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New parking arrangement eases, creates problems

By Jenn Wenzel
Staff Writer

"Everyday I look out my window to the back of Ferguson and see tons of parking," said Bill Brauer, Executive Vice President. "There are, on average, ten cars parked in that parking lot everyday, but there are 258 spaces."

If this is true, then why the complaints from commuter and resident students alike about lack of parking?

Recently the parking confines have been changed. When students returned from winter break, they found that where they parked their cars before may not be legal anymore. The parking lot across from Santoro Residence Hall has been changed to a commuter parking lot, while the lot beside Santoro Hall had been changed to strictly resident students.

A new lot was added behind the houses on Shoe Lane to accommodate faculty, while all Ferguson parking spots became open to students. Two lots behind the Student Center became open to the public while the third lot opened to the faculty.

"Since construction has begun, more parking spots have become available. The workers park on the job site," said Brauer.

With the new residence hall near completion, fifty new parking spots will become available and forty new spots will open with the completion of the Sports and Wellness Convocation Center. This will take total resident parking to approximately 500 spots.

Currently there are 2,283 parking spots to house commuter and resident students and also faculty.

The feedback from the stu-

dents has been the same so far, as any other semester.

"Typically, there are lots of complaints at the beginning of the semester, just as there are for this one," said Brauer.

Enforcement, though, of these new parking procedures is a different story. Ten-dollar tickets are posted on the cars that are in the wrong lot. As usual, the fine will climb the more the individual commits the act.

"We are working to enforce these new parking procedures to the fullest," said Brauer.

While the new parking has helped, not everyone is parking where they should.

"We have major problems with everyone parking where they shouldn't," said Brauer. "People are getting creative with their parking and I suggest that they don't."

If you're wondering why the sudden change in the parking lots

Brauer will tell you about the internal study that was done before the decision was made. And though it seems there are not many parking spots near the buildings, President Trible's pride is that students should park closer to the buildings than staff.

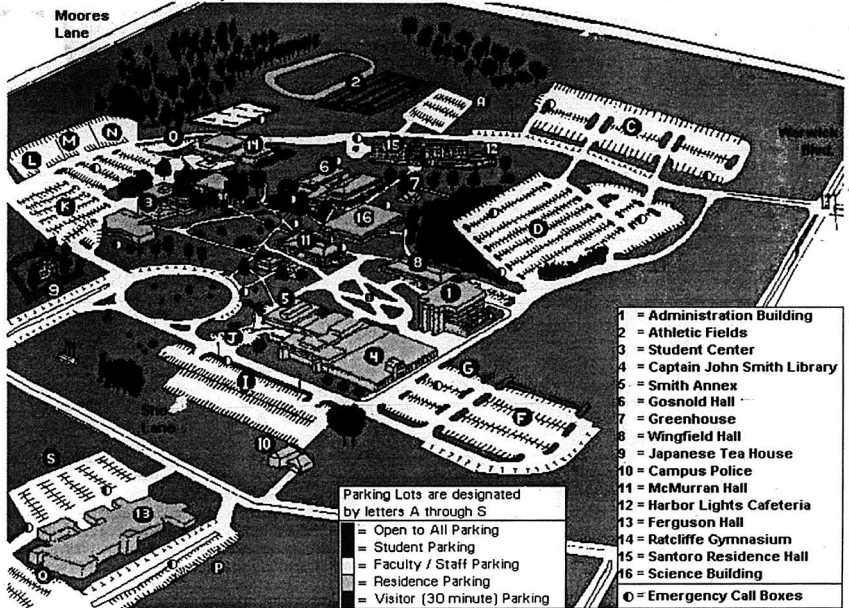
"This new arrangement has eliminated some faculty and staff parking, but it has also eliminated complaints from commuter students about having to park so far

away," said Brauer.

However, the faculty is not quite as happy with the current parking situation. Dr. Mario Mazzarella received a ticket recently for not having his hanging decal in the window, and said that there should be exceptions made for certain faculty members.

"I think those professors who

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Campus parking map as of Spring 2000.

Map courtesy Bill Brauer

Campus continues to discuss 10-member club rule

By Steve Flemming Jr.
Staff Writer

Since a full page ad about the possibility of not being able to join certain historically black Greek organizations ran in the Feb. 7 issue of "The Captain's Log," the student body has been buzzing about the issue.

The ad stemmed from talks of strictly enforcing a long-standing policy that any organization on

campus must have 10 members in order to be recognized, which may jeopardize those organizations on campus.

In the Feb. 10 Multicultural Student Association meeting, the topic was discussed heavily by members of the student body who were concerned. Members of the Greek organizations in question urged students that are interested in those organizations to come to the interest meetings, and work to

make those organizations larger on campus.

To get the point across, statistics on the makeup of the campus were reported at the meeting. Studies from Institutional Research show that of the 4978 undergraduate students here at CNU, only 1146 are minorities. Of that number only 750 are minority females, and 396 are minority males. Those numbers are not even broken down into the different ethnic

groups on campus.

Some wonder how CNU's organizations will be able to sustain higher numbers if organizations at larger schools can't. At Old Dominion University, of the 17,549 students, only 5,923 are minorities. None of the six black Greek organizations at ODU has over 10 members.

"In my chapter's 13-year history, we have only been over 10 members one time," said Carla

James, an SGA senator and member of the Rho Nu chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. at ODU. "You can still be an effective organization and not have 10 members. It's not about quantity, it's about quality."

A series of factors will play into whether or not the rule will be heavily enforced.

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have been here for 25 or 30 years or have disabilities should be granted some sort of special privileges," said Mazzarella. "Professors are doing a service for hundreds of people in some cases, and should receive some sort of privileges out of respect."

Dr. Gary Hammer, who has been very vocal about his problems with the parking agrees. "Faculty should have priority where parking is concerned because a lot of people have books and other things to carry," said Hammer. "Ferguson seems beyond the moon when you have a lot to carry."

Hammer also received a ticket for a parking violation. "I walked out in the parking lot where my truck is parked, and probably half of the cars did not have decals in the windows, but I got a ticket," said Hammer. "It's silly."

Looking out across the parking lots by Santoro Hall, it's hard to believe that there are any parking spots to be found on this campus, but Brauer will be the first to tell you that there are.

"There are lots of spaces to park around here. You just have to walk a short distance from the parking lot to the building. After all, this isn't JMU and the walks are not as long to get to the buildings from the parking lots," said Brauer.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday, February 21
OCC Seminar - "Stress Management"
SC 146, 10 a.m.
Act One Movie - "Galaxy Quest"
Anderson Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22
OCC Seminar - "Managing Your Time"
SC 146, 11 a.m.
Black History Month Program - "African Colors (Cultural Diversity in Africa)"
SC 233, 12:30 p.m.
SGA Tuesdays - CNU TONIGHT Talent Show
Anderson Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23
Act One Event - Cuillin Band
Anderson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Theater Department Production - "The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan
Free Preview
Gaines Theatre, 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 24
"The Mikado"
Gaines Theatre, 8 p.m.

Friday, February 25
"The Mikado"
Gaines Theatre, 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 26
"The Mikado"
Gaines Theatre, 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 27
"The Mikado"
Gaines Theatre, 2:30 p.m.

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"Limited funding of the SGA, and the resources we have such as office space, showcases and meeting space all play a key factor," said Director of Student Life Donna Eddleman. "We want to make sure all of those things are used to accommodate as many students as possible."

In addition, the number of students wanting to start new organizations has increased over the past few semesters. "If it's just two people, it comes across as just two people who have something in common, as opposed to if they had 10 or more members," said Eddleman. "That's not to say we would not try to help them grow in what they wanted to do."

Eddleman insists there will be exceptions granted and hopes the rule may get more students involved.

"I would hope that in some regard the

students take it as incentive," said Eddleman. "It may get more students involved, and it may make students in those organization say 'hey, let's go out and try to get more members.'"

However, some see the decision hurting the organizations more than helping. "Just to have that rule is not going to make us go out and recruit," said Natasha Lee, president of the Omicron Tau chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. "We go through a selection process and have requirements for our members. And as you take requirements into consideration, the pool [of students to pull from] gets smaller and smaller."

Some concerns about the situation reach beyond the college years. "A lot of future leadership potential could be damaged by that decision," said James. "That's putting a stop to something that could be positive."

Residents up in arms about parking

A rather spirited discussion of parking highlighted this week's SGA meeting. With residential parking now relegated to lots A and C on the far northern side of campus, some senators who live in Santoro Hall wanted to know if the situation would be changed or repaired anytime soon. President Rebecca Sinclair explained that the administration made these parking rearrangements with the intention of making the layout more efficient for the overall campus population. "Residents take their cars and leave them in their parking spots all day, at least," said Sinclair, "whereas there's

Student Life are continuing discussions about the 10 member organizational rule, though no official decision has been made on how to handle the situation. Vice President of University Relations Nathan Berry reminded senators of the upcoming SGA elections. With a couple months to go before the race, Berry is going to be forming an election committee. Those thinking of running, however, cannot participate in the committee. SGA is tentatively planning on Wednesday, April 26 for their End of the Year Awards Banquet, at which time new officers will be sworn in. Student Auditor

Lisa Langham reminded senators that budgets are due by March 17 for all organizations seeking funding. Budget hearings will be held March 31. The senators voted to give Entertainment Chair Josh Mahler a \$1000 stipend for his work this academic year. Scott reported his other findings from the previous week's Blurt Outs. The copy machine in the Residents Hall has been fixed and the machine in Ferguson is being worked on. Steve Pappas, director of auxiliary services, told Scott that the school is working on allowing students to use Dining Points in Einstein's in the future, although Flex Points are currently accepted. This week's Blurt Outs included a suggestion to make the back door in the Residents Hall a fire door from 10 p.m. to early morning to help prevent nonresidents from getting in the hall and getting residents in trouble and a suggestion for a printer to go with the computers in Santoro Hall.

SGA BEAT

Campus and Community NOTES

I'm going to Disney World!...The Senior Class is sponsoring a trip to Disney World May 6-9 for all spring 2000 graduates. The prices range from \$474 for a quad hotel room, \$487 for a triple and \$507 for a double. Those prices include a four day "Hopper Pass" to Disney World (which includes Epcot Center, MGM Studios, Walt Disney World and the Animal Park), a Howard Johnson Motel room, hotel taxes, airfare and transportation to and from the airport. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due to the Office of Student Life by Feb. 29 at 5 p.m. The balance is due by March 23. Checks should be made payable to TravelMates. Please contact Elaine Miller at emiller@cnu.edu with any questions.

Mutual admiration society...Anyone

interested in teacher education is welcome to attend a celebration of the partnership between Newport News Public Schools and Christopher Newport University—The Newport News Teachers' Academy. The event will feature a brief overview of the partnership program, remarks by NNPS Superintendent Wayne Lett and CNU President Paul Trible, and a demonstration of the videoconferencing link between McIntosh Elementary School and CNU. A first grade class led by a CNU student teacher will interact with Dr. Harold Cones of the biology department. The event will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. at McIntosh Elementary School, 185 Richneck Road (just off Jefferson Ave.). Simply call 886-7767 to RSVP. Or come watch the videoconference interaction in Smith 127 which will start about 10:30.

Recycled News...The Biology Club has placed boxes from Habitat of Humanities to help collect cans on campus. The boxes are located in various locations in the Science Building. Additionally, they are seeking input from students regarding recycling programs on campus. Those who come to the Science Building are asked to fill out surveys in the atrium and return them to the survey box next to the atrium fish tank.

The Blotter: a look at campus crime reports

By William Lee
Campus Correspondent - Western Illinois University

INDIANAPOLIS (TMS) — Police have identified the battered and bruised body of a college student found in a trash bin as that of 20-year-old Tahnesia Lee Towner.

Police said Towner, whose body was discovered Feb. 9 by another student emptying garbage, had been in the bin overnight. She was a sophomore majoring in biology at Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Towner's body was found lying curled up on her left side under a few bags of trash. She had bruises on her face and back between her shoulders. An autopsy revealed she had been strangled. Towner was wearing only a pair of pants when she was found. Indianapolis police said they have no suspects.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (TMS) — Columbus police are investigating whether the shooting death of a Ohio State University student, whose body was found in the basement of an off-campus apartment, was either a murder or suicide.

Authorities aren't sure why Charles W. Ballard, 22, an engineering major, was found Feb. 9 in the dark basement with partially burned papers and a chair next to his body. Ballard was shot at least once, according to reports, but it wasn't revealed where on his body and if a gun was found at the scene.

"This is the strangest case I've seen," Columbus homicide detective Dana Farbach said. Results from an autopsy were unavailable as of Feb. 15. Ballard was a native of Shaker Heights, Ohio and was a student at OSU since 1995.

OXFORD, Miss. (TMS) — University of Mississippi officials are investigating what is believed to be a hate crime.

Karl Nichols, a residence hall director on campus, reported that someone threw a chunk of asphalt through the window of a recreation room in the hall. Attached to the asphalt was a handwritten note stating, "You're gonna get it, you godforsaken nigger lover." "I just didn't expect it here," Nichols told the Daily Mississippian.

The Feb. 7 incident is the latest in a string of racist outbreaks at the school. On Feb. 1, racial slurs were found on the bathroom walls of Nichol's residence hall and before that, a Black History Month display had been ripped down and replaced by a computer-generated graphic of a monkey eating an apple, racial slurs and a Confederate flag.

MACOMB, Ill. (TMS) — A pizza delivery worker serving students at Western Illinois University has perhaps learned not to leave his car unlocked and running.

According to police reports, two intoxicated WIU students were walking home from a local bar early Feb. 13 when they spotted an unoccupied 1995 Dodge parked outside a pizzeria. Police said employees ran outside and chased the car as it was driven toward a residence hall. Two men hopped out of the car, and employees managed to catch one, while the other ran toward campus.

Police identified the man employees held as Gregory J. Johnson, 21. Johnson is charged with driving while under the influence, auto theft and tampering. Police said they found Johnson's cohort, Jonathan J. Benecke, 22, in Benecke's dorm room. They charged Benecke with auto theft and tampering.

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Campus Life

Cast and crew find merry mischief in 'The Mikado'

By Nancy W. Warren
Contributing Writer

Outfitted in homely bathrobes and flip-flops, swinging paper fans and umbrellas, the cast and crew of the comic operetta, "The Mikado," begin the final weeks of rehearsal.

The costumes and scenery for this Gilbert and Sullivan musical comedy are yet to be complete as the students plow straight through the script in early Feb.

Sherwood "Chip" Tiffany's work has just begun as he carries two bags full of black wigs home to style before opening night on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Director George Hillow, music director Dr. Tod Fitzpatrick, and choreographer, Teresa Williams, stop the action briefly to correct the timing of a song, to reposition a prop, to change an actor's entrance or exit or to improve a dance routine.

Meanwhile Laurel Goncalves, the costume designer, stands off stage waiting to measure each actor's feet for the shoes they will wear in performances.

Justin Willcox the stage manager, a communications and theater major, takes notes on a legal pad of the changes that must be remembered. "My job is to make the rehearsal schedules and run the rehearsals," said Willcox.

He is also responsible, during the performances, for "calling the light cues, making sure properties are moved at the appropriate time, and that everyone is where they need to be." Willcox adds, "We are at a very good point considering the fact that we lost two weeks due to the snow."

The humorous operetta is about the Mikado, the Emperor of Japan (Jon Mor-

ris), and his son, who leaves home to avoid a marriage arranged by his father.

Nanki-Poo, the son (Scott Sachs), pretends to be a minstrel, concealing his identity. He tells Pish-Tush (Chad Wagner) of his love for Yum Yum (Kimberly D. Lee). Yum Yum, however, is promised to her guardian Ko-Ko (Fredrick Arsenault) and will get *toco* (punishment) if she is seen alone with a man.

The plot thickens as Ko-Ko must be executed for flirting, but instead is named Lord High Executioner of Titipu, and must find someone else to execute within a month.

"This is an exceptionally playful show that doesn't speak down to the audience," said Michael Gamache, who plays chorus member Sing-Song. "And it's relevant not just as social commentary, but also for the campus."

Indeed, Hillow has even managed to slip a few campus references in the song "As Someday it May Happen," in which Ko-Ko discusses who should be on his listing of qualified candidates to be executed.

"Part of [The Mikado's] success is that it poked fun at Victorian society," said Hillow. "But that's meaningless today. It's very typical that [newer productions] update it."

In CNU's production, Hillow says, the cast spoofs certain offices -- "offices, not people," cautions Hillow -- on campus and some modern politicians.

The contemporary flavor carries on, as when Pooh-Bah, the Lord High Everything Else (Eric Strong), demonstrates the multi



Above: Nanki-Poo (Steve Sachs) and Yum-Yum (Kimberly D. Lee), the forbidden lovers, enjoy some quiet time together. Left: Chip Tiffany and Laurel Goncalves put the finishing touches on Allison Allen, who plays Peep-Bo, Yum-Yum's sister. Photos by Nancy Warren / The Captain's Log



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"The Mikado" begins its run at the Gaines Theatre, with a open dress rehearsal on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Its official opening is the next evening. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24, 25 and 26, and 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 27. Admission is free for CNU students (with valid CNU ID), \$5.00 for CNU faculty, staff and other students and \$8.00 for general admission. For reservations, call 594-8752.

Popular English professor back in the classroom

By Erin Zagursky
Staff Writer

A five-percent chance of living. Just five-percent. Or, if you look at it in a different way, that's a ninety-five percent chance of dying. Most people, if faced with this situation, would take that trip to an exotic paradise that they had always dreamed of, tearfully tell that special person how they really felt about them or prepare with prayers, meditation and confessions for whatever lies beyond the grave. Whatever you do in this situation, the assumption would most likely be that you're going to die.

However, when English professor Dr. Al Millar discovered that he had bladder cancer last January and was faced with that mere five percent chance of survival, he decided to fight. With the help of his family, students and colleagues, the determined professor known for his entertaining teaching style and his love for Edgar Allan Poe survived intensive operations and two draining sessions of chemotherapy and has now returned to teach his thirty-fifth year at CNU.

During the last few months of 1998, Millar experienced some discomfort while using the bathroom. "The doctor thought at

first that it was a urinary tract infection," Millar says. However, when the pain persisted, the doctors decided that it had to be something else.

On Jan. 13, 1999, doctors performed a biopsy on the professor's bladder. The results confirmed the worst: Millar had level-four bladder cancer, the worst that it could possibly be. "And this was on my birthday!" says Millar.

Millar and his three daughters were stunned by the news. Millar exercised regularly, had never had a drink or a smoke in his life and had been a vegetarian for over fifteen years after surviving colon cancer in

1985. How could this be happening? When Millar's youngest daughter, Heather, found out about the bladder cancer, "She just kept saying 'Don't die, don't die, don't die,'" says Millar.

The outpouring of care from CNU was almost immediate. Colleagues, students and even President Tribble were eager to donate their time, prayers and support to Millar.

Although Millar could not teach the 1999 spring semester, the professor was given a generous raise. "The amount of money

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Fitzpatrick arrives with family ties to stage and campus

Professor's family tree links him to university namesake and love of arts

By Jessica Ledbetter
Staff Writer

"I have an innate desire to perform," Dr. Tod Fitzpatrick says. This desire has coursed through his blood stream since childhood, placing him on stage in the second grade as Charlie Brown. From there, he brought enthusiasm to the stage and classroom.

Originally from California, he came here to become the first director of vocal studies. He did not realize the connection between his ancestry and the college's.

At a family reunion, he learned of his family's connection to a man named Christopher Newport. Fitzpatrick's related to Newport's adopted brother or stepbrother. This did not affect his acceptance to become a professor here since he went back to California after the interview and still did not put the two together. The family ties to the past also extend to the present.

He brought with him his wife, Elaine, who also is on stage. They met as undergraduates during a production of "Oklahoma!" Recently, she was stage manager for Opera Lite. She sings and is involved in the stage productions here. Her mother sings and dances, and his mother has a degree in music. His great-grandparents acted



Tod Fitzpatrick was destined to excel in arts and entertainment.

Photo by Erin Zagursky / The Captain's Log

in silent movies. With this pedigree, it seems no wonder that he would have the enthusiasm he does for CNU's programs.

"I liked the idea of working in an environment where people like learning," he says of why he likes to teach. With his talent, he could have traveled with an opera company. But an opera performer can spend twelve months on the road.

He does still perform though. Recently he was in "Marriage of Figaro" and "Merry

Widow" in Arizona. There is a balance. He keeps the pulse of what is going on and brings that to the campus.

The reward is twofold. "The pay off is students doing great work. It's also a legitimate preparation for students to work in a professional atmosphere." It's a difficult task to simulate the real-world outside of the classroom, but Fitzpatrick is up to the task.

With the new position there is a chal-

lenge also — growth. "How do you grow and at the same time not run into much resistance because you're looking to the future?" The university is expanding and with it, the music department. This newest addition to the organizers of campus events and vocal studies has helped spark interest in the arts among the community.

Non-majors can study voice or brush up on lessons of instruments studied in high school. There are lots of niches in the program for everyone. One just needs to start. One of those programs easily enjoyed by many will be the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." This comedic love story takes jabs at society. Some of the lyrics have been rewritten to have fun with current topics. Which current topics? On! the audience will know.

Gilbert and Sullivan are more widely known for "The Pirates of Penzance."

The production of "Mikado" is scheduled for Feb. 25-27, 2000.

"People don't realize opera is accessible," Fitzpatrick added. There are many types of opera, just as there are many facets of this new director of vocal studies. The diversity of the campus is enhanced by his addition.

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plicity of his political position. Strong, the baritone soloist and actor, shows off his vocal versatility, switching from one impersonation of a modern-day character to another, including the Godfather.

Of course, this comedy is not a male-dominated musical. In rehearsal, the three sisters played by Kimberly D. Lee, Jackie Maternowski and Allison Allen steal the show as they circle around Eric Strong in the musical number "So Please You, Sir, We Much Regret." Ann Scott also costars as Katisha, the older woman who makes Nanki-Poo's life miserable.

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of money that I got for my raise was more than my entire salary the first year that I taught here!" said Millar.

Some students even made a "Get Well Soon" book for the professor filled with expressions of sympathy, cheer and fond memories. Millar displayed the carefully decorated book in his hospital room throughout his illness, and the doctors were impressed. "They must have thought, 'Who is this guy to get so much attention?'" Millar says.

Although all the support encouraged and strengthened Millar, nothing could have prepared him for the grueling months to come.

Pictures of the cancer revealed that it was not contained. "It looked like a big starfish," says Millar.

Doctors at Norfolk Urology soon decided that several organs had to be removed from Millar in order to stop the cancer from spreading. "They took out my bladder, gall bladder, urethra, prostate, ureters and lymph nodes," Millar says.

Soon after the surgery, Millar underwent two sessions of chemotherapy. Exactly as doctors had predicted, three weeks after his first chemotherapy session, Millar lost his hair. "I was taking a shower, and I looked down at the drain. All of my hair had come off and was just lying there. It looked like a scull cap." Unfortunately, the sessions claimed more than Millar's hair. They also caused joint pain, extreme fatigue, severe vomiting and kidney failure.

Three weeks after his last chemotherapy session, Millar's hair began to grow

The spirit of fun carries over into rehearsals, according to Hillow. On the evening of Hillow's birthday, Feb. 16, the cast members cleverly altered some lyrics in a few of the songs to pay homage to their director.

"One of the songs in the show is called 'Tit-Willow.' Well, they used my name in the song, so instead of singing 'tit-willow, tit-willow, tit-willow,' they sang 'George Hillow, George Hillow, George Hillow,' laughs Hillow. "They wished me a happy birthday and made fun of me at the same time. If we can bring that to the audience, we've done our job."

again, and, slowly but surely, the professor's strength began to come back. Although doctors considered trying to make Millar a new bladder from his small intestine, the idea was rejected.

However, Millar is happy to continue living even though he must now somehow do it without a bladder, with a constant humming in one of his ears and an occasional numbness in his feet.

Although any cancer victim must wait at least five years to say that he or she has survived, Millar finds his greatest victory in being able to come back to teach at CNU. "I somehow knew that I'd be back," says Millar. "Something guided me here all those years ago, and I knew that it was for a reason. I'm delighted to be back."

The students are delighted that he is back too. "I thought that I'd be forgotten," says Millar, "but, when I walked into my American Literature class, they applauded."

Millar will not soon forget all the support that helped him through his darkest hours. "I deeply appreciate all the support, the food stuffs, the cards, the promises to stand in my corner with me and the prayers. It's great to be back."

Millar says that he is still "apprenticing to teaching," and he hopes to be at CNU for a long time to come. But, for right now, he is just looking forward to walking Heather down the aisle this summer when she will be getting married.

So far, it looks like that five-percent was all that he needed.

Homecoming art exhibit

successful showcase of talent

By Nancy Warren
Contributing Writer

In the true spirit of Valentine's weekend, a love poem written in Theban on the face of a paper mache mask hangs in the corner of the Falk Gallery awaiting the results of the student art exhibition and contest held each year as a part of CNU's Homecoming.

Finally, after a short introduction by Dr. Barry Wood, Traci Herman, a psychology major and art minor, was awarded honorable mention for her African mask entered into the art competition.

For Herman, who transferred from Virginia Commonwealth University, the art show was her first, although she won a poster contest as a student at Ferguson High School. Herman beat out many fellow students on Feb. 11.

"The mask was a class assignment at VCU," said Herman. "We were required to

combine primitive and contemporary art into a representation of autumn."

Herman used wire to form the base of the mask and painted the paper mache with amber and sky blue acrylic paint. Half of the face represents the heavens and the other half of the sun. The two colors are separated with metallic triangles representing the sun's rays. Black screws are used for the eyes and eyebrows, bringing in the contemporary element.

The most interesting aspect of the mask is the writing done in an African dialect, Theban. Although it is an authentic love poem, which Herman herself wrote, she wishes to keep the meaning of the poem and to whom it was written a secret.

Other winners included James Day's "Spring Breeze," Dorcus Duncan Keene's "The Luncheon," Irene Staples' "Autumn Eve," Elaine Viel's "New River Valley," Edythe K. Rind's "Untitled" and Pete Lewis' "Harley Heaven."

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By Dave Gosselin

March Madness baby!

It's that time again!

Conference tournament time is here. In fact, this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday are the dates for the Dixie Conference Tournament.

Again this year, the men's and women's tournaments are in two different places.

The women's tournament will be held in Danville, Va. and hosted by Averett College. CNU's women's team has an inside track to the number one seed and a first round bye.

If they defeated Methodist and Greensboro this past weekend, the regular season championship will come back to Newport News.

Although the Lady Captains can afford to lose to Greensboro, they must defeat Methodist. They've beaten them once. If CNU and Methodist finish in a tie and CNU defeats Methodist twice, the number one seed goes to the Lady Captains.

But it would make things a lot easier for them to take two this weekend and not worry about that.

It's a little different for the men. Whereas the women got two key losses last weekend by then conference leading Shenandoah, the men are tied for first with N.C. Wesleyan. N.C. Wesleyan and the Captains have split their two meetings for the second year in a row.

If the two teams finish in a tie for first, a coin flip will be necessary to break the tie because they split their two games.

It seems that the Battling Bishops have jumped the gun a little bit. If you go their website and look on their men's basketball site, it reads "Bishops clinch Dixie Conference Championship with win over Averett."

HA!

N.C. Wesleyan needs to figure out that in order to be crowned Dixie Conference champions, they need to win the tournament. All the regular season crown does is tell them when they will play. Also, they should realize that they clinched a tie for the regular season championship.

If the Captains come home with two victories this weekend, they will be co-champions.

I love it when people do things premature like that. I hope that we come home with two wins because I will laugh in their faces.

But back to reality. We need two wins as well as do the women. I hope everyone tunes into this weekend's games on the CNU/Pepsi Radio Network. If not, you can catch them on the radio at the end of the week on XTRA 99.1 F.M. and 1490 A.M.; The Country Gold Mine and 1420 A.M. WXGM.

I hope that Coaches Woollum, Waters and Ross have their double-sided nickle out if it comes down to that.

SPORTS

Defense, speed and power to lead Lady Captains

By Dave Gosselin
Staff Writer

Head Softball Coach Paul Weiss has two goals this year. The first is to increase the number of wins from last year and the second is to win the Dixie Conference.

Weiss feels that they can accomplish those goals this year because he feels he has a very good team.

"We are fairly strong at every position," Weiss said. "We have a good hitting team with more power and a lot of speed."

One main concern this year is errors. Even though they didn't commit an enormous amount last season, they still would like to cut down on errors. He feels that they are a better fielding team than last year.

Weiss also feels he has the best bench the school has ever had.

"We have good back-ups at every position," Weiss said.

A great recruiting year has brought in a young group that has Weiss smiling.

The Lady Captains will once again be a young team like last year but they have gained experience from playing last year.

Weiss has one senior this year and four juniors while the rest are sophomores and freshmen.

However he feels that his team is deep at every position and, hopefully, can contend for the conference title.

"Our ladies have had to fight hard for position because everyone is working hard," Weiss said of his team's work ethic. "Thanks to Chris, (Jones, CNU's athletic trainer) everyone is in better condition and has great attitudes coming into the season."



Co-captains Andy McKenney and Crystal Bryant-Nelson hope to hit and field the Lady Captains softball team to a Dixie Conference Championship.

Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Joining Weiss' coaching staff this year are former athletes Keith Parr and Kristy Cough.

Parr was a former pitcher on the CNU baseball team. He joined Weiss part way through last season so this is his first full season as assistant coach. He graduated in 1999 from Christopher Newport with a degree in Recreation, Sports and Wellness Management.

At CNU, he played four years of baseball for Head Coach Curt Long. During his senior year, Parr had a 2.66 earned run average, leading the team in that category.

He recorded five wins in 12 appearances, including five starts. Opponents hit

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CNU moves up, two receive weekly honors

By Dave Gosselin
Staff Writer

The CNU men's basketball team moved up in two of the three national polls that rank Division III basketball teams.

In the Columbus Multimedia poll that comes out every Monday, CNU dropped one spot from third to fourth. This poll is compiled completely by statistics fed into a computer that ranks the teams accordingly.

The website D3hoops.com does a poll that is compiled by sports information directors, writers and Pat Coleman, the site's designer. They moved the Captains up four spots from 11th to seventh nationally.

CNU was able to move up with some timely losses by four of the top ten teams. Illinois Wesleyan dropped from sixth to 16th in the nation.

Hampden-Sydney remained number one in the country. They raised their record to 23-0 heading into the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament.

In the regional rankings, CNU remained fourth in the South Region. Despite a loss by Trinity, who now has as many losses as the Captains, they remained ahead of CNU. Although they did drop from eighth in the country to 13th nationally.

In the National Association of Basketball Coaches national rankings, the Captains moved up one spot. They are currently 17th in the country, up one spot in the country after two wins over Ferrum and Averett last week.

In other Dixie Conference news last week, Antoine Sinclair was named Dixie Conference Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 14.

The junior led the Captains to two victories by averaging 22.0 points and 10.5 rebounds. He shot 16 of 25 from the floor for a percentage of .640 and added three assists and three blocked shots.

Freshman sixth woman Tia Moore was named Rookie of the Week in the Dixie Conference.

She led the Lady Captains to two big Dixie Conference victories that allowed them

to move into sole possession of first place in the conference.

The freshman from Washington, D.C. averaged 10.5 points and 7.0 rebounds while coming off the bench for an average of 17.5 minutes per game. She was 9 of 20 for a percentage of .450 from the floor and added three steals.

Coming Next Issue

◆ **Baseball preview**

◆ **Profile: Jason Martin, men's tennis**

CALENDAR

MON
No Games Scheduled

TUE BB
at Elizabeth City St.
at 1 p.m.

WED
No Games Scheduled

THUR MB
and WB at Dixie Conference Tournament. BB at Apprentice School Tournament.

FRI MB
and WB at Dixie Conference Tournament. BB at Apprentice School Tournament.

SAT MB
and WB at Dixie Conference Tournament. BB at Apprentice School Tournament.

SUN BB at Apprentice School Tournament.

Meet the Lady Captains



Andi McKenney
Senior, C
Hampton, Va



Crystal Bryant-Nelson
Junior, 3B
Portsmouth, Va



Stacey Hundley
Junior, SS
Portsmouth, Va



Kim Messick
Junior, OF
Hampton, Va



Lesley Jenkins
Junior, OF
Hampton, Va



Tammi Perok
Soph., 2B
Poquoson, Va



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Soph., Utility
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Richmond, Va



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Fresh., C
Skipwith, Va



Head Coach
Paul Weiss
Fourth Season
118-56, .678



Assistant Coach
Keith Parr
First Season



Assistant Coach
Kristy Coull
First Season

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a cool .217 off of him that year as well.

He was instrumental in organizing and founding a successful team in the Tidewater Collegiate Summer Baseball League in which he was a player/coach for three years. He coached for the Virginia Legends, an ASA Junior Olympic travel team, for two years. He also was involved as an instructor for numerous collegiate baseball and softball camps.

Coull is a former N.C. Wesleyan softball pitcher.

She is a 1999 graduate of N.C. Wesleyan College where she majored in

English and minored in Psychology. At N.C. Wesleyan, she was All-Dixie Conference in 1997, 1998, and 1999. She was named to the All-Tournament Team in 1997. She was voted All-Region in 1997 and again in 1998. Coull was also elected to the East Region All-Tournament team in 1998 as well as in 1999.

She was named the team's most valuable player in 1997 and 1998 and was captain for Head Coach John Brackett in 1998 and 1999. She led her team to three Dixie Conference Championships in 1996, 1998, and 1999. In 1998 and 1999, she led her team to the East Region Finals.

She was also named to the Dixie Conference All-Academic team for the years of 1996-97 and 1998-99.

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



The J. Clyde-Jefferson juggernaut

By Jessica Ledbetter
Staff Writer

As I drove to campus this morning — no, make that sat in my car waiting for people to move near campus this morning — I was able to wonder for quite some time why there are traffic problems where J. Clyde crosses Jefferson.

Some time back we had a hurricane. After this hurricane a lane was closed. This lane going from J. Clyde to Warwick (the side with the SPCA) has been closed for a few months. The workers are trying to fix the erosion problem. I'm fine with that. But when I drive down I7 in the morning, I think ahead.

"Ok," I say to myself, "it's going to be one lane up ahead, so get in the left lane. Since the lane ends right after the stop light, there won't be any merging problems." I talk to myself, but obviously other people don't. This morning there was a long line of cars in the right lane. And as I sat there waiting for people in front of me in the left lane to go, I scanned ahead to see the right hand lane merging up ahead.

So, those who wait until the last minute are rewarded by being able to cut in line in front of all us stupid saps who plan ahead. Usually, I am the sort who allows people to merge in front of me. This has stopped on the section of road between J. Clyde/Jefferson's stoplight and J. Clyde/Warwick's stoplight. I don't mind letting people merge from Jefferson but when people crowd into the right lane when they know that the lane is go-

ing to end up ahead, it ruffles my feathers. There are prominent signs that say that the lane is going to end. Are these people thinking it's a false alarm?

The lane has been ending for months now. There is a big crane in that lane surrounded by blockades. I don't see it moving any time soon. Nor do I see those signs moving any time soon. But still, we have people traveling that stretch of road and thinking that they can merge in front of people who planned ahead. Perhaps they are from out of town or haven't traveled this stretch before. I thought of that too.

Quit whining about campus parking

By Cash Arehart
Contributing Writer

I know that since I live in Santoro Hall I'm supposed to be oblivious to the parking situation on campus. Unfortunately that isn't the case, otherwise I wouldn't get sooooo tired of hearing everyone whine and moan constantly about how bad the parking is. Anyone who complains about parking needs to change their argument from "there aren't enough parking spaces" to "their aren't any parking spaces within three steps of the building my class is in." There are plenty of parking spaces on campus. I've never seen the parking lot behind Ferguson more than half full — NEVER I say! — even during the busiest times of the day.

So now you're whining, "Park behind

Like I said, I have plenty of time while they cut in line to think of reasons why they would continuously do this. I see quite a few CNU stickers on the rear windows. Perhaps with our busy CNU lives, we forget. I don't know about you, but one less cause of stress would be extremely beneficial.

So, would it be so difficult for the community to learn to merge before the last minute? Would it be so difficult to get into the left hand lane before a line of angry drivers block Jefferson? I doubt it. I get in the left hand lane long before necessary, and hope other people begin to do the same.

Ferguson! But that's so far away from my class!" Tell you what, everyone look down right now. Go ahead. Do you see those things at the ends of your legs? Those are called feet and you can do the most extraordinary things with them, activities such as -- hang on and brace yourselves -- walking.

If everyone put as much energy into simply walking to wherever it is that they're headed to from, heaven forbid, a parking space that may be towards the back of a parking lot as you did into whining about the parking spaces, then we'd have a bunch of marathon runners around this place. All it would take to settle everyone's parking qualms is for the drivers that have difficulty finding a parking space to leave home just a few minutes earlier, park just a few spaces further away and relax a little bit more about such petty issues.

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Malini Mangalam:
"We have a 'Student's Day' in India. We had a day off and we'd all get together and do dances -- a festival for the day."



Question of the Week

If you could invent a holiday on which we could be off from school, what would it be?

Tony Felt:
"Save Your Sanity Day." On this day you could do whatever makes you happy. We all need a 'Save Your Sanity Day.'"



Malachi Bryant:
"My birthday -- Feb. 6 -- because I have done a lot to make everyday life and CNU better"



Jenny Steele:
"President Tribe's birthday, in honor of the fine establishment he has built [he,he]."



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