

# THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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## Registration News Blues

### Early registration schedules running late

By Melanie L. Stokes  
Staff Writer

If you've been waiting out by the mailbox for your spring schedule of classes to arrive, go back inside. Or better yet, go to campus; that's the only place where students can view a listing of spring semester courses. The registration news booklet will not be mailed to students' homes this semester because the registrar's office is behind schedule. The bulletins would not arrive in time for the Nov. 11-14 early registration session.

Phyllis Bagley recently resigned as registrar, leaving the office behind schedule.

"When the registrar left, we regrouped and picked up the pieces," said Drumont Bowman, dean of students.

"She had been working on

putting everything together, but she was too ill to continue," Bowman said.

"It has delayed us several days and we didn't get to the printer as quickly as we should," Bowman said. "We could eliminate one further delay by not putting it in the mail," Bowman said.

Current CNU students can still register between Nov. 11 and Nov. 14 by mailing in, faxing in or dropping off their selected courses—just like last semester. However, finding a course listing and making a schedule may take slightly more effort than in the past. This week, students can view a copy by visiting faculty advisors. The library has approximately 10 copies available for two-hour check-outs.

"Not having my own copy of the class schedule until a few days before registration is a big

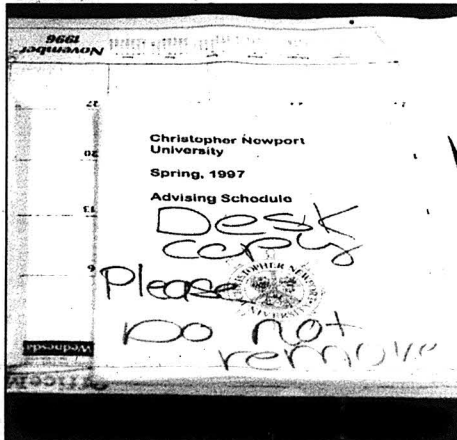
inconvenience," Kim Catalano, a junior nursing major said. "It usually takes me a long time to make a schedule with no overlapping classes," Catalano said.

"My advisors want me to have a schedule chosen when I go to see them. I can not come up with a whole schedule, that will work, during an appointment with an advisor," Catalano said.

Junior history major Doug Johnson said the delay in getting a course listing will not hinder his registration process.

"I always go to my department and make my schedule, anyway," Johnson said. "I am in ROTC and they take care of us, helping us plan the right classes. I usually lose or forget the one that comes in the mail and I pick up a copy

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"Do Not Remove" marks the few copies of registration news booklets that are on campus now.

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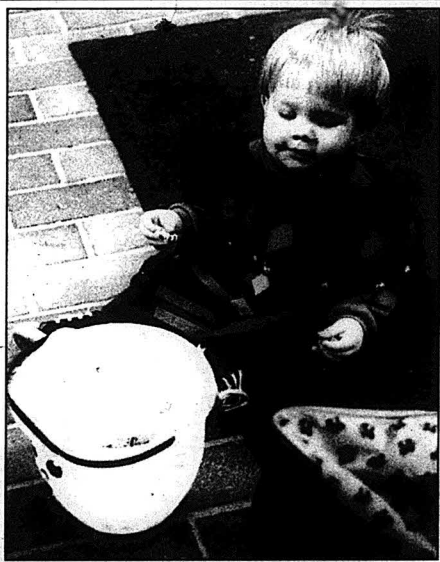
## The Haunting of Santoro Hall

Dorm residents welcomed neighborhood trick-or-treaters into Santoro Hall on Halloween. Students competed for best costume and best hall decorations awards during CNU's third annual Halloween festivities.

**Right:** Court jester Brice Stivason takes a careful inventory of his goods. Following in the footsteps of his accounting professor dad, Brice counts each candy.

**Below:** Freshman Laura Fox, costumed as Minnie Mouse, greets the tiny ghosts who haunted Santoro Hall Thursday night.

Photos by Melanie Stokes/The Captain's Log



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A NEW LOOK AT AN ANCIENT ART. Experience a Japanese tea ceremony in photos and review on pages 6 and 7.



INSIDE NEXT WEEK:

Summit on top of CNU talent. Band climbs to first place during Act One's annual show. Catch the review next week.



## Captain's Commentary

By Karen DiGiorgio



"I'm going to vote for Clinton because it's the lesser of two evils. Perot is not a consideration -- being president takes more than skill in managing money."

Anna Beale



"I'm leaning toward Dole, though I don't think there is any way he can win. I don't like Clinton because he lies."

Cliff Davis



"I'm voting for Clinton. I like some of his values, and he's done a good job as president."

Sarah Woolsey

### Student comments:

"I have no preference because politics as an entity is ridiculous, special-interest serving, garbage."

Kelly Scott Caldwell

"America has been screaming for change and here is the man to do it. Clinton also brings a spark of life and personality to the White House."

Lara K. Todd

"I trust Bob Dole to make a positive difference in my life. Clinton should be in jail, not running for our highest elected office."

Ryan McLanly

"I would vote for Kemp over Dole."

Kevin Grode

"We don't need a traditionalist who has one foot in the grave for a president. Vote Clinton."

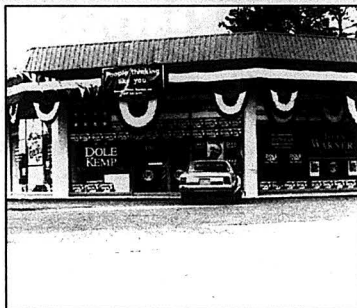
Andrew Gregory

"I would most definitely vote for Bob Dole. He has what it takes to be a good leader. Go Dole!"

Jeff Shores

"Bill Clinton sucks! Bob Dole is weird. Ross Perot -- the name says it all!"

El (the rest was illegible)



## And the Winner is . . .

... George Washington, for having the good fortune to live during a time when a government by the people, and for the people was important enough to die for. Now, it's not even important enough to stimulate most Americans to go to the polls and vote for a candidate who will represent them.

The Captain's Log printed a mock election ballot in issue six asking students to vote for Dole, Clinton, Perot, or choose not to vote at all. There was also space provided to include comments if you had a strong opinion about the top three candidates or wanted to write in someone. As of noon on Tuesday only eight completed ballots had been received. Eight votes in a school where the total enrollment is around 4,300, and all 2,500 copies of the student newspaper are widely available and provided at no cost -- truly a pathetic response.

On Wednesday, I decided drastic measures were needed. Four staff members and myself cut ballots out of all the remaining copies of issue six we could find. Each of us grabbed a handful and gave them to students in the Campus Center, Christopher's, The Terrace, Captain John Smith Library, and in classes we attended that day, asking them to please fill out the ballot and leave it in the Tape-A-Quarter ad box in the Campus Center lobby.

The net result of all our efforts gave us a winner, but the six blank ballots placed in the box said more about the election process to me than the number of votes received by the candidates. I wondered whether those six people were disillusioned by the whole political process, hated all the choices just too lazy to take the time to vote.

The Center for Voting and Democracy reported that only 22 percent of eligible voters voted in 1994. In Germany, 75 percent of voters voted that same year because they had more candidates to choose from. One can't help but wonder, with all the candidates Americans have to choose from this year, who the real winner in Election '96 would be if all of us who can, vote on Tuesday. Make your voice known -- go vote!

### CNU Mock Election

#### Results:

Bob Dole	38
Bill Clinton	18
Ross Perot	1
Not Vote	5
Jack Kemp	1
Undecided	1

### Student comments, contd.

"Besides the fact that Clinton answers his questions, I feel Clinton will do what he says this time."

Leslie Rawls

"Because Clinton is a drugged-out moron!"

Sean Bresnan

"Clinton is a hard worker and a determined individual -- along with his wife."

Alma Rios

"Wonder Bread 1st choice."

Four Jokers

"Perot lost his best chance last election, so there's no reason to waste my vote on him this time. I definitely want somebody other than Clinton."

Eric Beystrom

"Colin Powell would be the bomb president, but since he's not running, I'll vote for Dole."

Shawn McKalb(?)

"Clinton smokes too much pot."

Kathie Sedgewick

"If you think of everything Clinton said he was going to do 4 years ago, he's done nothing."

Nancy Northcutt

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Concerns Over Library Fumes

Dear Editor,

I was studying late one night when I happened to notice that the Oprah Winfrey Show was on. I decided to take a break and watch for a few minutes. An hour later I had to pull my jaw from the floor. This particular show was about students who had become severely ill from breathing chemical fumes while in school. Being an education major, I became deeply engrossed in the subject matter. As the show progressed, more and more students came out to discuss their particular problems. In most cases their immune systems were, if not completely shot, severely weakened. At first, I thought this problem was simply applicable to young students, being that most of the children on the show became ill in elementary, middle, or early high school. Then, to my shock, a teacher came on to discuss her problems. It turned out that she was perfectly healthy until she began work at the school where she taught first grade.

This began to give me concern, seeing that I would be teaching in schools similar to these very soon. One of the experts they had on the show was Dr. Doris Rapp, who is a noted Pediatric Allergist. Her final statement on the show was to list several things that should not happen while students or teachers are in the building. The last item she spoke on was reroofing. She stated that students should not be in the building when tar is being put on the ceiling. This floored me.

Being a student assistant in the library, which has recently been reroofed, I was now severely concerned for my own

health. Just like many other student assistants, staff and even faculty, I spend between 15 and 20 hours a week in the library. Also, there are many people coming in and out of the building every day. Hearing this information on the Oprah show made me wonder why the administrators of this university felt the need to endanger the health of the students faculty and staff by keeping the library open during the reroofing time.

Working five days a week, I was around for most of the process of reroofing. During several stages of this process, I noticed that the men working on the roof were wearing protective body suits that covered every part of their body except for their face and over their faces they had goggles and gas masks. Logic would tell anyone that, while we were not directly working with those materials, we were getting some of the same fumes that they were getting on the roof. Logic would also dictate that if it isn't safe for those men to breathe those fumes that it wouldn't be safe for anyone else to breathe the fumes.

While all this was going on, student assistants in the library were calling in sick or becoming ill while working. I myself worked a four-hour shift with a headache that hit 15 minutes into my shift. I also learned of several instances of students and faculty becoming physically ill while in the library. Some of them even vomited.

This would point out to me, and I think anyone of average intelligence, that the fumes in the library were dangerous to the people working and using the library.

Now the danger has moved on to Smith Hall, where I am fortunate enough to have a class. However, since the work has moved on, several library personnel have been out for extended amounts of time. Though I do not know if it is anything related to the reroofing, it does seem a little coincidental. Another fact I learned from the Oprah show is that illnesses seemingly unrelated to the inhalation of noxious fumes can be caused by these fumes. This comes in the fact that the constant exposure to these fumes can cause the immune system to weaken.

Asking the administration about this concern, it was pointed out to me that closing the library would cause many problems with lost work for student assistants and staff, and inaccessibility of materials in the library to the students. This caused me to ponder on the intelligence used when scheduling this hazardous but necessary work. But in any case, I feel that if there was no way to avoid doing the work this semester at this particular time, then full consideration should be given for the health and safety of the students, faculty and staff, before that of the convenience.

Even though the fumes are almost completely gone and the work is almost done, I feel that we should still consider the possible ramifications of these activities on the students, faculty and staff of CNU. Not just now but also in the future.

Jerald S. Lancaster

## Defending Our Defenders

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a rather disturbing article published by your newspaper under the byline of Karen DiGiorgio. She began her article, "the world gasped in horror..." which, ironically, was my own response to her appalling article. I cannot believe that such a piece could possibly [be] deemed worthy of print. The author relates disjointed incidents to make her arguments with vague references to some of history's most tragic and catastrophic events as though these were the rule and not the exception to human behavior.

Am I correct in understanding that the author compares the goals of our military leaders to those of Hitler's? I believe that it was our soldiers and our allied forces that halted the atrocities in Germany, and have defended freedom ever since. I do not recall old, mentally or terminally ill, etc. American citizens being called upon to give their lives for our nation. Your article is a slap in the face to all Americans and an insult to our collective intelligence. You have taken some of the basest human characteristics and heaped them on a group who give their time, talents and — yes, sometimes even their lives, for us all.

Karen H. Wood

## On Your Future, Dole's Way

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 5, you and millions of college students across the country will be making a decision that will dramatically affect your futures. In the midst of working to raise your GPA, studying for the GMAT or GRE and polishing your resume, you will be selecting the next President of the United States and choosing the path that our country takes into the next millennium.

No one has a bigger stake in this election than young voters. No event this year will shape your futures more than this election. I urge you to keep your eyes, your ears and your minds open to Bob Dole and his vision for this country's future.

Bob Dole and I share a vision for America that provides the freedom and the opportunities for all Americans to work together toward a prosperous 21st century. We believe that all Americans should have better tools and better opportunities to work and to pursue a quality education. We believe that the federal government should be smaller and more efficient. We believe in building strong families by encouraging secure, positive environments to teach and to raise children.

Bob Dole and I believe that young people like you who are entering the job market deserve better than the status quo — where wages have stagnated for years and the economy has sputtered along at a sluggish 2.3 percent growth rate. That is why we will cut taxes, trim the Washington bureaucracy and boost wages and growth.

Bob Dole and I believe that when you enter the work force, you should not spend more of your paycheck on taxes than on food, clothing and shelter combined. That is why we are committed to cutting the federal income tax rate by 15 percent,

leaving more of your paycheck in your pocket where it belongs.

Bob Dole and I believe it is wrong that you are burdened with billions of dollars of government debt each year. There is no reason for the government to spend even \$1 more than it takes in — no family, no businessperson, no student can run up endless debts. That is why we are committed to cutting wasteful spending and balancing the budget by 2002, while protecting and strengthening useful government programs.

One of Bob Dole's and my highest priorities is to ensure that every American has access to a quality education. That is why he developed a plan to give parents a \$500 per child tax credit and create special, tax-free bank accounts for them to save money for their children's education.

Bob Dole and I are also committed to stemming the tide of crime in America. In this country, a crime is committed every two seconds, and drug use by teenagers has doubled in the past four years. That is not acceptable. Bob Dole has a tough five-point plan to reduce violent crime and drug use.

But this election is about our future more than about our problems. It is about Bob Dole and his vision for more opportunities for all Americans through lower taxes, better jobs and higher wages. It is about his vision of a smaller, more efficient government with strong, smart programs that empower both poor and middle-class Americans. It is about his vision of stronger and safer families benefiting from tax relief, secure and drug-free neighborhoods and more educational opportunities.

Bob Dole is the kind of world-class leader that can bring America together in a spirit of confidence and optimism and

prepare us to surpass our greatest expectations in the 21st century.

In the words of General Colin Powell, "Bob Dole is a man of strength, maturity and integrity. He is a man who can bring trust back to the government and bring America together again..." Bob Dole is the candidate most qualified by virtue of his beliefs, his character and his competence to be the next President of the United States of America."

So, visit our Web Site at [www.dolekamp96.org](http://www.dolekamp96.org). Pick up your absentee ballot, and consider the stakes of this election for you and for your family. I am confident that you will agree with Colin Powell and millions of Americans who believe that Bob Dole is the better man, for a better America.

Jack Kemp  
Republican nominee  
Vice President

## Where are the Professors?

Dear Editor

Hey, I feel sorry for all of you communications majors out there. You guys only have one option next year, and that's Teri Phillips.

Don't get me wrong, I like Dr. Phillips, but what if she doesn't like me? What if I accidentally walked into class naked one year, and she won't forget it?

What I'm getting at is this: a department like communications needs more than just one full time professor and a bunch of worthless adjuncts.

Lucky I'm a psychology major, and that's where the ladies are.

JOSH WEBB



The Captain's Log accepts letters to the editor.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Police Investigate Deaths of James Madison Students

Two James Madison University students were found shot to death Oct. 12 in an off-campus apartment belonging to one of the victims, police said.

Police responded to a call from a friend, who discovered the bodies of Ann Margret Olson, 25, and Keith J. O'Connell, 23, at about 5 p.m. in O'Connell's apartment.

The students, who acquaintances said had been dating for several months, were last seen the night before at Spanky's Restaurant, a popular deli where the two had worked.

Police would not say how many times the victims had been shot or whether a gun had been found. The case appeared to be a double homicide, Lt. Al McDorman said at a news conference.

He would not comment on whether police were pursuing any leads or suspects.

O'Connell was a senior business major from Long Island, N.Y.; Olson was a 1994 graduate who had returned to JMU for teacher certification, said Fred Hilton, a university spokesman.

The campus was planning a memorial service and had extended counseling hours to friends of victims and O'Connell's Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers, Hilton said.

*Information provided by the College Press Service*

### Accounting Club Meeting and Guest Speaker

The Accounting Club is having a meeting on Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in CC150. Becker CPA Review Course will provide a speaker. For details, contact Michael Poole at 694-0248 (home) or at 688-4655 (work).

### Stanford University Power Outage Causes Havoc

Rats may have caused an enormous power outage that darkened Stanford University's campus for hours and shut down Internet access for a host of Silicon Valley customers.

"We're still speculating, but our understanding is that the damage was caused by rodents in the switch gear," said Robert Reid, the university energy manager. "We found several fried, dead rats."

The power went out at about 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17, leaving students without lights, air conditioning or computer access. The blackout threw the university into disarray, trapping people in elevators and forcing several homecoming festivities to be canceled.

The outage also affected the BBN Corp., which provides Internet access to more than 400 customers, including Hewlett-Packard, Apple and Silicon Graphics.

Power was lost when a 12,000-volt switch gear failed at Stanford's Cardinal Cogeneration Facility. Two rats were found near the copper switch which had vaporized from the extreme temperature, Reid said.

Most power was restored by late day on Oct. 18.

*Information provided by College Press Service*

### Flu Shots

On Nov. 6, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Riverside Health Assessment Services will have flu shots available to students, faculty, staff, and their friends and relatives. Shots will be available in the Health Assessment Services van parked at McMurran Circle. The cost is \$5 for CNU students, faculty, and staff (with I.D.) and \$10 for others.

### A Message from the SGA

Our thanks to everyone who participated in the Coffee and Conversation last Wednesday with University President Paul Tribble. Do you like our university? Are there any changes that you think need to be made? Do you have any questions for the President of the University or any other administrators? If so, the SGA's annual Town Meeting is quickly approaching. There are boxes on campus for your questions. So drop a line in the box and come to the Town Meeting. Help make CNU a better place.

### Notice from the Library

In order to register for classes, all overdue library books must be returned, and any outstanding fines must be cleared. To preclude any delay in registering, telephone 594-7133 or check at the Circulation Desk at Smith Library to review your library record.

### Spring Registration

Registration forms for currently enrolled students will be accepted from Nov. 11 - 14 and processed on a first come, first served basis in class order (ie: Graduate, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen). Registration forms and access to an advising schedule of classes will be available through the academic departments. The university schedule of classes is scheduled to be delivered to CNU on or about Nov. 6, and general university policies concerning admission, financial aid, registration, and payment of bills will be available on the CNU World Wide Web homepage at <http://www.cnu.edu>.

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at a glance...

### Tuesday

8 a.m.

Tae Kwon Do Club  
Ratcliffe Gymnasium

Noon

SGA General Assembly  
Meeting  
CC150

### Wednesday

8 - 3 p.m.

Career Day  
Campus Center Lounge

Noon

ACT ONE presents  
Sam & Angie  
Gospel Duo  
CC Lounge

### Thursday

12:15 p.m.

College Republican Meeting  
CC 205

### Friday

2 p.m.

Job Search Seminar  
CC146

8 p.m.

Chamber Singer's and  
Womens Chorus  
Gaines Theatre

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# Tribble drinks to the Future

## Coffee and Conversation meeting answers burning questions

By John Bailey  
Staff Writer

When CNU President Paul Tribble walked into Christopher's Wednesday morning for SGA's Coffee and Conversation, students were coming and going as usual. He watched over the busy scene for a moment, then walked from table to table introducing himself. Many seemed surprised, but were happy and eager to exchange "good mornings." SGA President Dave Edwards and Vice President Chris McDaniels eventually ushered Tribble to his table as 10 a.m. approached. Several students were already gathering around the president's table and taking advantage of the free coffee, doughnuts and orange juice provided by the SGA. Tribble took off his jacket, greeted the group of students before him then sat down and waited for the questioning to begin.

The wait was short. A student quickly asked President Tribble, "Why are you at CNU?" Several students seemed shocked by such a blunt question but President Tribble answered without hesitation.

"I'm here to guide CNU into the future and help raise money for the school," Tribble said. "CNU now has more money per student than several other state schools such as Longwood and Radford."

The issues of expansion and po-

tential uses of the Ferguson property were two specifics about which students questioned Tribble.

"Further expansion will be considered as the opportunity presents itself. Right now the university has 105 acres with the addition of Ferguson Hall," Tribble said. "I would like to see CNU stay a smaller alternative to other Virginia schools so students here can create a personal connection between themselves and the school."

It is important to build on what makes CNU a strong competitor with other schools, such as small classes, President Tribble later said. "This is what makes students feel special at our school." The students smiled as if in agreement with President Tribble's comments.

"Completing the Fine Arts Center, the Sports Convocation Center, and increasing the number of students at CNU are my three main goals," Tribble said.

"I envision the Ferguson Art Center and the Sports Convocation Center as being the two anchors for the campus."

The Sports Convocation and Wellness Center is not expected to be completed for another five to six years. However, Tribble said the facility will be a state of the art site. It will house a swimming

complex, childcare facility, and a medical stations.

"With the widening of Warwick Blvd., the Sports Center will help the campus to come out and be seen more by the public," Tribble said.

Another issue which dominated the conversation was brought up when a student asked the president about enlarging the religious studies program.

"If there is a strong enough interest in doing this I certainly think it would be a great idea. But students should first

talk to the provost on an issue such as this. Dealing with academic affairs is his area," Tribble said.

Students asked more academic questions, and Tribble continued to refer students to either the provost or the appropriate department chair.

Other topics discussed included the increased competitiveness of the nursing program, the addition of at least three more dorms in the future and financial support for fraternity and sorority houses.



Pointing out the good spots. President Tribble chats with students over breakfast.

Photo By Chris Taylor/ The Captain's Log

## Keeping the flame for CNU alive

By Terry Haynie  
Staff Writer

Scott Liebold's home away from home is usually pretty quiet. But when the inevitable claxon blast echoes across the bay floor, it ignites more lights and clamor than a video arcade on a Saturday afternoon. Diesel engines thrum to life, humming bass accompaniment to the siren's soprano. For Captain Liebold, this drama is all in a day's work.

The challenges of being a fire captain for the city of Newport News are varied and demanding, according to this 1989 graduate of Christopher Newport University. "I think the biggest challenge is dealing with so many different personalities in a day. We might be talking to a doctor or lawyer at 10:00 a.m., be at a homeless shelter at 11:00 a.m., and find ourselves somewhere in the middle at noon. You just have to learn how to interact with many different people at their levels. Once you've accomplished that, you've tackled most of the job," says Liebold. He is currently working out of Station 1 at 29th and Warwick.

So how did a young man who grew up aspiring to wear the white coat of a physician end up in this impeccably pressed fire department uniform? Liebold's grandfather

and uncle, both doctors, encouraged him from a young age to go into medicine. But that plan was extinguished. "I started at Christopher Newport as a biology major in 1979 and went full time for two years before grant programs were cut. At that point, I had to decide if I was going to go to school or eat."

He chose to eat. Experience as a volunteer firefighter for Smithfield sparked a full-time career with Newport News beginning in 1982, followed by a stint at Thomas Nelson where he earned an Associate Degree in Fire Science. "I already knew the ropes because of my volunteer experience that included training at the Tidewater Regional Firefighting Academy. And every time I got a chance, I put my foot out there to see what would happen." What happened was a return to CNU and a Bachelor of Science in Business degree, placing him firmly on the managerial ladder.

It was not easy going back to school while balancing a fire department career. "The most impressive thing was that when I went back, I had to work around my schedule, and there's nothing normal about it," he explained. "I had to go through the class schedule to find a professor who taught the same class at two different times. No instructor ever had a problem with me attend-

ing either class I could get to, and once I even had a professor meet me in the library on Saturday morning to give me an exam. Everybody there really bent over backwards for me."

"If it weren't for CNU I wouldn't be sitting here right now. I'd still be a private swinging axes and doing all the grunt stuff," he says, a smile lighting intense blue eyes. "There's no doubt in my mind that the experience I got at CNU gave me the confidence I needed to go through the interview process and know what I was talking about. It made a tremendous amount of difference, and I was very fortunate that when the opportunities came, I was ready to go."

His business background has also proven a valuable tool in the practical aspects of the job. "It gave me the ability to manage people and make the life and death decisions that have to be made on the fireground," says a serious Liebold. "You have to decide how you're going to make something happen or not happen — these aren't the kinds of decisions you can make

ahead of time. It's all based on what you see when you get there."

Liebold has enjoyed a steady progression through the ranks. He has been a captain since 1991, after having spent six years as a private and two as a lieutenant. It is a job he clearly enjoys. "It's a very rewarding experience," he says. "You see people at their best and at their worst, and you try your best to make a difference. Sometimes, no matter what you do, you can't. But it gives us a feeling of accomplishment knowing that we've done what we can to ease the burden."

If his professional life is filled with challenges, so is his home life. Spare time? Liebold chuckles and says, "I have a five-year-old son that takes care of about 90% of it, and a wife in graduate school at MCV — that takes care of the other ten." He is also an avid outdoor enthusiast who just can't tolerate being inside. "I hunt, I camp, I hike, it doesn't make any difference. Smithfield is God's country."

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from the administration building," Johnson said.

Last Wednesday, acting registrar Carol Safko locked her office door and sat down to make final edits to the course list before sending it off to the printer. The printer will make between 10,000 and 15,000 copies of the schedules, which will be distributed on campus. Safko expects those copies to show up after Nov. 8.

"We are sending postcards out to every currently enrolled student letting them know that the schedules are available here at our office," Safko said. "If a student absolutely can not get to campus for a copy, they can call us and request that we mail it to them," Safko said.

All students can get their own after Nov. 8, at the information desk in the campus center, the student life office, every academic department and the admissions

office.

"We are going to put copies everywhere we can find a place on campus," Bowman said.

The delay in getting schedules out to students should not cause problems in the registration process, Bowman said.

"If students do not wait until the last minute to register, the process should go smoothly for them," Bowman said. "Students who send in their schedule during early registration will have a confirmation in the mail to them by Nov. 20," Bowman said. "Then they will have until January to come in if they need to make any changes or do what we call conflict resolutions," Bowman said.

Students can view the spring schedule on the internet at <http://www.cnu.edu/>. Bowman encourages students to consult an academic advisor when choosing classes.



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Instructor and Chado expert Yoshiko Kusimoto shows the proper way to perform the tea ceremony.

**top:** Two assistants prepare the table.

**far left:** Kusimoto deftly folds the cleansing cloth.

**middle:** She dips the water for the first cup of tea.

**left:** She uses the whisk to whip the powder and water into a frothy green foam.



The students and instructors work behind the scenes, preparing cups of tea for the guests.

## JAPANESE CEREMONY MORE THAN TEA AND CAKES

Mary W. Hodges  
Staff Writer

Did you know that CNU has a tea house? Do you know what a tea house is? There is a group of women, many of them wives of Canon workers, who would like to educate you. These women are part of an organization which holds tea ceremonies each semester at The Japanese Tea House in Virginia.

It all began back in 1989, when CNU was still CNC. Governor Gerald Baliles, who was interested in Eastern relations, had approved a \$300,000 grant for CNC to use in starting its Japanese studies program. While he was in Washington D.C. for the presidential inauguration, Baliles visited an art exhibit entitled "Japan: The Shaping of the Daimyo Culture 1185-1868" at the National Gallery. Asahi Shimbun, Japan's largest newspaper, built the \$700,000 tea house for the exhibit. After the exhibit ended they wanted a nonprofit organization to take possession of the tea house.

Because of the college's strong interest in Japanese culture, CNC acquired the tea house with the help of Baliles, after raising the \$500,000 to disassemble, move, and rebuild the tea house on campus. CNC hired Marutomi Komuten, a Japanese construction company who specializes in

traditional Japanese buildings, to reassemble the structure.

The tea house is a replica of the Enan Tea House in Kyoto, a 16th century gift from tea master Furuta Oribe to the Yabunouchi School of Tea. It is constructed from cedar, pine, oak, and plaster. It is not held together with conventional nails, but with tongue and groove joints. The thatched roof is shaped like a swallow in flight. The building is situated on a wooded corner of the campus in a Japanese garden created especially for the house.

Twice a year, the tea house hosts tea ceremonies performed by local Japanese culture groups. This semester, the ceremony was held on Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Members of the Japan-America Society of the Virginia Peninsula were on hand, passing out informational flyers and answering questions. The young women who performed the ceremonies were the students of Yoshiko Kusimoto, who has studied the ceremony "since middle school." This was the first public ceremony for many of them.

Sayoko MacDougall, a teacher at The Japanese School, brought her students to observe the ceremony. She has been to ceremonies at the tea house before. She hasn't performed ceremonies, but she has learned about them. "The wives of Canon

workers maintain the house," she said. At the school, students spend only a few hours per week studying Japan's culture and language. "It is a long process," MacDougall said.

The tea ceremony is an ancient ritual first brought to Japan by Buddhist monks from China in the 13th century. Today the ceremony, which takes years to master, is studied mostly by young girls as a part of their cultural education, but it began in Japan as a ritual strictly for the samurai. The ceremony developed into a way of life called Chado, the Way of the Tea.

The 16th century tea master Sen Rikyu was the first to fully achieve the aspects of Chado. He condensed the points of Chado into four basic beliefs. Wa is the harmony between people, people and nature, and the harmony of the utensils in the tea ceremony. Kei is the respect paid to all things and comes from sincerely appreciating their existence. Sei is worldly and spiritual purity. Jaku is tranquility and the peace of mind that comes from realizing the three other points.

The tea ceremony is the simple act of a host serving a cup of tea to his guest. Because it is so simple, each part of the ceremony, from the utensils to the fire to the decor, is fraught with meaning.

A complete tea ceremony takes about three hours. It begins when the people enter the tea house and it ends when they leave. The host prepares the house by hanging a scroll and setting out flowers. The house becomes a haven from the impurities and activity of the outside world.

While they are inside, the host prepares the fire. They eat a meal, have a break, drink a thick tea, then a thin tea. Rose Meuhlbauer, membership chairman of the Japan-America Society says it is all about humbling yourself. She started studying Chado at 13. "The attitude is I am making this [cup of tea] just for you. The main thing is to learn to serve people." She thinks that children today don't respect their elders, but studying the Chado teaches them humility.

For the ceremony at the tea house, the ladies served only the thin tea. Western tea is made from cured tea leaves steeped in a bag. Japanese tea is made from young green tea leaves. They are harvested only in November, dried, and ground into a fine powder. The same powder is kept and used throughout the year.

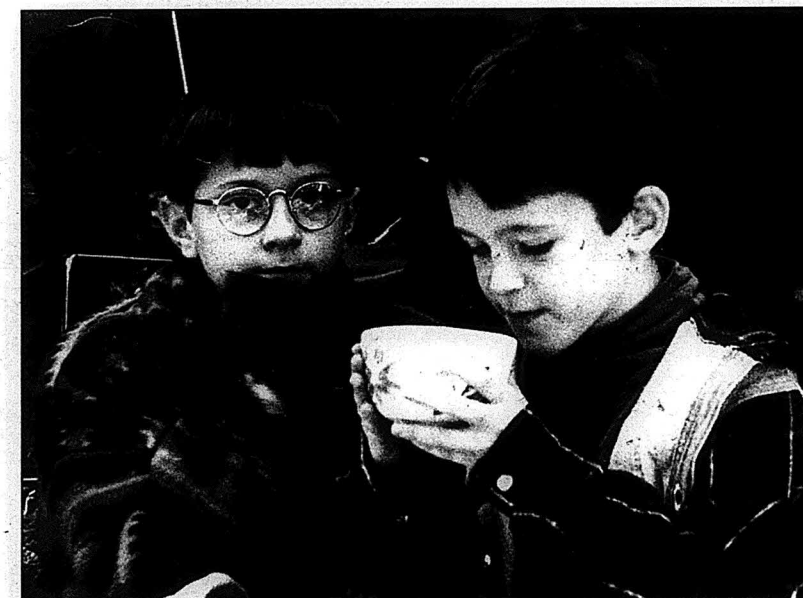
People were invited into the tea house after removing their shoes. They watched as the students performed the ceremony, but the guests did not participate. Julie Kiser observed the indoors ceremony. "It was different and more formal than the

ceremony outside. It was tranquil and calming," she said. Bill Sassi also thought the ceremony was calming. "It was a nice gift of their culture," he said.

The students took turns serving tea to the guests outside in a "nodate" tea ceremony which means "standing outside in a field." The student who was serving sat at a table set up in the courtyard with a semicircle of chairs facing it and served tea to the eight seated guests. Other people clustered around, awaiting their turns.

After the guests sat down, the host bowed low, beginning ceremony. She cleansed the utensils using hot water and an intricately folded cloth. She carefully measured the tea powder and hot water and whisked them into a pale green foam. The guests ate small cakes to sweeten their mouths before they drank the bitter tea. "You need that little bit of sweet because the tea is bitter," said Edward Samdovall. After serving the tea, the host straightened the table and bowed to end the ceremony.

Carlos Rivas was so impressed that he said he would like to take classes to learn more. "It was a good experience. I learned a lot from a different culture."



A young student samples the tea as his classmate looks on.

Photos by Karen DiGiorgio/The Captain's Log



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## Gaining Momentum

By Chris Perry  
Staff Writer

The CNU men's soccer team has been successfully taking care of business since the halfway point of the season and has only suffered one loss in the last six games. Senior Ian MacPherson has strongly contributed to the Captains' 9-5-0 overall record, currently holds the CNU career records for goals, with 50, and points, with 109.

"I have definitely had a better season than I have had in the past couple years," said MacPherson, who is currently ranked second in the Dixie Conference in goals scored with 13. Five of those goals have come within the past few weeks as he scored one against both Shenandoah

University and Mt. Olive on Oct. 16 and 19 respectively, and three against Columbia Union on Oct. 27.

The Captains soundly defeated CU 12-1 on their home turf as MacPherson earned his third career hat trick. Also scoring for CNU in the contest were freshmen Larry Walk with two goals, Oscar Gomez-Romero with two, and Steve Sachs with one, as well as sophomores Ricky Gullede with two, and James Marston and Masa Ebisawa each with one. Sophomore John Leonard also played a pivotal role in the win as he set a new school single game record with five assists.

The Captains next traveled to Mary Washington College to face a team that was ranked 20th out of all Division III schools nationwide. Before the encounter with the Eagles, MacPherson said that

"Mary Washington has always been a tough team against us. If we play the way we are supposed to play... then we can beat them pretty easily." His words proved true as the team scored one of its biggest upsets in recent years winning 2-1 and serving the Eagles only their third loss of the season. James Hable and Larry Walk both scored for the Captains, who with the victory, are in reach of the second best season in CNU history.

"We have been playing really well," said MacPherson on the team's success this season. "We definitely have come together [as a team]."

The Captains hope to continue their winning ways as they travel to N.C. Wesleyan College on Nov. 6 and then return home for the final game of the regular season, against Averett College on Nov. 9.



Senior Ian MacPherson showing off his record breaking moves.

Photo by Chris Taylor/Captain's Log.



## Beat Your Daddie



To play, simply circle the teams you think will win and drop this coupon in the Tape-a-Quarter box located in the Campus Center lounge. If you select more winners than Sports Editor Kris Van Deusen—as if that could ever happen—you will be entered in a random drawing for the week. The winner will receive **two free subs, 2 chips & 2 large drinks from Subway Station.** There is no possible way you can win. I let Londo Frett win last week. This week's games:

Baltimore at Jacksonville  
Arizona at Washington  
Green Bay at Kansas City  
Buffalo at Philadelphia  
Indianapolis at Miami  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati  
New England at N.Y. Jets

Chicago at Denver  
Houston at New Orleans  
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## Your Daddie's Picks

**Baltimore** at Jacksonville: I wonder what Brown's fans are doing with all their banners, hats, and jerseys

**Arizona** at Washington: I hate Washington

**Green Bay** at Kansas City: The Cheese-Heads will mold on the Chiefs. The Deuser will eat cheese.

**Buffalo** at Philadelphia: Jim Kelly sucks this year

**Indianapolis** at Miami: The dolts can't compete.

**Pittsburgh** at Cincinnati: Shula shmula his team gets worse each week.

**New England** at N.Y. Jets: The Jets already got their win of the season.

**Chicago** at Denver: Ditka backwards is aktiD... whatever that means...

**Houston** at New Orleans: I like the oily things. OOOooh.

**Oakland** at Tampa Bay: Fear the power of The Dillfinator!

**Minnesota** at Seattle: Ladies, Fear not the Deuser, I'm just more beautiful than you.

**Atlanta** at St. Louis: Falcons won't **CHOKE** like the Braves have done 4 out of the last 5 years. I lost money on that series. I hate Glavine.

**N.Y. Giants** at Carolina: Upset of the week or is it?

**Dallas** at San Francisco: GO! San Francisco! Steve young has a pretty mouth.

**San Diego** at Detroit: If Seu's back, the Lions will go down with a meow!



## REGISTRATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS SPRING 1997

November 11 - 14, 1996

Registration forms for currently enrolled students will be accepted from November 11 through 14 and processed on a first come first served basis in class order, (ie: Graduate, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen).

Registration forms and access to an Advising Schedule of Classes will be available through the academic departments. The University Schedule of Classes is scheduled to be delivered to CNU on or about November 6, and will be immediately distributed through-out the University community. Additionally, the Schedule of Classes and general University policies concerning admission, financial aid, registration, and payment of bills will be available on the CNU World Wide Web homepage at <http://www.cnu.edu/>

Registration forms will be accepted by mail, fax, or at drop-off locations as noted below:

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Newport News, VA 23606

**Fax To:**  
(757) 594-7711

**Drop Off:**  
Office of Registrar

### ACADEMIC ADVISING - REGISTRATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

Academic advising is **strongly recommended** for all students before registering. College of Business and Economics majors **MUST** have advisor's signature before registering. It is important for all students to contact their faculty advisor and arrange for an appointment before registration.

**Do not mail payment with your form.** Currently enrolled students will be mailed a tuition bill.

# High School High...high and dry?

"High School High" stars John Lovitz as an idealistic new teacher who tries to reach students at an inner-city high school. Lovitz's character, Dr. Clark, has a love interest in Tia Carrere. But all this is a moot point because this is a Zuckerman—as in "The Naked Gun"—film. It could have Bruno Kirby and a llama, and still be the same movie. Plot doesn't have a lot to do with the movie. It's schtick, all schtick, and nothing but schtick.

**MIKE:** The problem with movies like this is if the stupid crap the characters say doesn't catch you off guard, then it's not very funny. This film had problems like that. Other times, I just didn't know what people were saying. They really over did the gangster slang. But over all it was a pretty good movie. It redeemed itself with some really sick jokes, and by showing Carrere's naked body. Just joking. Of course if it did show her naked, I would have started this review with the words "GOOD GOD!!".

**ZACK:** This movie was funny, but some of the scenes were exaggerated, which made them more silly than humorous. For example, at the beginning of the movie, Lovitz hits the table in anger, and each person's spoon flips into each person's cup. In another scene, Lovitz drives to the inner-city high school, his entire car was stripped to the tires, and his suitcase was snatched from his handle in less than two seconds. Now, I know New York and Los Angeles thieves work quickly, but that was ridiculous. Many of the exaggerations are funny, but some just go overboard.

**MIKE:** In one scene a drug dealer who hated Lovitz was trying to rape Carrere. Lovitz saw this and tried to stop him. After he beats Carrere and the drug

dealer half to death in a bungled attempt to fight, the principal comes in and asks what was going on. The writer tried to have Lovitz say something that made it sound like they were having group sex, but it didn't have any bite to it. After the first exchange of comments, I knew what they were going to say next. This part wasn't funny because it was predictable.



## Flickers

By Mike Leonard & Zack Moon

The gangster jokes went a little over board at times. When Lovitz teaches class for the first time, he asks the students to stand up and tell the class about themselves. The students would say something like "Slap the homeboy with the G boy ain't no bootie." It's funny at first, but a couple of minutes of listening to that is whacked.

**ZACK:** Not only were there some exaggerations in the movie, some of the jokes were just really sick. I shuddered thinking about them. There were several sexual jokes in the movie that went

overboard. For instance, there was one character that appeared several times in the movie with crazy facial paintings who stuck out his tongue several times at Lovitz. Another example occurs near the end of the movie when Lovitz teams up with Carrere. They both enter the restaurant where the drug dealer is and goes to see the infamous Mr. A. One of the bad guy's bodyguards continuously feels for a weapon on Lovitz and seemed to enjoy viewing Lovitz's rear end.

**MIKE:** Some of the jokes in this movie are so nasty that it made me want to wash up afterwards. At the end of the movie, Lovitz goes under cover as a drug dealer to get one of his students out of the gang. A guy frisks him before he goes into the meeting place and whenever something happens. This guy frisks him about 10 times. Finally Lovitz gets tired of it and says, "Hey stop that. If you frisk me anymore times one of us is going to have an orgasm."

**ZACK:** Overall, "High School High" was funny. Although I don't think director Zuckerman made it as funny as any of the "Naked Gun" films, the humor involved is similar. If you enjoyed "Naked Gun," then you will probably enjoy this movie. Otherwise, I'd wait until it comes out on video.

**MIKE:** It wasn't as good as "The Naked Gun" films, but it is a good cure for those who are jonesing for comedy. People who didn't like "Spy Hard" probably won't like this, either. It didn't live up to my expectations, but I enjoyed this movie.

## Alternate Route

### Tumble into fall with a few groovy tunes

Joe Atkinson  
Staff Writer

Fall is finally upon us. The beautiful wonders of fall, which is English for autumn, never cease to amaze me. Summer and winter collide, and leaves change color. Thanksgiving and Halloween give us chances to pig out and dress incredibly stupidly. Fireplaces get their early use, sweaters find their way out of the closet, noses run, sinuses get infected and the Braves lose the World Series. But that's enough waxing poetic for now.

As the temperatures start getting colder we are forced to spend more and more time inside. What better way to pass that time than with music? Here are a few albums to help carry you and your sinus infection through the season.

**The Auteurs:** "After Murder Park"—You can always count on the British to provide us Americans with a healthy dose of cynicism and irony. The Auteurs do exactly that on their third album. Like the Beatles, they recorded at Abbey Road. Beatles influence shows in songs like "Unsolved Child Murder" and the title song. Elsewhere the band walks through symphonic pop balladry and quirky but catchy rockers without hesitation. With song titles like "Everything You Say will Destroy You" and lyrics like "If you cut your lover slack/ You'll get a monster back," the Auteurs provide the perfect amount of cynicism for the season. As a side note, the album was re-

corded by Steve Albini, who recorded "In Utero" for Nirvana. So if you liked the sound of that album you may like the sound of this one.

**The Beatles:** "Abbey Road"—There's an analogy in here somewhere. "Abbey Road" was the last album that the Beatles recorded. In a sense it was the fall of the Fab Four. The music on this album is nothing short of amazing and still sounds fresh almost 30 years after its release. From John's bizarre blues romp "Come Together" to George's shining moments on "Something" and "Here Comes the Sun" to Paul's pop medley that brings the curtain down, the album never lets up. The dark, cynical edge of "Abbey Road" is countered by the lighter, more playful moments that pop up throughout. The Beatles were alternative before alternative existed.

**Blur:** "Parklife"—it's actually one of those records that sounds good no matter when you listen to it. I list it as a good fall album because it was the soundtrack to a long road trip I took with my parents in October of last year. Just listen to the 16 fabulous songs on this album. For a few short months Blur paved the way for British music, but then Oasis came along, and we all know what happened. So, before you go out and buy that Oasis record take a listen to this one.

**Sebadoh:** "Harmacy"—If you haven't heard of Sebadoh yet, you will. They've been getting a lot of airplay for their single, "Ocean." The band started out

in the early '90s recording songs in their bedrooms and releasing them on independent labels. They've come a long way since then. Lead singer Lou Barlow writes the best relationship songs on the entire planet. So while the cooler temperatures have you holed up in the house dwelling on love gone wrong, allow Sebadoh to commiserate. If you're still scratching your head saying "Just who in the world is Sebadoh?" think back a few months to that Folk Implosion song, "Natural One." That was Lou Barlow of Sebadoh with one of his friends, John Davis. Sebadoh sounds nothing like that, but I figured it might help.

**The Wedding Present**—is one of the most painfully overlooked of the British bands. "Seamonsters" is probably their best album. Nirvana producer Steve Albini helped reshape the way the Wedding Present sounded for this album. He slowed down a band that loved to play fast and gave the guitar players only two options, loud or soft. The drums thunder and the bass rumbles, but the music still manages to be catchy. Songs like "Dare" and "Corduroy" linger in your head for days. The overall dark tone of the album makes it perfect fall fare. "Alternative Press" ranked this as one of the top 20 albums of the decade. See for yourself.



## Rave Reviews

By Liz MacGahan

**Bill's Seafood House**  
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The first thing a person sees upon entering Bill's Seafood House is a gigantic stuffed tarpon. Tarpon are inedible fish. Let this be a warning to you.

Nothing looks okay here. I was alarmed to find as soon as my shorts-wearing, big-haired, eye makeup-spattered waitress seated me that I was not only sharing my table with my companion, but also a napkin dispenser and several unlabeled squirt-bottles of sauces. She left and returned almost immediately, presenting like prizes menus and forks stapled inside wax-paper envelopes. How delightfully sanitary!

On our first visit, I was ever so cautious. I ordered a salad as my vegetable. Since I was not selecting fries, applesauce or a baked potato, I endured a surcharge. Still open-minded, I requested what I thought might be the house specialty, steamed shrimp spiced a la Bill. My companion, a man of stellar intellect went straight for deep fried potatoes, oysters and hush puppies. He had no illusions and was much better able to size the place up.

Back in a flash, our wonderful waitress and highlight of our meal returned with the most bizarre table setting I have ever seen. Two salads of iceberg lettuce and dressing spooning steak knives thrust into their middles, a plastic basket with flour hushpuppies, each with its own mini tub of Country Crock, and plastic-wrapped crackers. It was like a weird art movie; I tried to guess the symbolism.

I can't really do justice to the shrimp. They may have been canned, at least they had been frozen, and tasted like they had spent the afternoon decomposing in a bucket of brine. They were about an inch around, squishy and had not even been deveined. Spiced a la Bill means Tabasco sauce. There were about half a pound of them, which is normally good. My partner did much better with his oysters. Overbattered but big, they were fine but not memorable. Of course at Bill's, memorable isn't really positive.

In the interest of fairness, we made a second trip. Maybe the first visit was a fluke. Once again I tried steamed shrimp. I thought the shrimp cocktail format would help, but I was too naive. I was served the same product without the tabasco. Just a dozen little bugs flopped over in a stainless steel ice-cream bowl. For cocktail sauce, I had to try my luck with the squeeze bottles on the table.

Our meals went a little better. I went for fried. My platter of golden clam strips smelled tempting and looked, but tasted like fried dough. My companion tried an assortment of broiled seafood—in other words, meaty shrimp and scallops swimming in more Country Crock. Once again, we suffered the irony of a cornucopia of seafood, shamefully destroyed.

## Wes's World

## Nightmares of a College Student

By Wes Cline  
Staff Writer

As everyone is recovering from sugar shock or from whatever chemical was used to celebrate Halloween, it is a perfect time to share a tale of horror that probably lurks at the back of every student's mind.

It all started out on what seemed like a normal Monday morning, although, what was ever normal on a Monday? In fact, things seemed to be going well for this student. He was ahead of schedule and was just about to leave his house to go to school when reality took a two-by-four and whacked him upside his head.

He strolled out to his car, threw his bag into the passenger seat and slid into the drivers seat (pretty tame so far, right?). The first problem occurred at this point. When he turned the key in the ignition nothing happened. This didn't phase him too much. He popped the hood and ran into the house to get the extra car battery out of the garage.

Unfortunately, the extra battery had also gone dead over time. Before he had discovered this, he unknowingly got battery acid on his new sweater; but he wouldn't discover this until later when the sweater fell apart in the midsection while he was trying to pick up that girl from physics class.

He ran to catch the bus but he

didn't have the correct change. He had to put the only bill he had, which was a 20, into the machine; but he really didn't need to eat lunch that week anyway. While on the bus, a child sitting next to him dropped



her ice cream cone into his lap. In an attempt to help clean up the mess, the child dumped her ice cold soda into his lap, too. This was a very chilling experience to say the least.

When the bus finally arrived at the university, he hopped off wondering how

long it would take to get his pants dry or if he would have to walk around for the rest of the day looking like he had a bladder control problem. As he stood there reminding himself that it could be worse and that

at least it was only the middle of fall and not the dead of winter when the temperature would have made the dampness of his pants unbearable, something else was nagging him at the back of his mind. He could not quite figure out what was bothering him so he decided to go find someplace quiet and warm to dry out and try to get a fresh start to this quickly deteriorating day. He reached down to pick up his bag off the sidewalk and encountered nothing. In fact, he did not remember ever tak-

ing the bag out of his car. Well, maybe he could fake his way through his classes today. It wasn't like he had anything to turn in to any of his professors today anyway.

At this point, it hit him that he had forgotten to write his term paper. He guessed he could just make up some plau-

sible story to tell the professor to get an extension. Then he remembered that he had already gotten an extension on this paper and he was supposed to have it today or not at all.

Maybe, if he begged, he could get one more day. He looked down at his watch and a funny thing occurred to him. It wasn't the fact that his watch had apparently stopped a few minutes ago, but rather that, according to the date feature, it was Sunday and not Monday at all. He had another day to get his paper written. Now, if only he could find a way to get home. "Maybe," he thought to himself "there will be somebody in the library kind enough to give me a ride. I think I saw that girl from physics class go in there a minute ago."

Realizing that this is a very frightening story, I will not continue. I know that some may ask me how I could possibly propose such a fanciful tale when it is obvious that nobody could really have such an awful day. To that I can only reply that I also find it hard to believe. But, I don't have the heart to tell that to my friend who came up to me in the library wearing only half a sweater and looking for a ride.

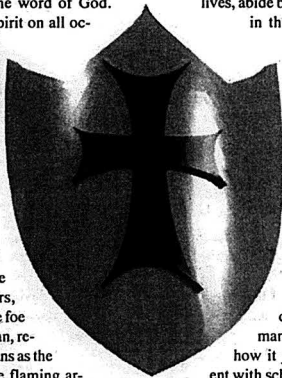
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## Faith Matters: Putting on the full Armor of God

By Chandra Chappell  
Staff Writer

"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Ephesians 6: 13 - 18 (NIV)

The Bible says that we are to suit up with the armor of God to engage in spiritual warfare. So if we are God's soldiers, who is the foe? The foe is the power of Satan, referred to in Ephesians as the day of evil and the flaming arrows of the evil one. Many of us have a certain image of the devil in our minds, with Hell as a fiery abyss and Satan dressed in red satin with horns and a pitch fork. However, Satan is not some picture we conjure up in our minds; he comes in many forms and he is moving in on us everyday. When we fail a test or forget an assignment, we may be tempted to get angry, cast blame on someone else or even take out our aggression on another person. All those temptations are the work of Satan. Sometimes I am conflicted about



what kind of music I should listen to or whether a little white lie will matter all that much in the grand scheme of things. These are again the influence of Satan on my life, but the passage in Ephesians tells us how to stand our ground with the devil and combat his incessant waging of spiritual battle. If we are armed with the weapons of truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the Holy Spirit and prayer, we can readily defeat the evil one. We must accept Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, read the Bible daily and apply the Scriptures to our lives, abide by the principles set forth in the Bible, and pray constantly for guidance, wisdom, strength and knowledge.

I do not know how it is for you, but for me college presents many struggles. I can always count on the devil to make his move when my classes start overwhelming me; of course, he is moving at many other times, but somehow it just seems more apparent with school. I know that my armor has sustained several chinks this, but my spirit is strong and I know that with God's help and daily prayer, my armor can be restored and victory will be mine. If you find that Satan is encroaching, just say a little prayer to God. Ask him to polish up your armor and prepare yourself for the spiritual battle. Do not go down without a fight!

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## Praxis volunteers lend helping hand

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Some CNU students are devoting two to four, and sometimes more hours a week off campus for just one class. And they're not using this time studying, at least not in the typical sense. They're volunteering.

Thanks to the Praxis program, which began in the campus ministries of the Dallas Community College in the late 1970s, students have the opportunity to earn additional credit hours in classes like sociology and introduction to social work through community service. Students can choose from over 20 local agencies such as the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula and the Peninsula AIDS Foundation.

Rev. Cheryl Harrison-Davidson initiated Praxis in 1994. Volunteers are expected to put in at least 16 to 20 hours a semester with the agency of their choice and may also have in-class assignments such as papers, presentations and journals pertaining to their volunteer time. At the end of the semester, students are evaluated by their individual agencies and must in turn evaluate their experiences as a participant in Praxis.

What Rev. Harrison-Davidson feels is the most important aspect of the Praxis program is the two 90-minute Reflection Groups the students are required to attend. Reflection Groups, she says, "provides [students] an opportunity to process what's happening to them." According to her, the meetings allow each of the 15 to 20 students in the group to examine "how [volunteering] impacts or hits up against our faith-walk or religious traditions, regardless of whether [they're] Jewish or Muslim or Hindu or Christian."

Additionally, students get the chance to study the correlation between what they're studying in class and what they're learning through volunteering. Even more valuable, many students are

getting experience for and input on possible after-college careers. For some it's an experience that changes their lives.

"I had a student last year who was dead-set on going to seminary," says Rev. Harrison-Davidson. "She was ready to go, and she had plans on where she was going. By the time she got through her volunteer experience, she had made a whole career shift, and she's now doing PR for George Mason. She's having a blast at what she's doing."

Indeed, many students who participate in Praxis are eventually hired-on or remain volunteering at their respective agencies after the program is completed.

In a United Campus Ministries at CNU newsletter, student Shannon Dorsey wrote of her experiences volunteering at the Riverside Regional Medical Center Hospice last semester. "Now the school semester is ending and I have completed my 16-20 required hours. I have decided, however, to continue my visits with my patient as well as my overall involvement with hospice through the summer... I am satisfied knowing, however, that I have had an opportunity to explore my interest."

Students aren't the only ones benefiting from Praxis; the community is, too. According to Jerry Gammon of the Boys' and Girls' Club of the Virginia Peninsula, Praxis "has been a good arrangement. It's helped us, and it's helped the kids here. Especially during the peak hours between afterschool and 6 p.m., when children's group leaders have their hands full." Praxis volunteers help assist with tutoring, sports teams and craft projects.

Perhaps Rev. Harrison-Davidson's Praxis intern, Jola Dye puts it best when she says of Praxis. "To me, it's better than the classroom. It helps you as an individual. It helps the community. It's a great experience."



