christina Eggenberger won the race for President of the Class of 2005 and is currently the only elected member of this class's executive board.

All executive board candidates for the Class of 2004 ran uncontested.

The newly elected class officers already express a wide range of goals and projects for the coming year.

Rachael Harrell, Treasurer-elect for the Class of 2004, said she is "really excited and happy to be working with the senior class" and looks forward to working with the upcoming senior projects, including a dance.

Another major event for the Class of 2004 is the senior trip, an occasion on which

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Davis, Boyd And Bell Elected For '03 SGA E-Board

Sanborn And Ireland Appointed To Fill Remaining Positions

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

The 2003-2004 Student Government Association's executive board will include Jeremiah Davis as President, Ashley Boyd as Vice President of Student Services (VPSS) and Melissa Bell as Vice President of University Relations (VPUR), as announced on Monday at noon in Discovery Café.

"I was even nervous today; it's an intense time," said Boyd, who was uncontested for the position of VPSS.

The new positions are a reason for excitement for next year's executive board members.

"I think the office has some great challenges to it," Davis said.

The trio has big plans for the upcoming year.

"Jeremiah and I have come up with more of an organized structure. We are trying to get away from the club structure," Boyd said.

One of their major goals is to define the roles of each executive board member, according to the board.

Boyd hopes to have "more compartmentalized meetings. I want to encourage more involvement, and I am hoping the students will be more pro-active," she said.

Davis said that another goal was to create senatorial positions, such as a senate president, president pro tempore and senate pages.

"I want every senator to feel invested in the process. I want them to feel empowered," Boyd said.

Another goal for the upcoming year is to isolate the judicial committee "so it will be clear, concise and not involve a conflict of interest," said Davis.

The board also appointed a secretary and parliamentary during Monday's SGA meeting.

Sen. Erin Ireland is Secretary-elect, and Sen. Michael Sanborn is Parliamentarian-elect.

Each member of the new executive board has played a role in the CNU community.

Davis and Boyd both became involved in SGA during their freshman years, while Bell, VPUR-elect, joined in her sophomore year.

"I knew this was what I

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New Non-Discrimination Policy Endorsed

Sexual Orientation Asked To Be Added To Hiring CNU Policy

BY ADAM NADAEU
Staff Writer

Members of the Student Government Association voted last Monday to endorse an extension of CNU's non-discrimination policy that would protect applicants on the

basis of sexual orientation.

"I feel that the passing of the CSSU [Gay-Straight Student Union] resolution is a step in the right direction for CNU," said senior Jennifer Cox. "I voted in favor of it, and I'm glad that SGA passed the resolution. We are truly taking a step forward."

The current non-discrimination policy states that CNU is an equal-opportunity institution and does not discriminate based on "race, gender, color, age, religion, veteran status, national origin, disability or political affiliation."

"The only thing missing on this

list, really, is a reference to sexual orientation," said Senator Jaeschke, who introduced the proposal to include sexual orientation on the list.

As the representative for the Gay-Straight Student Union, Jaeschke explained the reasons behind this proposal for endorsement, stating that it was time for the University to take a more progressive stance against possible discrimination in all of its forms.

Citing the non-discrimination

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Sexual Orientation and Discrimination: How Do They Stack-up?

The SGA just voted to endorse addition of sexual orientation into CNU's non-discrimination policy. 10 of 15 Virginia public universities, and 16 of 24 of CNU peer institutions, include sexual orientation in their policies.

Virginia Publics

- College of William & Mary
- Eastern Virginia Medical School
- George Mason University
- James Madison University
- Mary Washington College
- Virginia Polytechnic
- Old Dominion University
- Radford University
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Commonwealth University

Peer Institutions

- California State University - Stanislaus
- Central Connecticut State University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Rutgers University - Camden
- Sonoma State University
- Southwest State University
- SUNY College at Old Westbury
- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth
- University of Michigan - Flint
- University of North Carolina at Asheville
- University of Southern Colorado
- University of Tampa
- University of Wisconsin - Green Bay
- University of Wisconsin - Park Side
- Wilkes University

Administration Reinstates Winter Commencement Ceremony

Students Of Cut Departments Remain Upset

BY JENN ROWELL
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After weeks of controversy, administrators have decided to bring back the Winter Commencement ceremony this year.

While this appeases some, many are still discontented that the ceremony was ever cut in the first place, especially since students of eliminated departments who were a few credits shy of graduating would not be allowed to commence in May.

"I think it's ridiculous if they are three to six credits shy that they can't walk. All that does is anger the students even more. They've infuriated 500-plus students," said instructor Roxanne Lord.

Students have clear-cut reasons for wanting to participate in commencement ceremonies sooner rather than later.

"The main thing is, we don't want to wait a year. One, because our teachers won't be here since the department has been cut, and in a year, who knows where we will be," said senior Natalie Stallings.

Provost Richard Summerville, according to Director of Development Margaret Yancey, said that no students, to his knowledge, have been allowed to walk who were shy of the credit requirements... "certainly not during

his watch."

Students who petitioned for an early commencement were blocked mainly by arguments that their commencing would threaten the integrity of the graduation ceremonies, normally reserved for those students who have completed all credit requirements.

"We wrote a letter to Dr. Summerville, but he said it would interfere with the integrity of those graduating," Stallings said.

At other Virginia universities, such as James Madison University, William and Mary and Old Dominion University, students who are three to six credits short and intend to complete the class over the summer are allowed to walk in the Spring Commencement ceremonies.

"We allow students to participate in the

May commencement ceremony if they complete requirements at the end of the spring or will complete requirements during the summer session," said Sherry Hood, University Registrar at James Madison University.

ODU allows these students to walk in the ceremonies as well, according to President Roseann Runtz.

"I don't understand why the big colleges allow it and we can't," said senior Chuck Wade.

Even after the December ceremony was re-introduced, some students of eliminated departments still feel jaded about how they were treated during the controversy.

In spite of this, they express appreciation

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'Three Sisters' Opens



An adaptation of a popular Chekhov play opens in Gaines Theatre.

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Captains Slide Home



Men's baseball team defeats Methodist, heads toward Dixie Conference.

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Campus In Brief

Religion Club Holds Last Meeting

The Religion Club will meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 12 p.m. The group will be reading a chapter from George Bataille's *Theology of Religion*. The meeting will be held in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department Lounge. There is a hand-out located in the wall next to the Department's door that students should pick up. This will be the last meeting of the spring semester.

Trade Awareness Week Comes To Campus

The Young Constitutionals are sponsoring a Trade Awareness Week at CNU. This is the first time the event has been held on campus. The group will be announcing a new list of the day each day from April 14 to 18. A table will be set up in the Student Center on Wednesday and Thursday from 11 to 3 p.m. to offer information on the issue. Free candy is also available.

RHA Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Residence Hall Association is hosting its Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19. The event will begin at 1 p.m. on the lawn in front of York River Hall. Children of faculty, staff and members of the CNU community who are 10 years old and younger are welcome.

The day's events include egg hunts based on age groups, coloring, face painting, prizes, refreshments and an opportunity to pose for pictures with the Easter bunny. Parents should bring cameras, and children should bring their Easter baskets.

Stressed About Finals?

On Wednesday, there will be an RA-sponsored program to discuss how to reduce stress when preparing for exams. The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the York River East Multipurpose Room. Snacks and drinks will be provided. This program will provide secrets on how to reduce stress and remember what to do for exam studying.

Jazz Groups Perform In Discovery

The CNU Jazz Combo and Jazz Vocalists will perform Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in Discovery Café. All are welcome and the admission is free. Also, the Academy of Music will be hosting the Good Friday Concert on Friday at 5 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church on Harpersville Road. There is no charge for this event.

Rev. Irene Monroe Highlights LGBT Awareness Week

Speaker Relates Religion, Race, Gender And Sexual Orientation

BY ADAM NADEAU
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In celebration of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness Week, the Reverend Irene Monroe spoke to the campus last Thursday in a presentation titled "When Freedoms Collide: Religion and Sexual Orientation." The presentation was sponsored by the Gay-Straight Student Union and was the first of its kind at CNU.

As an African-American lesbian, Monroe draws from personal experiences to present a multi-faceted look at religion, race, gender and sexual orientation.

"I can't talk about just being gay. I'm black. I'm a woman. I can't own one identity without owning the others," she said.

Raised in Baptist-Pentecostal tradition, Monroe initially desired to be a pastor and applied for her degree in divinity studies at both the International Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia and Howard University. She was rejected by both institutions but continued to pursue what she felt was her calling, earning her pastoral credentials through a Pres-

byterian seminary at Columbia University. She then began her work as a pastor in the early 1980s during the beginning of the AIDS epidemic.

Today, Monroe is a columnist and a motivational speaker as well as a doctoral candidate at Harvard University.

On Thursday evening, Monroe discussed the taboos of American culture as they relate to the issues of race, sexuality and social class.

Monroe addressed the African-American community, particularly where it relates to the Christian church, which she referred to as "a nation within a nation." The African-American community has its own culture that makes it unique in American society, she said. The Christian church in black America exercises a great deal of power and authority in the construction of that particular culture, using the teachings of Jesus Christ, the apostle Paul and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to construct a "hierarchy of oppression," Monroe said.

From the top of the hierarchy, the issues that govern the flow of the black community were racism, sexism, homophobia, class and anti-Semitism, she said. Through the institution of the Christian church, African-American society has been able to reconcile what Monroe referred to as "racist" parts of the Bible, but not necessarily those that pertain to other kinds of discrimination.

According to Monroe, two major problems that the African-American community must face are the ways identity is constructed for Af-

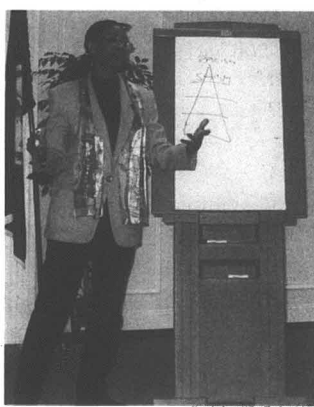


Photo by Susan Miller/The Captain's Log
The Reverend Irene Monroe, a guest speaker sponsored by the Gay-Straight Student Union, discusses a hierarchy of oppression and different forms of discrimination as they relate to sexual orientation, last Thursday.

rican-Americans and how their identity has been derived from a history rooted in slavery and oppression. Racism, therefore, becomes the biggest focal point for the African-American community when the leaders in the community are striving for social justice, she said.

"True liberation," Monroe said, "cannot occur if racism is the only issue African-American leaders are willing to address."

Because the African-American community focuses on ending racism, it does not turn as much attention to mat-

ters that involve other kinds of discrimination, like sexism, homophobia and class discrimination, Monroe said.

As a solution, Monroe said that a "wheel of oppression," which would see all forms of discrimination as equal, should replace the so-called "hierarchy of oppression." The institutions of patriarchy, nationalism, capitalism, religious intolerance and militarism contribute equally to the divisions in society, she said, and equally recognizing and monitoring these "spokes" would be a way to ensure social justice.

Organization Budgets, Office Space And Display Cases Announced For Next Year

250,000 Awarded To Clubs, 23 Clubs Receive Offices

BY VIRGINIA MILLER
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The Student Government Association solidified many aspects of next year's club experience during Monday's Senate meeting, allotting funding, office space and display cases to the clubs on campus.

Total funding given to the SGA for allotment was \$250,000. Funding allotment was based on the way a group club affected the campus body as a whole.

The budget committee looked for how a club's or

organization's programs "reach the CNU students on campus," said junior Chris Weber, a senator on the Budget Committee. He also mentioned that allotted money cannot go for certain expenses such as travel, or to groups or clubs that have a closed selection of members. This is also the first time in recent memory that religious-based groups were allotted money.

SGA President Anna Williams said she would request additional money for the SGA to budget.

Although Alicia Hill Thompson, senator for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., plans to look over the budget in more detail once it is e-mailed to the senators, she said she will "trust the committee did their best" to allocate funds.

Not all of the clubs or groups that requested office

space received it. Out of the 26 clubs that requested space, 23 were allotted that space. To achieve this, the SGA stipulated that three fraternities would share a single space.

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mainly because they currently use their offices as storage space, according to Jeremiah Davis, Vice President of Student Services and Pi Lambda Phi brother.

Senior C.J. Bland, Presi-

dent of Pi Lambda Phi, sees no problem with the new arrangement.

"As a fraternity, we use our office as a storage facility," Bland said.

Because fraternities will need a secure space for confidential materials, Weber said that Pi Lambda Phi will not keep brother-specific or ritual items in a place where other non-brothers can come across them.

Other brothers hope that the fraternities will eventually have full-sized offices in which they could hold meetings, said Jay Hamm, Public Relations Officer for Pi Kappa Phi.

Twenty-four out of 26 clubs that applied also received showcase space in the Student Center.

All offices and showcases must be vacated by the final week of the semester.

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policies of other colleges and universities in both Virginia and the rest of the United States as precedents. Jaeschke said that it would make sense that CNU followed its peers in this progression.

Furthermore, without a written and established policy concerning sexual orientation, students and faculty members would be unable to report instances of discrimination, Jaeschke said. Other information-gathering projects (such as minority fact-finding surveys and statistical analyses) by the CSSU, as well as other organizations, could also be hampered without the policy, he said.

With a nearly unanimous vote in favor of the

motion, the SGA resolved to approve a change in the non-discrimination policy to include sexual orientation.

This motion does not actually amend the current non-discrimination policy, only motions for a change, which must first be approved by the Faculty Senate, the administration and ultimately the Board of Visitors. The voting results merely communicate the student body's support of adding sexual preference to the policy when it is re-written. Jaeschke thanked the Senate for its endorsement, especially since this was also the beginning of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Awareness week.

Alex Butterfield, the Coordinator for Multicultural Affairs, also commended the SGA for its voting to approve the CSSU-sponsored resolution.

Virginia In Brief

Environmental Agenda In The Works

Gov. Mark Warner asked for a new way of protecting Virginia's natural resources on April 10. The request was issued at the beginning of a two-day summit, where 150 experts were invited from different backgrounds to brainstorm ideas for creating a statewide environmental agenda, according to the Virginia Pilot.

The results of the meetings will be announced later this month at a conference in Lexington.

Titanic Collection May Move Local

The entire collection of the shipwreck Titanic's pieces and passenger belongings taken from the wreck site since 1987 may be donated to the Mariner's Museum, according to the Virginia Pilot.

R.M.S. Titanic Inc., a salvage company based in Atlanta, will donate the entire collection for a tax deduction.

The museum would not actually get the artifacts for about another 10 years.

Falling Sign Causes Accident

After a large overhead sign fell onto I-264 on April 10, causing a multi-vehicle accident, the Virginia Department of Transportation is now checking many of the signs, according to the Virginia Pilot.

The spokesperson for VDOT said that the sign might have fallen due to a welded joint failure, which caused a 20-foot by 8-foot section of the sign to fall onto the Westbound lanes.

Protestors Arrested In Richmond

Nine anti-war protestors were arrested when they refused to leave the Richmond offices of Virginia's two Senators on April 10, according to the Associated Press.

The protestors are members of Citizens Against the War and Occupation and were charged with trespassing.

The protestors blocked the door to Sen. George Allen's office and caused a disruption by yelling.

SARS Case Suspected

Virginia's fourth case of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is suspected in Gloucester, Va., according to the Associated Press.

The case is now under investigation. It does not pose a public health risk. The other suspected cases were in Loudoun County, Chesapeake and Norfolk.

CNU Technology: The Good, The Bad, and The Dreams

Library Gains New Computers; Smart Technologies Enter Classrooms But CNU Still Lacks IT Service Staff And Resources

BY ELIZABETH SCHILLING
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CNU technology is changing. New black Dell monitors replaced the rows of mismatched computers in the library this fall, and Smart Technologies now allows professors and students to incorporate Power Point presentations into their everyday classes.

In spite of the many improvements, however, there are still areas that cause discontent. The loss of CNU's system administrator and the frequent network downtime are among the top concerns of students and faculty. In the coming years, CNU students, faculty and administrators will address the successes and failures of campus technology in the hopes that the University will move forward accordingly.

The Good

Moving multimedia into the classroom appears to be a priority at the University. Over the past two years, CNU has doubled the number of classrooms outfitted with Smart Technologies, equipment that interfaces a computer with a touch-responsive whiteboard.

"Currently, we have 27 Smart classrooms or approximately 37 percent of our active classrooms. In comparison to other schools, that is actually very high," said Dr. Marcus Griffin, CNU's Multi-Media Services Coordinator.

Smart Roomware, equipment permanently installed in classrooms, has opened the door for more educational outlets for both students and professors.

The Smart Roomware has really changed the way professors and students produce knowledge at CNU," said Griffin.

Upgrades in the Media Center have also added to CNU's technology. The Media Center recently acquired an Apple Digital Design Studio with resources secured in a grant by Associate Provost Anne Perkins and Executive Vice-President Bill Brauer.

The Apple Digital Design Studio will allow both students and faculty to create professional quality media," said Dr. Griffin.

The Bad

One area CNU has trouble with is the lack of resources and staff for the IT Services department, some say. This is believed to be a reflection of the many budget cuts the University has weathered, and the departure of John Savage, former Director of Information Technology Services.

"We really need another network administrator. Since John Savage left, there seems to be an increase in problems with Drake [the CNU server] because other people are trying very hard to pick up the slack but are just unable," said sophomore Zachary Ragone, an information science major.

Staffing for IT Services also needs to take an increased priority for technology resources, according to Griffin.

"We really need to make sure that IT Services has the staff support it needs to get the job done," said Griffin.

One problem that students and faculty face with the network is its frequent downtime. When this happens, all Internet access is stopped.

The lack of resources in the IT Services department has in some cases made the recovery of Internet usage a time-consuming process.

"It can be very frustrating when the network goes down and you need the Internet for a project or research. Without a network administrator, there is no one on call, so the network is not fixed until the following morning. This can be too late for some students," said Ragone.

Campus expansion has also appeared to play a role in the problems with the network. Specifically, some students feel the East Side has more problems with constant Internet service.

"It seems like the network goes down more often over there," said sophomore Zachary Corbet, a computer science major.

The Dreams

The University is currently looking for ways to bring the latest technology to campus. One new project currently in the works is a Campus Pipeline or SCT Banner. CNU's version will be called CNU Live and is expected to be complete by December.

CNU Live will integrate some of CNU's current systems

for students, faculty and staff. This will include registration, e-mail, financial records and information about events.

Some students are particularly excited about the introduction of online registration.

"It will be a huge step for the University in terms of technology. It will eliminate some of the paperwork, and students will be able to find out instantly whether they get a class. No more waiting to find out your final schedule a few weeks later by mail. Also, no one will have to wait for hours in line either," said senior Sam Bush, a computer science major.

One area of contention is that of "luxury" technology items. Some students see the advantages of creating a wireless network, but many are quick to point out it is not a necessity right now.

"It would be nice to have wireless available to students. I have friends at other schools who have it. But it would be more of a nice luxury. We have other things the resources can go to right now," said Ragone.

The overall movement of CNU's technology has been to increase the services and applications available to students and faculty. In the future, some believe more advances like the CNU Live Project will add to the campus's desirability.

"CNU is exciting because of the Administration's commitment to classrooms of the 21st century. Students have cool applications to look forward to becoming a reality. It just takes time and resources," said Griffin.

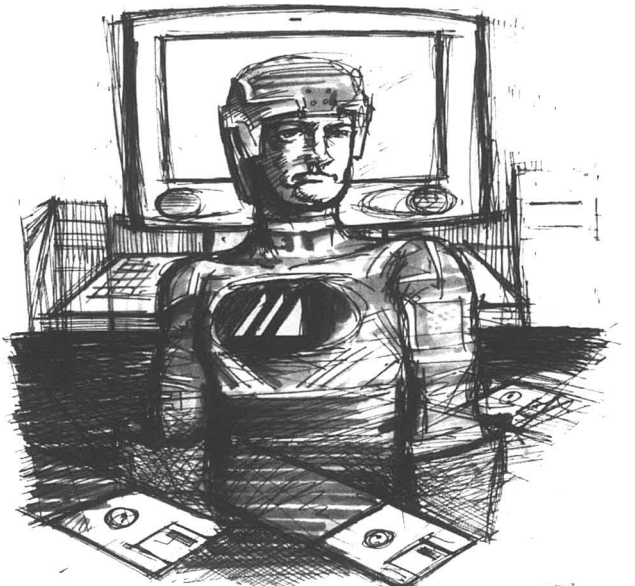


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288 Student And Faculty Signatures Collected In Support Of President Bush, Troops

BY AMBER NETTLES
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In an effort to show support for President George W. Bush and American troops, freshman Tiffany Campbell had collected 288 student and faculty signatures and received 47 e-mails in response to a campus-wide e-mail requesting students' assistance.

Titled "I need your help," the e-mail asked CNU students to show

support of their troops overseas by signing their names to a letter being sent to the President.

"This is not a letter saying we are either for or against the issue of war, but that we support our President during this difficult time," wrote Tiffany Campbell. "I don't know every student's political and religious views, but I think it is important to show our troops and the leader of this country that America does support him. All you hear on the news is people protesting and Hollywood superstars stating how

they hate our President ... I know we are only the student/faculty body at CNU, but if we all come together during this time in need we can make a difference." Campbell followed up her initial e-mail with three more messages concerning the progress of her project.

That way, the CNU community was also able to find out when she and the volunteers would set up in the Student Center Breezeway to collect signatures, and how to contact her if a student was unable to

make it to the tables.

Campbell's desire to send her support began after she attended a pro-American rally sponsored by Glenn Beck.

Knowing people have different opinions on the war with Iraq, she thought better than to try and get people to support the cause.

One thing she felt most people agreed on is that the troops needed to feel the love and support from their homes.

Not wanting to wait, she jumped out of bed one night and

typed up a letter to all of the CNU community, hoping some of them felt the same way she did.

Within a short amount of time, students and faculty began responding.

"A lot of people e-mailed me. The support has been amazing," said Campbell, who sends special thanks to volunteers, including Brian Vincelle and the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Campbell will send the letter and signatures to President Bush on Wednesday April 16, 2003.

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Public Relations Officer-elect Juellisa Gadd is planning to work.

Another project is the senior gift, which will be "phenomenal," she said.

She is looking forward to working with what she says is a "great group of people" and hopes that the class will work together as a whole.

Eggenberger is excited about the upcoming year, but first she must concern herself with the lack of an executive board for her class.

Since no juniors ran for the positions of vice president, treasurer and public relations officer, Eggenberger will have to find a way to fill those positions, each of which is required in the class's constitution.

"We have to have an executive board," Eggenberger said, who has already begun

an application process to fill those positions.

Besides obtaining an executive board, Eggenberger hopes to increase student involvement on campus.

Phillip Andrews, Vice President-elect of the Class of 2006, hopes to plan programs that will appeal to everyone.

His classmate, Treasurer-elect Tiffany Slaughter, looks forward to "making the voice of the Class of 2006 heard among campus."

To do this, she wants to increase campus involvement and guide the class "to live up to the expectations that the upperclassmen and administration had when they came in."

All the officers in each class have one common goal: to help students understand what is expected of them academically, and ultimately, to see them graduate.

Class Officers 2003-2004: Election Results Announced

After more than two weeks of campaigning, Class Officers were announced for the upcoming year at Monday's SGA meeting. The Class of 2006 was the most hotly contested election, with ten people running for four positions. Only two people ran for office in the Class of 2005, while none of the Class 2004 candidates were contested.

Class of 2004

President - Leslie Hutchins
Vice President - Nikki Wenzel
Treasurer - Rachel Harrell
Public Relations - Juellisa Gadd

Class of 2005

President - Christine Eggenberger

Class of 2006

President - Jordan Maroon
Vice President - Phillip Andrews
Treasurer - Tiffany Slaughter
Public Relations - Gillian Henry

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for the support offered by their departments.

"CNU as a whole has not tried to help us out that much. But our department has been incredible," Stallings said.

Many people are working hard to help these students complete all requirements before graduation.

"We've met with ODU. We've worked out a program for them to teach classes at the ODU Peninsula Center. ODU's been really helpful to assist those who've been caught in this bind," said Lord.

All of the turmoil going on at CNU has captured the public's attention, and several students believe this attention was a major factor in the push to reinstate Winter Commencement.

"I think the pressure

from the community does help. I think a lot of the alumni are tired of everything that's been going on," said Wade.

President Tribble decided to reinstate the Winter Commencement ceremony with the Provost's advice. Since the ceremony was cut last fall for budget reasons, it is unclear as to how the University will fund the event.

"I'm amazed. Supposedly the reason they stopped it [Winter Commencement] was for financial reasons," said Lord. "It's not financial, it's philosophical."

The reinstatement of the ceremony in December gives many students the opportunity to commence who would not have been able to do so otherwise.

"If they didn't have the Winter Commencement, then I wasn't going to walk. I wasn't going to come back," said Wade.



Freshman Jessica Parker, a Gamma Phi Beta sister, catches a nap between classes. She is one of the many sleep-deprived college students at CNU.

Sleep Loss Prevalent At CNU

BY VIRGINIA BESS
Staff Writer

A majority of Americans—63 percent—do not get the eight hours of sleep recommended for good health, according to a National Sleep Foundation survey, which randomly questioned 1004 adults and was reported on the ABC news Web site.

College students are no exception.

One of the top excuses for CNU's sleep deprivation is increased workload at the end of the semester, students say.

"I've been doing lots of papers [for school]," said senior Katie Hundley, who readily admitted that she is sleep deprived.

Many of these same students, however, believed that the end-of-the-year stress would soon let up, leaving them more time to sleep.

Amy Todd, for instance, admits that she is sleep-deprived—"today especially."

Todd, who estimates that she sleeps six, to six and a half, hours each night, blames her sleep deprivation on "end-of-the-year stress, exams." In spite of this, she believes things will "slow down for the summer."

Sleep deprivation, as many sources say, can be a serious issue, one that causes excessive daytime sleepiness and decreased mental and physical ability, according to the About Sleep Disorders Web site. This site recommends that sleep-deprived individuals sleep the same time every night, exercise early in the day, limit daytime naps and relax as bedtime approaches.

Despite the high numbers of students who claim they are sleep deprived, there are other students who claim they have no sleep-related problems.

"I am not sleep deprived," said senior Amanda Klauka. "I get about six to eight hours of sleep at night. I work mornings and go to

school in the afternoon."

Junior Bryan Herrin also does not think he is sleep deprived, although "it feels like it sometimes," he said.

Herrin manages to catch up on his sleep whenever he can.

"I can fall asleep anywhere," he said.

Other sleep-healthy students recommended making sleep a priority. Stephanie Carly, a third-year student, said she gets nine to 10 hours of sleep each night.

"Classes keep me busy, but I work around it," she said.

For students who are concerned with their sleeping habits, the National Sleep Foundation home page offers tips on how to get more sleep, including instructions regarding jet lag, drowsy drivers, insomnia and restless legs. A sleep IQ survey also appears on the site. For more information, go to <http://www.sleepfoundation.org/disorder.html>.

Women And Gender Studies Offers Varying Perspectives

Rosenberg, Mullen Offer Information On New Minor

BY QUINTON SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

For the past three years, an interdisciplinary study at CNU has focused upon the various concepts and dilemmas encountered among gender relationships.

The Women's and Gender Studies minor program, directed by Dr. Roberta Rosenberg, Professor of English, and Dr. Deborah Mullen, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, provides students with a multi-disciplinary perspective regarding issues of gender.

The study is a 15-credit minor and draws from fields such as English, philosophy, anthropology, education, sociology, social work, psychology, government, health and communications.

The main purpose of the interdisciplinary program, according to Rosenberg, is to allow students to put together how programs in various departments speak to one another. She said that each department tends to be on its own, but this study

shows students how each program intricately works together.

Rosenberg gave an example of a psychology major working as a therapist in a women's shelter.

"With a Women's and Gender Studies minor, the worker could understand

encourages men to take part in the study.

"We can't talk about gender without males," Rosenberg said.

She said that her role, along with Mullen's, is to set up the program and to encourage new faculty coming into the University to offer courses relating to the program.

Some courses offered in the minor this fall include: Family Communications, Gender Communications, Children's Literature, Women and Religion in Literature, Multicultural American Literature, Masculinity in America, Philosophy in the Flesh, Family in Transition and Family Law.

Rosenberg and Mullen also sponsor various programs and speaker series throughout the year that are open to all CNU students.

"A recent program we co-sponsored with the theater program was the 'Vagina Monologues,'" Rosenberg said.

From this, Rosenberg said \$2,500 was raised for a women's shelter.

Rosenberg encourages all that are interested to come see either herself or Mullen. She reminds students that many have already taken courses dealing with women and gender. She says that some may only need a few more credits to complete this minor.

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gender issues as well as psychological issues, making them more valuable to their employer," Rosenberg said. Rosenberg emphasized that even though the word "women" is in the name for the minor, she says that males are a big part of the program and take part in many of the classes in the curriculum. She

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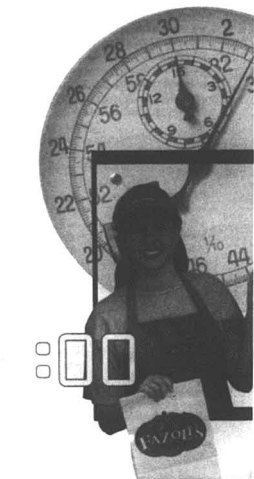
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Friends, Family Remember Life Of Legacy Student Ryan Viers

BY REBECCA RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Junior Ryan Viers was a quiet, soft-spoken, good student who majored in computer science and had a full-time job at Go-Karts Plus for about five years. He lived in Williamsburg with his parents, both graduates of CNU themselves.

On April 7, 2003, Ryan Viers died in a car accident on his way home from class.

Ryan's parents have pictures of him placed all around their home. They are pictures telling the story of a 20-year life. They show his love for tennis, his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, his graduation from Jamestown High School and his love for travel, a love shared by his whole family. Photographs taken in Aruba, Calif. and Grand Cayman Island color their home like they colored his life.

Ryan was a self-proclaimed computer geek. He networked his home, connecting all the computers to one another. This passion and ability led him to the Computer Science Department at CNU.

"He was very well liked and well respected by faculty and his fellow students," said Physics Computer Science and Engineering Department Chair Dr. Martin Buoncristiani.

Although some said that Ryan was a shy student, his life made a mark on CNU. Ryan was the fourth member of his family to attend CNU. His mother, Elizabeth, graduated in 1996 with a degree in Leisure Studies, and his father, Gerald, graduated in 1995 with a second degree in Computer Science. His sister, Julie, also graduated from CNU.

Dr. John Avioli was Ryan's advisor and professor. Avioli saw the accident on Route 199 on his way home that evening.

"The eerie thing is that he was in my class 45 minutes before he died. I let class out at 6:45. His accident was at about 7:30," said Avioli.

Ryan Viers was buried on Friday, April 11. His friends spoke at the ceremony, and family and loved ones gathered to say goodbye to their son, their brother and their friend.

In the memory of Ryan, a beloved son and brother always unselfish with an open hand,

He was honest, sincere and hard-working, the traits of a true man.

Always available to enlighten you or help you through, his energy and spirit were uplifting to all he knew.

A man way before his years, with the heart and soul of someone much older, always willing to volunteer, ever growing smarter and bolder.

He will truly be missed now and forever, every morning, noon and night, memories will always be with us as he will now be a guiding light.

He was taken from us too soon, on the cusp of a waxing moon.

God must have needed someone unique, an angel who is a computer geek.

*With all our love,
Dad, Mom, Laura and Julie*



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Junior Kezia Williams, MSA Secretary, dances the Salsa for the first time at a Hispanic Heritage Awareness event in Regatta's last week.

Salsa Highlights Hispanic Heritage

MSA Sponsors Instruction On Cuban Dance At Regatta's Last Thursday

BY ADAM NADEAU
Staff Writer

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Multicultural Student Association put on an evening of free Salsa dancing instruction in Regatta's last Thursday, according to MSA Secretary Kezia Williams.

The evening "was a lot of fun, and MSA should have events like that more often," junior Aaron Chichester said.

The Salsa itself is a blend of musical traditions and dances that were brought together largely in colonial Cuba, according to Luis Alpa's article, "Tracing the History of Salsa Dancing."

Like many dances with similar origins, the music and technique of Salsa dancing changes, depending on its locality.

A fundamental trait of

Salsa, however, is its side-to-side movement, as several students experienced on Thursday.

"It was kind of funny to see some of the people Salsa dancing for the first time," sophomore Lindsay Helms said. "Some of the students were pretty bad at first, but the instructors seemed patient and enjoyed helping the students learn."

Hispanic Americans have recently become the largest minority in the United States, having increased in population growth past African Americans in recent years.

Hispanic Americans now comprise roughly 13 percent of the American population, while blacks are 12.7 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The U.S. Census Bureau has been predicting this trend for decades.

The same group now states that there are a little more than 284 million Hispanic Americans living in the United States.

More than two-thirds of the Hispanic American population is Mexican in origin, but the remaining third of Hispanic Americans traces its origins to the Caribbean and to South America.



Ashley Boyd, VPSS-elect; Jeremiah Davis, President-elect; and Melissa Bell, VPUR-elect; present Erin Ireland to the student senate as their Secretary appointment.

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wanted to do. I loved it," said Boyd.

Although the positions of President and VPSS went uncontested during the election process, there were two candidates for the position of VPUR.

"It was nice to see, after the elections, Bill [Card] and

Melissa shaking hands. They both had really good points," Boyd said.

Card had no comment, and Bell could not be reached at press time.

Davis and Boyd both have experience as executive board members for the 2002-2003 academic year. This will be Bell's first year on the board.

"I'm excited about Mel-

issa Bell. She is going to be a great contribution. She has fresh ideas, and she's excited," Boyd said.

The board members-elect view their close relationship as a major benefit.

"Ashley and Melissa are blessings in disguise," said Davis. "I perceive us working well with each other. We complement each other. Our setbacks are setups for our future success."

Televised War Draws Mixed Reactions

BY VIRGINIA BESS
Staff Writer

Even before the war, news channels including CNN, MSNBC and ABC began televising the situation with Iraq. Because Hampton Roads is home to some of the world's largest military installations, Operation Iraqi Freedom, which officially began March 21 Iraqi time, has affected many in the area, and students express mixed feelings about televising the war as well.

"I'm not really sure they should show it," said freshman Lora Dattilio, who admits that she watches the coverage herself.

"We've been watching the satellite we get on campus. We watch the Arab station, Al-Jazeera," she said. Dattilio also believes it is

"good to see it from both points of view," Arab and American.

Some students say there is a fine line between broadcasting war footage on news programs and on other programs.

"It's OK to show it on an hourly evening news program," said graduate student Patricia Stokes, who feels that showing war footage more regularly is, "making it a sporting event."

The purpose, rather than the format, is important for some.

"It should be used for information purposes, not entertainment," said junior Rachael Harrell.

Other students are more concerned about the possible graphic nature of live war coverage.

"People in our country see troops getting killed,"

said sophomore Tom Barto.

Although some students see the graphic nature of some coverage as a difficult topic, they do not think it should inhibit the coverage.

"As long as people can justify it to their kids, then I don't see anything wrong with it," said senior Andrea Dunn, who believes it is a "good idea to be televised to inform people about what is going on. People need to know and understand, no matter how graphic it is."

Overall, most students are still processing what should be done, mainly because televised war is a new issue.

"In World War II, they showed a newsreel in the movie theater, and now you can get information minute-by-minute on the Internet," Dattilio said.

World and Nation

Wrinkles Remain In Foreign Student Tracking System

BY DIANE SMITH AND JESSAMY BROWN
Knight-Ridder Campus

Universities and immigration officials are trying to fix kinks in a new automated system designed to keep tabs on foreign students.

Many universities have reported problems with the federal government's Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, a computerized tracking system for foreigners who are in the U.S. as academic or vocational students, or as exchange visitors.

The tracking system, known as SEVIS, has been a national security priority since Sept. 11, when colleges and universities began working to enter student data into the system.

But it hasn't been easy. "It's been plagued with multiple problems since its inception. The system is not always programmed to do what regulations require us to do," said Dotty Horton, director of international advising at the University of North Texas.

UNT's problems mirror those of other institutions. Campus officials had problems getting on and staying on the system until additional servers were put in place. They have been frustrated, Horton said, with system "quirks and glitches."

Sometimes the system does not accept data or changes what has been entered, officials at several universities said.

Officials at the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement said they are working to fix the problems. It is also trying to fix a glitch that occurs when a school inputs information but gets a printout with information from another university.

"The data-transference problem is one that is happening sporadically," said Chris Bentley, a bureau spokesman.

Although the mistakes appear on printouts, the information is correct in the database and isn't a "huge security issue," said Bentley.

The Washington Post recently reported that the record of a foreign student attending Harvard had suddenly appeared on a computer at Cornell. Records crisscrossed the country so frequently that government trouble-shooters gave the problem a name: "bleeding."

"We are not entering students at the large number that Harvard might be, but we have issues as well," said John Singleton, director of international student services at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Computer glitches also surfaced at the University of Texas at Austin, which has 4,500 international students. During the school's spring break, officials couldn't access SEVIS to make real-time changes. The university, which also sends student data in batches to the tracking system, has experienced some "bleeding," said Kitty Villa, assistant director of UT's international office. She said they had an error in which the person's last name was listed as an address that wasn't even in their computer system.

Last Saddam Stronghold Falls; Major Combat Over, U.S. Officer Says



American forces encounter little resistance as they take Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit late Monday.

U.S. Warns Syria About Harboring Iraqis

BY JONATHAN S. LANDAY, SARA OLKON AND MARTIN MERZER
Knight-Ridder Campus

The Pentagon declared the end of significant fighting in Iraq on Monday as Marines stormed the heart of Tikrit, suppressed hard-core resistance there and captured the last stronghold of Saddam Hussein.

"The major combat operations are over," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said after more than 3,000 Marines fought their way to the center of Saddam's ancestral hometown.

In Washington, the Bush administration's attention already was shifting to two post-war concerns.

The White House and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld turned up the pressure on Syria, demanding that it stop harboring Iraqi fugitives and renounce terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, even as British Prime Minister Tony Blair denied any U.S.-British plans to invade Syria.

U.S. officials also looked forward to a meeting Tuesday in Nasiriyah, where they hoped to begin forging an interim government for post-Saddam Iraq by welding together rival ethnic, religious and exile factions.

The military action, however, focused on the Marines' success in securing Tikrit. Tikrit was the last important center of Saddam's regime, and now it had fallen much like Basra, Nasiriyah, Najaf, Karbala, Kut, Kirkuk, Irbil, Mosul and Baghdad.

"There is nothing beyond Tikrit," said Marine Lt. Col. Doug Hardison. "That is it. It's now just a function of when to call the win."

The war began on March 20, less than four weeks ago. The U.S. military death toll:

at least 118, with many more wounded. Saddam's fate remained unknown. No confirmed discoveries have been made of chemical or biological weapons; the primary justification President Bush cited for resorting to war.

At the same time, a measure of calm returned to Baghdad as 2,000 Iraqi officers, working with U.S. Marines, patrolled the capital's streets for the first time since the city fell last week.

Electricity also remained out in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, but hospitals and many citizens there have generators.

British engineers plan to arrive within a few weeks to repair the southern city's five major power grids.

"It's a transition period we're in right now," Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said at allied headquarters in Qatar. "Gradually, the indications of everyday life are returning to Iraq."

But significant danger remained for Iraqis and Americans.

In Baghdad as many as 17 Iraqi civilians died and

scores were wounded in a huge blast accidentally detonated by children playing with Iraqi explosives. And U.S. troops found 80 missiles, 51 trucks loaded with ammunition and large caches of weapons.

"Troops have to ensure their own safety and security from armed gangs before they can start any policing activities," said British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. "This is not a benign policing environment."

Back in Tikrit, about 100 miles north of Baghdad, the Marines suffered no casualties as they easily overwhelmed small pockets of resistance from Saddam's militiamen during the push into the city from the west.

"There were small groups of three to 10 guys," said Lt. Greg Starace of Paramus, N.J., whose 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance unit of grime-covered armored personnel carriers sat on a bridge spanning the Tigris River.

There was no jubilation welcome for the Americans to Tikrit as there had been else-

where in Iraq. Some cars flying white flags ventured onto the streets, but turned around by U.S. troops nervous about suicide attacks.

Not were there ferocious hordes of looters who had descended like locusts elsewhere in Iraq, stripping buildings of their shells and torching what was left.

The absence of extremes perhaps reflected public exhaustion.

"We have no electricity. My children are afraid of the helicopters. I want them to leave," said Kassam. Kassama Ramavan, owner of a small restaurant on Tikrit's main boulevard.

But Lance Cpl. Michael Beek, 22, of Houston said he had been welcomed by some residents, and others said they were greeted with roses.

"A lot of the people here like us," he said. "You can tell by their responses as you roll through the town. They say 'Saddam bad. No. No.' It's been a pretty positive response."

SARS Cases Spreading Rapidly In China

Fatality Rate Holds Steady At 4 Percent; Cases In China Spreading To Outer Provinces

BY MICHAEL DORGAN
Knight-Ridder Campus

The World Health Organization on Monday reported 74 more cases of a deadly new respiratory disease in the north-central province of Shanxi and three other areas of China, a surge that reinforces fears the epidemic is quickly spreading in the world's most populous country.

Globally, the overall fatality rate for SARS is about 4 percent. Many experts fear that the fatality rate in China will rise steeply if the epidemic spreads widely because many provinces are poor and have health care systems greatly inferior to those of Guangdong and Hong Kong.

Until late last week, Chinese officials repeatedly had given assurances that severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, had been effectively contained.

They claimed that all cases in China outside of the southern province of Guangdong, where SARS is believed to have originated, were "imported" and that the epidemic was not spreading.

The spike in new cases underscores the threat of a resurgence of the epidemic in Guangdong as the number of cases explodes elsewhere in the nation of 1.3 billion citizens.

WHO officials said last week that a single "super-spreader," the name health officials have given to highly infectious SARS carriers, could reverse the downward trend in new cases.

The WHO also reported seven new cases and one death in Inner Mongolia, and two new SARS cases in Beijing and 18 new cases reported in Guangdong, where the bulk of mainland China's 1,418 SARS cases and 64 deaths from the disease have occurred.

The United States had eight new suspected cases Monday, bringing the total to



42-year-old Dong (woman wearing the face mask) purchases herbs that claim to prevent the contraction of SARS, or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, at a Chinese medicinal pharmacy in Beijing, China.

tributed to the spread of the epidemic to at least 18 other countries.

As recently as last Thursday, a vice minister of health said the epidemic was under control. That claim began to crumble on Friday, when the WHO added Beijing to its list of places where chains of local transmission are occurring.

While slow to take SARS seriously, China's central government in recent days

has sent strong signals that the epidemic has become one of its highest priorities.

The government's Xinhua News Agency reported Monday that Premier Wen Jiabao, speaking at a national SARS conference Sunday in Beijing, said: "Much progress has been made in combating the disease so far, with the epidemic brought under control in some areas, but the overall situation remains grave."

Opinions

Where We Stand

Sexual Orientation Should Not Be Reason For Discrimination

In a year fret with closed programs and honor code violations, it is good to see that a silver lining has emerged in the last two weeks. This silver lining has come from the confines of the Student Center's Alumni Room, where the student government meets weekly.

Last week, the SGA Senate passed a powerful statement of endorsement for a change to the University's current non-discrimination policy. The resolution, proposed by the Gay-Straight Student Union's Scott Jaeschke, requests that the University change its non-discrimination policy to include sexual orientation. Citing a wide and prestigious list of Virginia universities and peer institutions, Jaeschke made a strong case for CNU to protect its own. In a strong show of support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community, the Senate voted in favor of the resolution, with only one dissent.

In the coming fall semester, Jaeschke and the GSSU intend to bring their resolution before the Faculty Senate for endorsement and eventually to the Board of Visitors for addition into the University Handbook. Hopefully, both bodies will be as quick and decisive as the student government was in endorsing these changes.

Discrimination, in any form, is never acceptable. Yet for decades, the LGBT community has been under the constant threat of dismissal or reprisal in the work place. Here at CNU, there is nothing that says that an employee could not be fired, for being of a certain sexual orientation. The LGBT community cannot, and should not, live in an environment of fear.

One would be remiss, however, to consider this resolution only in terms of the benefit that it would possibly entail for the LGBT community. This resolution should be seen as an opening shot in the battle for equal treatment, and that battle will not end until a non-discrimination policy for sexual orientation is firmly on the books at CNU.

Memories Of Sept. 11 Live On

Students Should Refocus Priorities; The Country Is At War

BY STEPHANIE HEINATZ
CNU Alumna

Many of the stores across Hampton Roads are sold out of yellow ribbon. But there are no bows hung up around CNU.

Many of the intersections of Newport News are decorated with an American flag. But none hang from CNU's lampposts.

Many of the local anti-war rallies and pro-trump rallies have been held at William and Mary. But CNU has hosted few.

Many CNU students are somehow affiliated with the military—whether it's as a dependent or they just know someone—yet it seems like the campus feels no emotions toward the fact that this country is at war.

On Sept. 11, 2001, I sat in a computer lab and worked on a paper, a big paper. I worked from 8 a.m. to nearly noon.

When I emerged, the world had changed.

A girl I went to high school with, who I haven't talked to in months, ran up

to me and asked if I had heard.

Heard what?
That the Twin Towers had fallen.

I had missed it all.

I immediately went to the Student Center Lounge. I knew there was a television in there. But I couldn't get close enough to see it.

Hundreds of students were gathered round, openly weeping, holding each other—it was an attempt to understand and to cope.

For weeks following Sept. 11, CNU students raised money and awareness for various Sept. 11 funds.

Students walked around wearing yellow ribbons.

“As an alumna of CNU, I can watch the campus from the outside and wonder what's going on. From this perspective, I see nothing.”

Nearly every car had an American flag on it.

But now, more than a year later, has everyone forgotten that feeling of patriotism, the camaraderie, the emotion?

The war with Iraq has sparked debate across the country—and that's fine. But one thing has remained constant: people support the troops and do what they can to voice their opinion, for or against.

As an alumna of CNU, I can watch the campus from the outside and wonder what's going on. From this perspective, I see nothing. I see no feelings. I see a lack of understanding. I see no support.

There are thousands of troops from Hampton Roads living in the desert right now. There are thousands of families praying every night that their loved ones come home. Those are the realities of their world that they have to face everyday, not because they want to, but because they choose to.

Choose to show some kind of reaction to the history in which we are living. Choose not to be apathetic. Choose to hang a yellow ribbon or put the flag back on your car.

Choose to remember how you felt when you found out about the Twin Towers.

Use that raw emotion to take a stand—if for nothing else than to support the thousands of men and women who would much rather be going to class and sleeping in a soft bed tonight.

—Stephanie Heinatz is a reporter and columnist for *The Daily Press*.

Students Behind The Wheel, Students On The Crosswalk

Walk To Class Takes Patience, Consideration

BY ERIC CREAMS
Contributing Writer

Take one second and picture this.

It's a normal Friday night at CNU, so not a whole lot is going down on campus. So, two of us high school pals head out to the grass in front of York River West, University of Tennessee lawn chairs in hand, to smoke some cigars and shoot the breeze. It's not too long until we begin talking about lots and lots of nothing.

But we did notice a few things that usually occur.

When cars come to a crosswalk on campus, or anywhere where people cross the road for that matter, the motorists that are forced to stop get aggravated. And when people at-

tempt to cross the road and cars do not stop, the pedestrians get aggravated. Here lies the question that we asked ourselves: are those motorists not the same motorists that will later on become upset about having to stop to let someone cross the road?

Now, granted, not everyone gets upset about having to stop or about cars not stopping for pedestrians, but more often than not, the thought crosses your mind. Be honest with yourself: you know I am talking to you.

People are in such a hurry these days. Does stopping for someone crossing the road really slow anyone down very much? You know the first thing you do is slam on the gas; I mean hey, you gotta make up for those five to 10 seconds you lost.

On the other hand, if a car does not stop for you, is there really any reason to curse them and let them ruin the great mood you might be in?

I get a good laugh every time I walk to class, because, without fail, this very situa-

tion comes up. Either some pedestrian will curse a car under their breath, or a driver will yell from the window as they speed away from pedestrians.

I just don't see how getting in a tiff over who should stop gets anything done. Is it really worth worrying about? It is not like you are on a big campus. If you are walking to a class you are late for, whose fault is it really? The car not stopping isn't slowing you down very much.

And, if you are driving fast enough on campus that you can't stop your car, one of a few things are true: you might have a lead foot; you might just be stupid; you might have wanted to leave a bit earlier; or you are trying to show off your flashy car.

Now, I am not going to suggest that I don't do the very same things myself, on each end, but I do my best not to. I may think something to myself, but I never yell at my window or curse at a car

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Corrections And Changes

■ In last week's elections page, freshman Melanie Lee was the co-coordinator of MSA's Q&Q Pageant and the Black History Month Trivia Bowl, not the coordinator.

■ In last week's elections page, freshman Jordan Maroon is a presidential candidate for the Class of 2006, not the Class of 2004.

■ In last week's front page article, "Speaker Detained In D.C. By State Department," Cuban Chief Dagoberto Rodriguez was detained by the Department of State in reaction to similar actions taken by the Cuban government, not because of connection to Cuban dissidents.

■ Last week's Opinions section was incorrectly ordered due to a printing error.

Former POW Lynch's Story Exemplifies True Heroism

Choosing To Join Military Risks Death; That Needs To Be Commended

BY JANE EISNER
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Ever since Homer gave us stirring scenes of blood, battle and glory, war and heroism have been locked in a terrifying embrace. It's difficult to find another human experience that matches the heroism displayed in war, when life and death and all that lies in between hang in exquisite balance.

Perhaps that is why men, and now increasingly women, just for war—for the chance not only to defend a nation but also to go beyond the call of duty to perform an act of sacrifice.

No matter what you think of the war in Iraq—and I remain concerned about its implications—it has generated stories of heroism that deserve our admiration.

Heroism is not an imperative or even an impulse; it is a choice. A choice to put aside fears, to defy an entrenched system, to follow through on one's convictions. To do right, even if it means courting death.

This is why I've been struck with the heroism of Jessica Lynch and those involved in her rescue.

She, like all members of this volunteer force, made a choice to step into harm's way. While it's true that the military is more likely to attract those who don't have other economic opportunities (as was the case with Lynch), it remains a choice, up to the individual.

Amushed by Iraqi forces, she fought until her ammunition ran out, then watched several other soldiers in her unit fighting until she herself was captured.

For days she lay bandaged and broken in an Iraqi hospital that was also being used for non-humanitarian purposes, guarded by an armed commander of the feared Fedayeen.

She bravely withstood the commander's slaps, but another hero could not. An Iraqi lawyer identified only as Mohammed witnessed the indignity when he was visiting his wife in the hospital, and he vowed to help the American POW escape.

Putting his family's life in danger, Mohammed walked for six miles to inform U.S. troops of his discovery, walked back to the hospital to gather details on its layout, and then passed them along to U.S. forces, which were, at that very moment, bombing his city. The information was enough to launch a successful Special Operations raid.

rescue Lynch and disarm the hospital.

In every war, courageous soldiers and righteous civilians risk everything to take a moral stand.

But every time such heroism happens, it's a special moment for humanity. Yet heroic tales of war do not always end happily. Here I think of Michael Kelly, the columnist and editor killed on the front lines Friday.

Kelly's heroism lay in his intellectual honesty and the courage of his convictions. Once a self-proclaimed dove, his experiences reporting during the first Gulf War and in Bosnia convinced him, and he wrote, "Of the moral imperative, sometimes, for war."

After arguing for this war, he elected to leave his safe journalistic perch and the family he loved to chronicle what he had supported.

Heroism can be reckless, and you could say that Kelly traded his duty toward his two young boys for the chance to witness history. It's not a choice I would make.

I am overwhelmed with admiration for his choice, which came at such a terrible cost to his family and to all of us who benefit from the critical, honest observations of a dedicated journalist.

If only we could replicate Jessica Lynch's strength, Mohammed's empathy, and Michael Kelly's sense of mission in a safer venue, unleash the embrace of war and heroism and place it with the heroes of peace.

Sex And Love At CNU: Perfection Anxiety: College Women Cope With Pressure To Do It All

Campus Females Reflect On Feelings Of Inadequacy

BY RACHEL GILLERLAIN
Staff Writer

In high school, I had imagined 25 to be the magical age. I dreamed that 25 would be the year where I would have enough financial independence to have a cute apartment, a working car and a nice dog. While all of those goals may be somewhat attainable, I also planned that my prospective marriage date would be at 25, allowing just enough time for me to meet the groom before my graduation at 22, get a high-paying job by 23 and to be engaged by 24—AAAAGH! I even thought that the ideal time to have kids was right around age 27—double AAAAGH!

The facts are that I am already 20 right now, and, according to my high school life chart—a complete failure—I have no potential fiancé. I wear workout clothes and pajamas to class instead of snazzy suits, and compared to my bubbly and over-achieving teen self, I am an antagonistic cynic—worst of all, I'm fine with it. At 16 and 17, 25 seemed like the distant future and something I wouldn't have to deal with for a long, long time. Now that I'm 20 and a sophomore in college, it's not so far away. I'm even beginning to wonder whether I ever want to be held down by "serious games" like a grown-up job, marriage, kids, pets and house/car/credit card payments.

My grandfather used to tell me, "Don't take yourself too seriously Rachel, or you'll end up with gray hair like me." And considering that the American media expresses and reinforces our society's view that the chance for life improvement is gone after 30, that's very good advice. I'm young, and I feel very young (like eight, most of the time). And what's more, I feel totally unqualified to make any decision that might affect me much beyond the next five years. I think that Granddaddy had it right when he advised me to slow down and enjoy the here-and-now for a second.

For young women, there is overwhelming pressure to be perfect in all of life's avenues: pressure to do well in school or work, to look beautiful all of the time, to keep a lovely home, to be a nurturing friend/sibling/daughter/girlfriend/wife/

mother, and to be constantly content and high-spirited, regardless of surrounding circumstances. This is so because no one likes an incompetent person who complains all the time.

Consequently, there are more women enrolled in colleges than men, more women in gyms and aerobics classes and more women in bookstores and libraries. According to www.reachwomen.com, female consumers not only keep the clothing, cosmetic and hygiene product companies alive, they are also responsible for the majority of magazine, novel, reference book, cleaning supply and home gym purchases. All of these products have in common the purpose of self-im-

“... there is an overwhelming pressure to be perfect in all of life's avenues ... no one likes an incompetent person who complains all the time.”

provement. On the extreme side of this phenomenon, some women attempt to fit the ideal to their own detriment—depression and anxiety, eating disorders, substance abuse, as well as other obsessive or compulsive behaviors may all result from intense feelings of inadequacy.

For this issue, I have asked several young women to submit comments describing their encounters with “perfection anxiety.” Here is what they had to say:

“I might look normal now, but if you saw me in high school, I was right around 100 pounds ... When I started out, I was a little chubby, and then when I tried to lose a little weight, I ended up not eating. I am such a perfectionist ... And, I was involved in horse shows ... and I was so competitive, and I wanted to win. There is so much money at stake in these shows ... there were like all of these 13 and 14-year-old kids on tranquilizers, like Valium. All that pressure I was putting on myself made it really difficult. And it wasn't my parents ... they just allowed me to do the horse shows out of kindness. And we were losing all of that money because I wasn't winning ... I would practice and muck out the stalls every day after school until dark ... and then I would do my

homework until I fell asleep. I just couldn't control anything except my weight.”

—Sara Shiner, 22

“When I started college, I had a boyfriend who put a lot of pressure on me to be how I wanted me to be—a pastel, domestic, ladylike gal. It seemed like he was always asking, ‘Why can't you just be normal?’ I found that I really lost myself trying to be the girl he wanted me to be. After the whole thing, I decided I didn't care anymore. I was going to dress how I wanted to, be who I was and have fun being different. If people liked me, it would be for who I was and not who they wanted me to be. It was the best decision I ever made.”

—Linnay Cooke, 20

“I think my parents really understood the pressures that society puts on girls to be everything. And they really supported me in everything I wanted to do and just let me be the person who I wanted to be. And they kept me away from some of the media influences, like I wasn't allowed to have a Barbie doll.”

—Hattie Barber, 19

“I used to be engaged. I broke it off because I didn't want to feel like someone else's property ... I felt like I was restricted in the decisions I could make ... I won a scholarship to study abroad in France and I didn't want to have a guilt trip for traveling. I will probably travel a lot in my future job, and the guy I was with wouldn't really go for that. I don't think it's fair to have to stay ... and take root just to be around him. I'm not necessarily anti-marriage. I just like having more control over my own decisions.”

—Elizabeth Spruill, 21

“I think a lot of the standards that are put on women today are created by the media. And that really frustrates me that they put those unrealistic pressures on us. We were watching this thing on TV the other day about anorexic girls and all the commercials in between had skinny models in them.”

—Sarah Godfrey, 20

“There's too much pressure put on women to be ‘perfect’ all the time. When the pressure comes from doesn't really matter—what matters is that women are rarely told that they are simply ‘beautiful.’ I think if we were told this more often, especially by men who were actually genuine about it, we might actually start to believe it, and we might stop taking 20 minutes to ‘fix’ ourselves before we walk out the door.”

—Elizabeth Heath, 19

Freedom Comes With Sacrifice

Choices Are Not Rights

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

What does it mean to be free? What is freedom?

While studying for my government class, and with everything that is going on in today's world, these questions have come up frequently.

Many Americans perceive freedom as the right to do whatever they choose. When people have this right, however, there will eventually have to be some limits since, according to Thomas

Hobbes, all men fear a violent death.

In this fear, a government is formed. With that government comes a sacrifice of some individual rights, including that which would allow someone to do as he pleases without boundaries.

This still makes me think, what is freedom? Americans complain that the government hinders their rights and that they are not able to do everything they want, when they want to.

If the government did not exist, however, man would be hindered by his fear of violent death.

To me, freedom is not the right to do as I choose, but the opportunity to do as I choose. Living in this country, I have every opportunity to do as I

please. I do not have the right to do all of these things, however, as some actions have consequences within our society.

As an American, I am given the right to freedom of religion, press, speech, assembly and to bear arms. I am not given the right to murder, steal, cheat or lie.

Although I could at any time have the opportunity to do such things, I could not do so without repercussions.

All this considered, it makes me cringe to hear someone say they should have the right to do whatever he wants.

Lives were not lost fighting for our right to kill, steal, cheat or lie. Lives were lost to create the land of opportunity, which still exists today.

Finally Banning Cross-burning

Supreme Court Did The Right Thing

Knight-Ridder Campus

The U.S. Supreme Court decided Monday that freedom of speech protects cross burning unless it can be proved that the act was meant to intimidate.

The painfully correct ruling was remarkable not only for its complexity, but also because it forced typically silent Justice Clarence Thomas to make his voice heard.

Thomas voted with the 6-3 majority who said states may pass laws restricting cross burning.

But he filed a separate opinion that vehemently disagreed with the ruling's caveat that cross burning is allowable as protected speech unless it can be proved that the intent was intimidation.

“Not making a concep-

tion between cross burning and intimidation would be irrational,” said Thomas.

Alluding to his roots growing up in segregationist Georgia, the 14-page opinion by the court's lone black justice recounted the Ku Klux Klan's long history of burning crosses to raise fear among blacks, Jews and other minorities.

Thomas' decision to speak out against cross burning likely confused black critics who have called him a traitor for opposing affirmative action. But he wasn't the only justice who took a position that seemed out of character.

In supporting free speech, liberal Ruth Bader Ginsburg and moderate colleagues Anthony M. Kennedy and David H. Souter found themselves in the unlikely position of supporting cross burning.

The majority was not willing to go quite that far. But in voting to allow states to continue prosecuting cross burners, the court also con-

ceded that juries must not be instructed to automatically consider cross burning an act of intimidation.

Justice Souter said a burning cross, even when seen as threatening, can be symbolic of a philosophy or idea—white supremacy—and the law should not suppress ideas.

The Supreme Court ruling means the 13 states with that cross-burning laws may have to amend their statutes.

The court concluded that states cannot punish free speech that may be disturbing but is not threatening.

The burden is on prosecutors to make that distinction.

Justice Thomas obviously doesn't think the nation has progressed so far from the racism of his childhood that there should be discretion in prosecuting cross burners.

That makes him even more an enigma to those who believe more progress is also needed before abandoning affirmative action.

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that is already too far gone for it to matter. Neither one does anyone any good; so just let it slide.

Some things in life just baffle me. Most of those

things are people.

I just don't see the need for people to get so bent out of shape over such little things. No one should ever be in a hurry like that. Just slow down, relax and take your day, life, one thing at a

time. There are more important things in life than who gets to cross the street first.

Maybe if you are in that much of a hurry you should just slow everything down, not just the speed of your car or you brisk walk to class.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Arts & Entertainment

Observational Humor It All Depends On Those Rear Ends

BY STEVE HOFSTETTER
Guest Columnist

Hello, my name is Steve, and I have no butt.

Sure, I have something that pretends to be a butt. It looks kind of like a butt, feels kind of like a butt, and performs various functions limited to butts, such as sitting and other things that rhyme with sitting. But it is not a butt in the conventional sense of the word. It provides no padding, little sex appeal, and I've seen Rubix Cubes with rounder corners.

I'm not sure how old I was when I realized that I had no butt. Whenever it was, it's been a daily part of my life ever since. I am uncomfortable on wooden benches. It's quite difficult to hula, and I don't even bother trying to dance the hula. Frankly, I am afflicted.

People notice often: I am constantly hearing comments about my deficiency of posterior. People will say, "dude, you have no butt," and "what happened to your butt?" and "Man, that pizza was good. Dude, you have no butt."

And it's true - the pizza was quite good. Coincidentally, I also have no butt. Sometimes, I don't even like using the word "butt" because it reminds me of my pain. Especially when I sit on wooden benches.

I'd imagine a butt would be quite useful, and not in the Ladies Man sort of way. Since it could help keep my pants up, a butt could save me quite a bit of money on belts. Have you ever seen those children's coloring books where the 2-D pants simply look like an upside-down V? That's what mine look like from behind while I'm wearing them.

I have often been persecuted for my lack of butt. It is commonplace to hear names like "Small-butt" and "no-butt" and "the guy who on doesn't have a butt." Once, I was even called "sheer rear." Actually, I wasn't, but that's just because all you guys with butts are more comfortable on benches than I have gotten lazy and uncreative.

I'm sure I will get complaints from readers who actually have butts. You will write in and tell me how hard it is to go through life with a considerable caboose, and about being called "big-butt" and "butt" and "the guy who

has a butt." And certainly, you've been called "massive assive" because people without butts are >= very creative. But these names are mere retaliation for years of inadequacy. Face it - this world prefers butts. And not in a Ladies Man sort of way.

Butter. Buttons. Butte, South Dakota. There are butts everywhere we look. And though some of you may like that sort of thing, it is a painful reminder to those of us whose only butt comes in the form of a flying buttress. Which I always thought sounded like a wrestling move.

No one ever made a song about liking small butts - the lyrics just wouldn't work. No one cares about Sir Mix-a-Little's anatomy. And when a girl walks in with an itty-bitty waste and, well, nothing, no one really notices. Except the people calling her "no-butt."

I have often lied about why I have no butt. I've told people that I lost it in a tragic farming accident. I've told people that I actually have a butt, and only smart people can see it, kind of like the Emperor's New Butt. And my favorite explanation is that I laughed it off at everyone being so concerned about whether or not I have a butt.

I still hold out hope that I will grow a butt. But as I get older, that hope dwindles and is replaced with seat cushions and tight belts. If I haven't grown a butt by now, it probably won't happen. Especially since no old people have butts. Well, they might, but I've never been inclined to check. If any of you know whether or not old people have butts, please keep it to yourself cause I don't want to picture that.

Those of you reading this that do have butts, I implore you to help ease the plight of your buttless friends. Compliment us on how our pants just kind of hang there. Tell us that it must be nice to never have to buy a product from Suzanne Sommers. And most of all, don't take the last donut - we need it more than you. Please, give your butts to the lost fortunate. But not in a Ladies Man sort of way.

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Dan Dino, Amanda Gagnon and Justin Hand act out a scene from "Three Sisters."

Theater CNU Presents Final Production Of Year

Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" Is Sad, Yet Entertaining

BY REBECCA
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Staff Writer

The lights go down over the Gaines Theatre. The buzzing murmur of 100 conversations fades to quiet as the room goes black. It's show time, and I'm a little bit unsure of what to expect from Theater CNU's latest main stage production, Brian Friel's adaptation of Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters."

The play opens on the Prozorov house in provincial Russia. It is Irina's (Caryn May) 20th birthday. It is also the one-year anniversary of her father's death. With her sisters Olga (Amanda Gagnon) and Masha (Christina Conner), Irina youthfully prepares for a celebration. Her character is young, exuberant and naive as she proclaims the "revelation" she has had upon waking on the value of work.

"It's the only way we can truly be happy!" she explains. Olga is the oldest sister, 28 and maternally. She is a teacher who suffers from migraines and is unmarried, supporting her family. She is strong and poised, flinching rarely from her composed

and dignified nature.

Then there is Masha, somber and temperamental. She is brooding and unhappy through most of the play, finding joy only in her affair with the dashing and philosophical Colonel Alexander Vershinin (Paul Bunch).

The story grows more complex as more characters are piled around these three very strong and very different female characters. There is Andrey (Justin Sease), the Prozorov's sister's intellectual and awkward brother, and his domineering wife Natasha (Denise Santomauro). Dr. Chebutykin (Don Dino) is an old family friend who loved the girls' mother while she lived.

Two of the most dynamic characters are Baron Tusenbach (Bryan Wakefield) and Solonyov (Justin Hand). Both men are in love with Irina, but the contrast between the Baron's nervous intellectualism and Solonyov's unstable and dangerous passion makes one of the most interesting aspects of the play.

Another engaging character is Fyodor Kulygin, Masha's schoolteacher husband. His use of Latin and wit to present his vulnerable superiority brings both laughs and heart-wrenching moments.

The two elderly servants in the Prozorov home bring in an element of humor, the nanny Anisya (Rian Kerfoot) and the messenger Ferapont (Craig Pilkington). Two fellow soldiers Fedotik (Jason Linett) and Roddey (Nathan Cotter) also contribute some

warmth and humor to the play. Though these characters were a kind of comic relief, many of the absurd interactions between the characters bring laughs to the audience.

Despite that, "Three Sisters" is not a funny play. It is a character sketch of the lives and sorrows of three women in turn-of-the-century Russia. Because this play is very character-driven, it moves sometimes painfully slow.

The cast did a wonderful job by making its characters engaging, warm and realistic. The language of the play was beautiful and poetic, bringing a true sense of artistry to the audience. However, this is an actor's play. Even though the cast and crew did everything they could to make this an enjoyable show, the pace and lack of real plot were somewhat disappointing and very difficult to sit through at times.

Only in the last act did a plot really present itself, just in time for the curtain to fall.

Personally, I connected with the characters and the play.

Though it was long (finishing at about three hours), the play was enjoyable and interesting. It was also thoroughly depressing.

The message of the whole show was that we never achieve true happiness in our lives. In spite of this stark contrast, I do recommend seeing this classic play.

"The Three Sisters" plays April 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and April 20 at 2:30 p.m.

WCNU Silenced

Questions Raised About Constitutional Violations; Station Being Reviewed By Judicial Affairs

BY TYRONE ROBINSON
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Staff Writer & A&E Editor

A little over two weeks ago, CNU's radio station, WCNU, was riding high.

The station was adjusting to its new location in York River East and anxiously awaiting its upcoming office space in the new Student Center.

With a hefty program roster, with over 25 varying radio shows per week, WCNU was getting more popular by the song. Students were tuning in nightly to their Internet broadcasts. WCNU was even parodied during CNU NIGHT.

However, all this is now different.

WCNU has indefinitely ended its Internet radio broadcast after questions arose regarding constitutional violations stemming from an on-air incident, according to WCNU Program Director Brian Wakefield.

The on-air incident, which occurred two weeks ago, is still being considered by Judicial Affairs.

"Changes needed to be made to the constitution so this doesn't happen again," said Station Manager Allen Brooks.

However, no specific comments are being made to what exactly this incident might be, either by the WCNU staff, or by Judicial Affairs.

When asked about the situation, Associate Dean of Students Donna Eddleman directed all questions to Wakefield, who was not at liberty to reveal much per administrative request and to protect the students involved in the incident.

Although WCNU is not on the air, the club is still active.

WCNU will sponsor a concert and CD release party for Luther's Fall on April 26. The proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Elaine Viel Named Fine Arts Society's Artist Of The Month

Senior FAS Watercolor Artist Featured In Einstein's Through April

BY JESI OWENS
A&E Editor

As a wife, mother and student, senior Elaine Viel's artistic ability can be seen in her watercolor, which is on display by the entrance to Einstein's Café.

This month, Viel is the Fine Arts Society's pick for



Freshman Sarah Zoric enjoys Elaine Viel's art at Einstein's.

Artist of the Month. Not only has Viel accomplished much with her art at CNU, she has also contributed much beforehand. She has been participating in

juried shows since 1976 and has been winning awards in this community since her 1998 award at the Chesapeake Bay Branch's "American Pen, Women, Art and Po-

etry Collaboration."

Her artistic passion lies largely in two things: watercolor, which she has been painting with almost exclusively for the past 15 years, and imagery of her roots in the Southwestern United States. Born in Texas, Elaine's art is highly influenced by her background.

"Texas and New Mexico of my childhood live in my paintings whether it's obvious, as in my 'Pueblo' series, or hidden, as in my 'Migraine' series," she said.

"The colors and the ambience of Texas and New Mexico exist always in my work," she continued.

Viel worked on her current painting in Einstein's during an independent study under Professor Greg Henry.

"I painted it every Tuesday and Thursday night for

about three weeks during last semester," she said.

She has been a member of the Fine Arts Society for two years and was first featured at CNU when she won the Judges Choice award at the 1999 CNU Homecoming Exhibition. Since then, she has continued to be awarded at Homecoming Exhibitions, as well as repeated awards and features in "Currents," and the Fall Festival at the Mariner's Museum.

Viel plans to continue with her artistic endeavors after graduation. She plans to "continue painting, exploring and learning all I can about putting paint on paper and exploring three-dimensional work."

A dedicated artist, Viel has kept involved with her craft throughout her life, stating that she's been interested

in art for as long as she can remember.

"I would have to say I've been doing art seriously and continuously for the past 10 years," she said.

Her most recent works are included in the "Recon-dition Series."

"There are now seven paintings and one ceramic piece in the series," she said. "Each piece began the same way, with paint flowing down the paper in a form of anarchy. The first flow of colors comes from the heart, the rest from the head and it is a type of controlled anarchy. Each color is chosen and placed with much thought and deliberation."

With this much passion for her craft to share, anyone walking into Einstein's during the month of April can check out her watercolor.

Two Stars, One Comedy, Major Hit

After Two Low-Selling Movies, Jack Nicholson & Adam Sandler Hit Gold

BY PHILLIP WUNTCH
The Dallas Morning News

"Anger Management" offers a course in career management.

You can't shake the feeling that Jack Nicholson, in the full roar of his maniacal glee, seeks to woo the audience that avoided his relatively subdued "About Schmidt."

Or that Adam Sandler, the chirpiest neurotic since early Gene Wilder, also hopes to reassure fans who found "Punch-Drunk Love" puzzling.

Despite such calculations, "Anger Management" is a happy experience. Even its most predictable moments earn chuckles, and much of the film rates guffaws. It's the sort of Pavlovian comedy that expects laughs just from the sight of Woody Harrelson playing a transvestite. But audiences can enjoy guilt-free laughs; Harrelson does, in fact, make a hilarious transvestite.

Sandler plays nerdy Dave Buznik, whose mild manner hides inner demons. The Buznik demons seem no more explosive than those of the average white-collar slave, but following a confrontation with an arrogant flight attendant, he receives courtroom orders to attend anger management sessions. Nicholson plays Dr. Buddy Rydell, the anger management guru who moves in with sad sack Dave and starts to take control of his life, with manic results.

Dave's relationship with girlfriend Linda (Marisa Tomei) is the film's weakest link. Their conflicts and resolutions are the screenplay's most predictable segments. Linda is also the only character not played for laughs, and Tomei's good-sport performance cannot provide the missing spark. The movie's

conclusion also seems far too tidy in the wake of the preceding comic chaos, and a subplot involving Dave and his malicious boss goes nowhere. But those rank as mild demerits in view of the overall prankishness.

Among other achievements, "Anger Management" offers the cleverest use of "West Side Story's" "I Feel Pretty" since MAD Magazine's "Lawrence of Arabia" satire, which featured a robe-swathed Peter O'Toole flitting across the desert singing the tune. This time, the song becomes an anthem for the Nicholson/Sandler therapy sessions, and the spectacle of their duet is just as funny as director Peter Segal and screenwriter David Dorfman so obviously expected.

Nicholson's mad doctor makes "Batman's" Joker seem the essence of restraint. But his comic timing is consistently on target, and amplified by facial contortions. As already well-established, he boasts the best leer and sneer in the business. In contrast, Sandler peers at the combative world through bashful eyes. He fully expects viewers to be susceptible to such demureness, and, as with the entire movie, the obvious calculation doesn't dampen the effect.

John Turturro and Luis Guzman have enormous fun as two therapy classmates who have trouble managing their anger, and the film's use of cameos is often clever. A fleeting shot of a malcontent John McEnroe sputtering through an anger management session has the desired effect, and Harry Dean Stanton gets laughs as a blind man who makes deadly use of his cane.

Heather Graham makes merry as a chocoholic who's ready to implode, and John C. Reilly has fun as a onetime neighborhood bully turned Buddhist monk. The never camera-shy Rudy Giuliani is also on hand, as is Clint Black as a smiling masseuse.

It's often remarked that 2003 needs as many high spirits as can be mustered. Even in less crisis-filled times, "Anger Management" would succeed as a triumph of humor over subtlety.



Jack Nicholson and Adam Sandler get in touch with their emotions in this year's biggest smash comedy.

'Anger Management' Sets Box Office Records, As Sandler & Nicholson Soar

Courtesy Of Zap2It

"Anger Management," the only major film released over the weekend, opened in a big way.

The film earned \$44.5 million in its debut to make it the top April opener of all time.

It's also the biggest opening of 2003 thus far, beating Fox's "Daredevil," which made \$40.3 million in its February debut.

"Anger Management" also marked a major success for Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson, giving both their biggest opener ever.

The Adam Sandler-vehicle "Big Daddy" earned \$41.5 million when it opened in June 1999, while Nicholson's previous best was for 1989's "Batman," which made \$40.5 million.

Coming in a distant second was "Phone Booth," which has been out for two weeks but has earned only half of what "Anger Management" made in its first weekend.

"What a Girl Wants" came in at third place with \$6.7 million in revenues while "Bringing Down the House" rose slightly from fifth to fourth place, although it lost

45 percent of its box office share.

Rounding out the top five was "A Man Apart," which lost 60 percent of its box office share but earned enough \$4.4 million to bump "Head of State" from its fourth place berth.

Rob Zombie's latest, "10,000 Corpses" landed in seventh place despite playing on only 595 screens, significantly fewer outlets than any other film in the Top 10.

"Chicago" is still sitting pretty in eighth place while "The Core" is cooling off fast.


The most interesting thing about the bottom of the box office was the 12th-place tie between family film "Piglet's Big Movie" and the British import "Bend It Like Beckham."

"Beckham" has already been out for five weeks in America, but steady word-of-mouth and positive reviews are finally helping the film

find an audience. Though it only played on 216 screens, it brought in \$1.4 million.

Look for studio Fox Searchlight to broaden the film's release in hopes that this could be another "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," the highest-selling romantic comedy ever.

Weekend studio estimates are based on actual numbers for Friday and Saturday and an extrapolation for Sunday.



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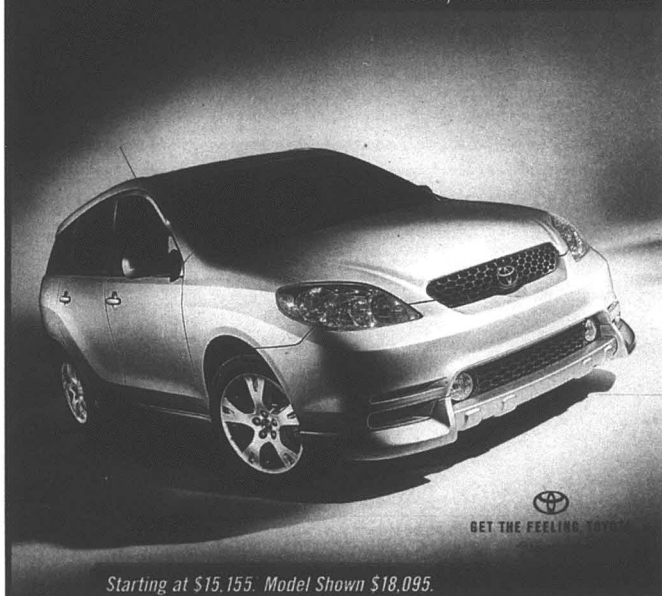
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Comics and Crosswords

Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope For April 14th - 20th

BY LASHA SENIUK
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). Before midweek, business or financial negotiations will work in your favor. Watch for key officials to defer to your needs or short-term goals. Openly discuss all plans. Over the next four days, others will be helpful in establishing a revised game plan. Late Friday, romantic invitations and social events are difficult to resist. Before next week, emotional attraction, revised group plans and social optimism will trigger new confidence and powerful friendships.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Over the next five days, friends and relatives may take the initiative to plan your schedule. Expect loved ones to be unusually excited with new ideas or social celebrations. Optimism arises from genuine interest and affection, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid silence concerning controversial social instructions or conflicting promises. Early Saturday, a loved one may pledge his or her affections in an oddly sentimental way. Written notes, messages or small gifts are accepted.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Social charisma and physical attraction are strong themes. Early Tuesday, watch for friends and colleagues to discuss their recent marital or romantic expectations. Before next week, friends and co-workers will look to you for support and social involvement. Join in and let others witness your optimism. Late Saturday, romantic discussions may be surprisingly candid. Passionate moments and renewed intimacy are unavoidable.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Group discussion will bring creative business solutions. Before Wednesday, expect colleagues and recently silent co-workers to share their ideas. New attitudes and workplace optimism will continue to develop in the coming weeks. Watch for a returning wave of trust, team effort and companionship. After Saturday, a friend may require delicate advice or emotional support. Quick romantic changes may be key. Don't get overly involved.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends and lovers will react strongly to late changes or revised social plans. Late Tuesday, expect a flurry of new invitations or conflicting social proposals. Do your best to keep friends and loved ones happy. A delicate balance and accurate social timing are vital. Late Wednesday, pay close attention to old business documents, money duties or outdated records. Over the next seven days, financial resources and workplace promises may require special attention.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Loved ones may ask for special attention or obvious public commitments. Late Wednesday, expect close friends or relatives to be doubtful of group activities and emotionally challenged by new acquaintances. Displays of support are important to loved ones. Offer a steady expression of interest and loyalty. After Saturday, postponed debts and forgotten paperwork may drain resources. Expect old financial promises to require detailed definitions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Long-term or previously stalled relationships will be established as solid and forward moving. Late Wednesday, expect unusual calls or messages from loved ones and distant friends. Romantic emotions and social expectations will become predictable. Let the disappointments of the past fade. Early Saturday, avoid overspending or impulse buying. Next month is a better time for large purchases, incurred debt or new investments.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fellow workers or business partners may wish to challenge the methods or practices of authority figures. Even though ideas and proposals are genuine, new criticism may merely be vented emotion. Don't anticipate swift action or meaningful progress in the coming weeks. Early Thursday, new romantic flirtations or social invitations prove rewarding. Avoid subtle triangles, however. Loved ones and long-term partners will not appreciate divided attentions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Early this week, a friend may offer unexpected invitations or social activities. Foreign cultures, travel, publishing or written exchanges may be on the agenda. For some Sagittarians, newfound interest in learning may trigger a strong desire for education. Extended study may be a recurring theme in the coming weeks. Friday through Sunday, loved ones will support your recent business or financial decisions. Thoroughly discuss all binding contracts or legal promises.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Quick, lighthearted flirtation is on the agenda this week. Now is the right time to explore cheerful emotions with new friends or potential lovers. In the coming weeks, however, expect long-term partners or close friends to become mildly possessive of your time and social attentions. Little of this will be problematic, but it will be felt. Watch for minor jealousies and late cancellations. After Saturday, rest and regain perspective. Physical or emotional energy may be low.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Love affairs and long-term friendships demand diplomacy. New priorities versus established commitments might be the prime focus of discussion. Use your best judgment. If the emotional doubts of loved ones are unwarranted or misinformed, ask for extra time before making further promises. Go slow and explore all options.

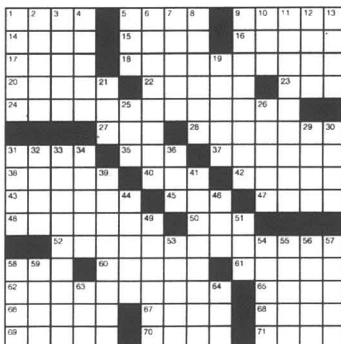
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Business reputation and public image are important factors this week. Expect colleagues to be focused on procedures, standards or group impressions. Keep your thoughts private over the next two days. Workplace politics and social attitudes may be unpredictable and easily derailed. After Wednesday, romance is a top priority. Many Pisceans will encounter unexpected romantic overtures.

If your birthday is this week ... Watch for loved ones to provide unique insights into their short-term romantic or social goals. Over the next 18 weeks, lovers and close friends will ask for special consideration. Romantic introductions, family celebrations or unusual group events may play major roles. Take time to discuss all plans in complete detail. At present, delayed or cancelled invitations will prompt social distrust. After June 11, workplace negotiations adopt an aggressive or expressive quality. Expect key officials to announce new limits or restrictions. Remain silent until late July and then issue new ultimatums. By mid-October, revised job titles, financial advancement or complex career promotions are accepted.

Crossword

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41 Licorice flavorings
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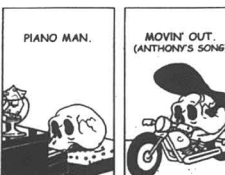
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Sports

Baseball Shuts Out Methodist 5-0

Captains Improve To 21-4 Overall With Dixie Conference Tournament Approaching

BY KATIE BRACKETT
Sports Editor

CNU's men's baseball team shut out Methodist 5-0 with a strong defensive showing on Saturday in North Carolina. Pitcher Mike Cosby had 11 strikeouts to frustrate Methodist and help to jumpstart the Captains' offense.

The bats didn't stop swinging for CNU's offense until the top of the ninth. Matt Turner and Chris Phaup both scored.

Shortstop Johnson reached on a wild throw, and Phaup ran home to score the final run of the game. Turner scored off of a single by catcher Scotty George.

The Captains had two more runs during the top of the sixth. With one out, Turner hit a line drive to center field and turned the corner and made it to third. Second baseman Ricky Medina had a double before Turner's hit. Turner batted Medina in and scored off Phaup's sacrifice to the shortstop.

In the bottom of the fifth, Methodist manufactured its offense by trying to answer the Captains' one run in the top of the fifth. Second baseman Shipley hit a single off Cosby, harnessing some momentum. Center fielder Lucas singled to right field that advanced Shipley to third, threatening Cosby's possible shutout. Shipley



Right fielder Matt Turner slides into second base, trying to beat the throw from first. The Captains defeated Methodist 5-0 during Saturday's game. Turner had two runs scored during the game.

was caught out at home plate, and Cosby grabbed the ball and threw it to George, catching Shipley in time to maintain the Captains' lead.

In the top of the fifth, CNU scored its first run off of a Scotty George hit. George singled down the left field line and scored off a sacrifice bunt, which also advanced Corbin to second base. Moody ended the inning, striking out to Methodist pitcher Denning.

Methodist had another opportunity to gain the lead in the bottom of the fourth. Wallace had a single down the left-field line. Catcher Adames grounded out to third base on a sacrifice bunt advancing Wallace to second. Wallace advanced to third on a steal.

Cosby continued to frustrate Methodist players throwing in unexpected



CNU's lead-off hitter Jeremy Elliott grabs a hit during the 5-0 win over Methodist.

changeups during the game. "Even though we lost to Methodist, we still have the tournament to upset them."

The Dixie Conference Tournament will be held this weekend at Huntington Park.

The team's members "have a great unity. They have really bonded together. Everyone seems to really enjoy each other's company," said Nuttycombe.

Alston agrees, saying, "I think we have come together really well. We have a lot of talent and personality combined into one for the team."

She said, "I've definitely enjoyed the road trips; they give us a lot of time to bond. Those are the things you won't forget. You might forget who you played, but you'll never forget your friends."

This year's team was "We have been working really hard and it's paying off. We've only lost one, so I think we've done really well this season."

Katie Biechman, Freshman Singles Tennis Player

young, with about half of the team being freshman.

Even though we are very young, we are definitely proving ourselves in the conference. We have worked hard to be competitive with the other teams, and it's paying off," said Mathis.

Freshman Katie Biechman said, "I feel that the team as a whole is great. We have been working really hard and it's paying off. We've only lost one, so I think we've done really well this season."

"We have a talented bunch of girls this year. I believe we are accomplishing what we set out to do."

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against Methodist. "Methodist is one of the toughest teams in the Dixie Conference," Brower said.

"We are the second seed in the tournament. I feel confident in our position in the tournament, and I think we have a good chance to win it."

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LaNeatra Johnson Jumps To National Heights

Despite Back Injury, Johnson Wins Long Jump National Championship

BY ANDREW CROOK
Staff Writer

Senior LaNeatra Johnson's national championship victory in the triple jump, a mark of 40 feet 7 inches, highlighted this winter's track season for the Captains.

"I felt really confident and was really looking forward to doing it. I had never been to this track before, but I really like it and got some good jumps," said Johnson.

Even though Johnson lost the lead during her last round of jumps in the competition, she was able to pull it out and win by 2 cm over the nearest competitor. Going into the meet, she was ranked third due to a back injury. Despite this injury, she was able to overcome it and win.

"She pulled out her best jumps and put it all together when she had to," said Vince Brown, head coach of track. Johnson, a native of Williamsburg, Va., ran track and cross-country all four years at Bruton High School but did not begin jumping until 10th grade.

She won district and region in hurdles and made all-state competition in 100-meter hurdles.

Her athletic ability helped her high school team to win three district titles and two state championships.

"I was a mediocre jumper in high school," said Johnson. "I didn't excel until college, when I got my first jumping coach, Will Turner."

Although Turner was her first coach, her current coach is Damon Tally, a former CNU long-jump championship winner.

Tally, according to Johnson, continued to challenge her as Turner had begun to do.

At the collegiate level, Johnson, who is majoring in physical education, is no stranger to the national scene. During her freshman year, she was able to earn All-American status with a fourth place finish at the NCAA outdoor meet in the triple jump. She leaped 38-31/2 at na-

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Women's Tennis 9-1 Heading Into Post Season Play

Lady Captains Look Strong Heading Into Post Season

BY JENN ROWELL
Staff Writer

Coming off a strong 2001-2002 season, the CNU women's tennis team was ranked number two in the pre-season standings. As of now, the team's overall record is 9-1, and it is 4-1 in the conference.

Coach Jenny Nuttycombe said the team is doing "extremely well. We've been competitive in

every match. I feel they have worked hard and achieved a great deal."

Freshman Megan Mathis said, "I don't think anyone placed any expectations on us in terms of numbers, but in terms of effort that we would put into the season. I think we are being rewarded. All we can expect is for everyone to give 100 percent, and we have all done that, so our record is showing that."

"I think we've definitely met expectations. Hopefully we might exceed them. If we win the conference, then we will have exceeded them," said senior Ashley Alston.

Though they were defeated 2-4 by Methodist, ranked number one in the conference, CNU still has a chance to win the conference.

an already exhausted Greensboro squad. The defense started out strong, catching CNU's lead hitter Lauren Batson in an attempt to steal second base. With two outs, Slosjark singled to shortstop; first baseman Jen Harrell stepped up to the plate and drove a long hit to center field, giving herself a double and bringing Slosjark home.

Harrell scored off Sigafos' single to center field. The last score was from pitcher Vanessa Gray's single that brought Sigafos home.

In the bottom of the third, CNU opened with more offensive firepower off a double by Jen Harrell that was hit to deep center field. Sigafos batted Harrell in off a double down the left-field line.

The second of Greensboro's only two hits came in the top of the third. Catcher Amanda Dougherty singled to right field. Dougherty attempted to steal second but was caught out by Gray's quick arm. Center fielder Meredith Sapp got a hit off Gray, but the grounder

was easily handled by Gray's defense and Sapp was caught out at first.

The Lady Captains' first offensive strike came in the bottom of the second when Sigafos stepped up to the plate and blasted a one-run homer over right-center field. Vanessa Gray scored off a McQueen hit to shortstop.

Greensboro grabbed a hit off the first pitch of the game. Center fielder Meredith Sapp bunted. The farthest that Sapp would advance was to second base off a hit to the

pitcher by right fielder Tracie Souther. CNU pitcher Vanessa Gray regained her composure and struck out Jamie Pittman.

Sigafos, Slosjark and Harrell all finished with two runs each, contributing offensively. Batson, Perot, Gray and Nicole Gray all finished with a run each.

The Lady Captains improve to 25-4 overall and 8-1 in the Dixie Conference. They now look ahead to the Dixie Conference Tournament in North Carolina.

Softball Team Shuts Out Greensboro 10-0 Behind Gray's Pitching

CNU Improves To 25-4-1 Overall

BY KATIE BRACKETT
Sports Editor

The Lady Captains shut out Greensboro 10-0 on Saturday's home game. Vanessa Gray took the mound against Greensboro, and her pitching combined

with the tough defensive play that held Greensboro's offense to only two hits.

The bats didn't stop swinging for the Lady Captains until the bottom of the sixth when they grabbed four more runs. Catcher Renee Sigafos finished the game strong with a three-run homer. Scoring off Sigafos' homer was second baseman Tammi Perot and center fielder Lauren Batson.

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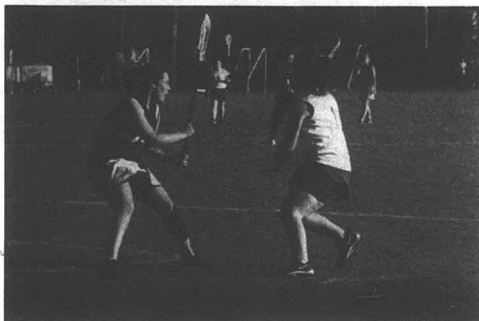
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