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James River Hall residents expelled

Students given short notice to leave

By Jesi Owens
Staff Writer

Six James River Hall residents were told to leave Saturday at 2 p.m. amid the many rumors and complaints of the affected students.

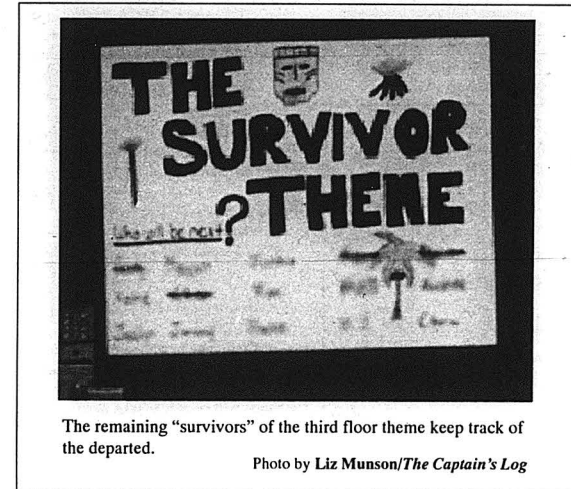
Four others involved in the incident were less severely punished, and all remaining residents in the "Social: Sigma Pi and Friends" theme unit on the third floor of JRH were denied the right to visitation by any person not residing in the theme unit for two days.

Theme Unit Liaison, Jeremy Eggleston stated that while alcohol was involved in the incident, "Alcohol did not get the students expelled," and other offenses were also reported.

When Director of Student Life, Donna Eddleman was asked to comment on what offenses are punishable by expulsion she said, "I am just not comfortable commenting on any aspect of this case due to privacy rights of all involved. Questions about process can be reviewed in the student handbook."

However, Section V of the Student Handbook states, "Any student found in violation of State or University policy related to alcohol or alcohol consumption may be subject to parental notification."

It does not specifically state expulsion is a possible consequence, but does say "Intoxication or ignorance of the law does



The remaining "survivors" of the third floor theme keep track of the departed.

Photo by Liz Munson/The Captain's Log

not release an individual from that responsibility."

Discrepancies between what residents are told and what the handbook states in regard to possible repercussions of their drinking are likely the cause of the rumors that something else must have happened that night to warrant such extreme punishment.

There are three theme units in JRH, each designed to house fifteen students.

These fifteen residents have a common theme and must work together throughout the semester to come up with projects and presentations designed to reflect the theme of the unit. Theme units are sectioned away from the rest of the halls in the building and do not have Resident Assistants but rather

Theme Unit Liaisons.

According to the Residence Life Handbook, TULs, like RAs, "are trained to help with academic and personal concerns. They also ensure that university policy is adhered to within the unit and that the goals of the community are fulfilled."

Several unconfirmed reports have implicated that Eggleston had previously violated the university's alcohol policy himself.

Through an e-mail interview, Eggleston wrote, "The rumor, I believe, started in retaliation for being written up. This is a fabricated offense that was conjured up by residents who wanted someone else to get in trouble with them. The people involved want someone to take their punishment. If not for them, with them. These allegations are slander against me and are just a way to falsely ruin my reputation as a person and as a part of resident life staff."

According to an anonymous source, eight people, seven of whom were JRH residents, were present in the theme unit the night of Aug. 29. Eggleston entered the common area and allegedly found some of the eight students consuming alcohol. Eggleston left and later returned with three RAs and proceeded downstairs to fill out incident reports. According to the anonymous source, while Eggleston

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Fraternities Across U.S. Forced To Dry Up Their Acts

By Claire Zulkey
TMS Campus

Sadly, the wrench in the college fraternity system has practically become old news. The incidences of alcohol poisoning, drug overdoses and date rapes in the news have blended together, creating an altogether unsteady foundation for the fraternity system. School officials, family members, and the media are searching for answers, closing down houses, and arresting students, laying blame wholeheartedly on everything from underage drinking to the movie "Animal House."

Many colleges are laying down a firm new law: since their fraternities cannot handle drinking responsibly in their houses, they should drink at all on campus. The concept of a dry fraternity is met with two reactions: "It'll never happen," and "What is the point of an alcohol-free frat?" However, it may not be the fairy tale many believe it to be.

"By July 1, 2001, all our chapters will be alcohol-free, no matter what," says Robert Biggs, executive vice president of Phi Delta Theta.

"Our target is to be dry by August 1, 2001," says Keith Gilchrist, executive director of Alpha Kappa Lambda."

And so it goes for about 10 more fraternities, who, out of 66 national fraternities, represent approximately a quarter of

the Greek system that will be officially dry: that is, no alcohol allowed on premises.

"We wanted to rid the cancer of the misuse and abuse of alcohol," says Biggs.

National fraternities have recognized a problem with chapters that have now out of control.

"Over the last 15 years or so, we have had occasional problems," says Gilchrist. "Injuries, property damage. At least there haven't been any deaths."

According to Dr. Richard McKaig, the Executive Director of the Indiana University Center for the Study of the College Fraternity, there has been a marked drop in overall fraternity membership due to such problems as those listed by Gilchrist.

However, while fraternities monitored the growing problems with out-of-control partying, experts also noticed interesting trends with fraternities that do not allow drinking on premises.

"The scholarship funding goes up, the membership goes up, the incidents of abuse to property go down, and the insurance premiums go down," says Jon Williamson, the Executive Vice President at the North American Interfraternity Conference.

"There will still be drinking," points out Gerardo Gonzalez, the Dean of the School of Education at Indiana University, "But they are contributing to the attitude that alcohol does not need to be the center of attention."

However, not all fraternity experts see much use in eliminating the use of alcohol on campus.

"There are too many concerns about how it is going to be reinforced," says Tom Goodale, the Executive Director of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "We can't control 9,000

lives. Students will be drinking. Most come to college with their alcohol patterns already in place. We simply need to make allowances for mistakes, and the students must be responsible to themselves."

Goodale finds that the concept of

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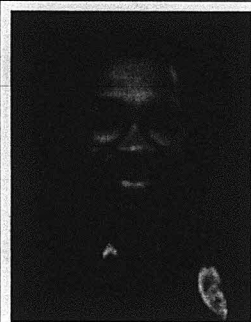


Is this the demise of Greek life across the nation?

Chief of Police Retires

By Laura Espiet
Staff Writer

Last week, CNU's Chief of Police, Samuel Warren, retired after nine years of police duty. Warren came to CNU as a part-time police officer and was quickly promoted to Sergeant, then lieutenant, until finally he achieved Chief of Police status. Warren had previous experience as the Chief of Police in the Air Force and was involved in NATO. Dean of Student's Maury O'Connell admits Warren was "someone who was respectful and in turn was very respected. He carried his military bearings with him at all times and took his responsibilities very seriously." Warren was not available for interview; however, O'Connell spoke on his behalf concerning his departure from CNU. As for why he's leaving, O'Connell explains that he's not leaving but retiring. This will actually be Warren's second retirement, his first being from the Air Force. In his newfound spare time, Warren's "immediate plans are to travel, and to spend quality time with his family and perhaps take an



Chief of Police Samuel Warren retired last week after nine years of service to CNU.

occasional ride on his motorcycle." Although Warren will be missed by many, O'Connell admits "at the same time, we are very excited about the new Chief, Jeff Brown." Brown will start his new position on Monday.

Power surge evacuates James River Hall

By Virginia Miller
Contributing Writer

At 6:45 p.m. on Sept. 4, James River Hall was evacuated due to a circuit malfunction. The west wing of the second floor experienced power surges and an eventual power loss caused by the malfunctioning circuit. While the exact cause of the problem is unknown, the safeguard functioned properly and eliminated the risk of electrical fire.

Residents of the affected wing were told to unplug everything and leave. The Newport News police arrived between two

and three minutes after receiving an emergency call.

About an hour later students were allowed back into James River Hall. Safety issues, however, mandated that students living in the affected area stay elsewhere for the night. They were allowed to go to their rooms quickly and get the necessary items for the night. While most of the students had alternative places to stay, the university offered temporary housing for the inconvenienced students. Power was restored by Wednesday afternoon and the evacuated students were allowed to return that day.

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was still at the front desk, they "all met up outside JRH—including the majority of the theme unit, and the majority of those in trouble."

Four other students, including two residents of the theme unit who were returning from a night out in Hampton joined the group and were informed of the earlier events of the evening.

Unconfirmed reports and numerous rumors spread about what happened next.

It has been suggested that Eggleston felt intimidated and consequently accused certain members of the group of threatening him. In his on-line interview, Eggleston stated, "The reason people were expelled was because they drank on top of threatening me and then I was also told (by someone who has that authority to tell me) that they also broke the honor code by lying about what had really happened. The honor code and threatening me is the real reason that they were expelled." In response to this, an anonymous witness stated, "I was with the accused students the entire time and they did not make threats."

When Eddleman was asked to comment about the alleged threats, she declined and said, "I am not at liberty to comment on pending discipline."

The punishments laid down by the CNU officials are confusing many of the people involved. Of the four students out together in Hampton that night, three were expelled from school, though nothing happened to the fourth.

A total of six individuals were ex-

pelled, reportedly including four residents in the "Sigma Pi and Friends" theme unit, who now unofficially call themselves "The Survivor Theme," and two residents of JRH's fourth floor.

Four other residents of the theme unit are currently being relocated within university housing. These four students were not expelled, but are not allowed to remain in their current rooms. Of the six expelled, four are currently being allowed to attend classes pending appeals, but are not allowed anywhere on campus except their classrooms.

Many of the residents involved complained that they were not given proper due process. Although nothing has been confirmed by any school official, some of the residents involved mentioned that they were not notified until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, that they were to be out of JRH by 7 p.m. that night.

The students contend that they were entitled to 24 hours notice. Some of the students accused CNU of not notifying them on Friday, the last day to receive a full refund on dorm deposits, in order to keep a portion of the students' room and board money. No one would officially comment on this matter.

What happens next? Who will replace the absent residents of the theme unit? Rumors are circulating that freshmen and/or students currently on the waiting list for admission to a residence hall may take their places. Effects on the theme unit experience have yet to be revealed.

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"binge drinking" (defined as having five or more drinks in one sitting, more than once every two weeks) "part of media hype. Each tragic situation is completely different. Sometimes it is the fault of the fraternity, sometimes it is the fault of the individual."

Goodale is in favor of drinking responsibly, but not denying alcohol in its entirety. "We try to use character education, and make students think about whether the things they do with their friends are what they would like their family members to see them doing," he says. Goodale is a major advocate of BACCHUS and GAMMA, large North American organizations which stand for Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students/Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol.

Goodale point is that while fraternities themselves will not have alcohol allowed on premises, this does nothing to prevent binge drinking at events located off campus.

Dean Kelly, a junior at the University of Missouri and a member of Alpha Kappa Lambda, agrees with part of Goodale's criticism of going dry. UM's alcohol policy for AKL came into effect August 1, 2000.

"There may be an increase in drunk driving, since the parties will be off campus. They might charter buses, but not everybody will be able to take them. It just might be a downside to the frat going dry," Kelly says.

Lissa Bradford is the Immediate Past Chairman Co-Chair of the National Panhellenic Conference, which represents the 26 female fraternities, or sororities. The NPC in general holds a policy where

sororities will not co-sponsor an event with a fraternity unless the fraternity is dry. "The dry policies are good for the fraternity system, and without our support, the effort will fail. We are just trying to create a level playing field, without giving advantage to alcohol-serving fraternities," Bradford says.

With regards to concerns about drunk driving, Bradford retorts, "Sorority events involving alcohol have always been off campus. The sisters don't try to fight it, because they can't. They find some sort of transportation, and they know that it is the best way. It may not be the cheapest or most convenient, but it's the best. The men must understand that they will have to do it too. We are trying to teach personal responsibility, and there is nothing responsible about [drunk driving]."

It seems that fraternity members are taking the news of "Dry2K" in stride.

"People last semester were saying, 'Oh no, there's no longer gonna be any more fun,'" says Kelly. "But now we see it with a positive view, that drinking is not that important. Plus, when I am recruiting freshmen, I say 'Look, there will still be parties, and the upside is that you won't have to clean them up,' and they seem cool with it. And if it discourages people who want to be always wasted, then that's fine... I wouldn't want to hang out with those kind of people anyway, since they probably wouldn't even make it through four years of school, and would just be idiots."

Senior Matt Puett, also an MU Greek, agrees. "I think it's going to be positive to have everyone work together to help solve the ongoing problem [of alcohol abuse.] It will definitely be a lifestyle change for all of us," Puett says. "It's going to be a difficult atmosphere, but it will be a change for the better."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

To Napster or not to Napster?

By Michael Claar
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There is a cultural zeitgeist revolutionizing the way twenty million people listen to music. It's not Eminem's latest album, it's not The Dave Matthews Band's live show and unfortunately for Sony, it's not their beleaguered minidisc. Instead it is Napster, arguably the biggest Internet phenom yet. Napster, a mainstay in college dorms for the past couple years, quickly and quietly built in popularity until earlier this year it became the target of several lawsuits from record companies and artists.

For those still in the dark, Napster is a program, created by Shawn Fanning, a teenager at the time, that allows users to trade MP3s, compressed music files, directly from other users' hard drives to their own and vice versa. There are no rules saying how much you can take, or how much you have to give; no guard dog monitoring your actions, but your library of music is open to trade the most popular artists and songs of the moment, it can be used to find any type of music, including many rare and live songs not available anywhere else, all for free.

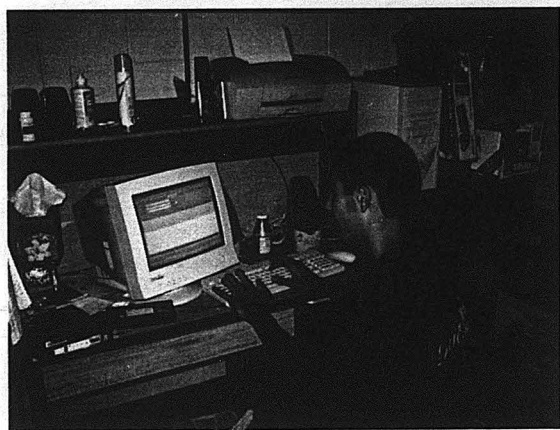
It is the last part that has the recording industry in widespread panic. Napster's critics claim the program allows piracy of copyrighted works, but the San Mateo, California based company defends itself by maintaining that Napster can be used to trade legal (i.e.: uncopyrighted) music files.

Napster's next best defense lies in the claim that the trading actually increases record sales. Christopher Newport's SGA President Jonathan Janis, a fairly frequent user, relates, "I'll take suggestions from friends, then download some songs and buy the album if I like it. I buy more because of it." Though he doesn't deny that if he does not like what he hears for free, "I definitely won't buy it."

While the legality is still being debated in the courtroom, the Internet has become the forum for the dispute over the moral issues raised by Napster. While there is a small number of music fans against the program, the faction for Napster is making themselves heard at websites like www.savenapster.com. The registered members of SaveNapster are working everyday to think of ideas that will protect their rock-roll Santa Claus, but their arguments are steeped in opinion and do not offer much help to Napster's legal woes.

Janis goes on about the morality of the situation: "I think artists, record executives, etceteras, should be paid, deserves to get paid. They are artists and they do work hard to produce the music. But there is a right and a wrong way to use it and I hope there is some way it can continue to exist without being a detriment to the whole music industry."

Before, the MP3s downloaded were only able to be listened to on the user's PC or a special MP3 player, but now people can purchase "ripper" programs for around twenty dollars or, in keeping with the sharing attitude, downloading them free off the



Pictured here, Shawn Smith uses Napster to download music from the Internet. Residents of Santoro Hall and James River Hall often use Napster because of the fast Internet connection in the dorms.

Photo by Thomas Stormer/ The Captain's Log

internet. A ripper allows the transfer of MP3 onto compact discs that can be listened to in any player. Now the only thing a Napster and ripper user would not have is the album's liner notes, which are filled with information that is readily available at the artist's website.

While many musicians are avoiding taking part in the argument, several bands including Foo Fighters, Ben Folds Five and The Roots are showing their sup-

port for the program free exchange idea.

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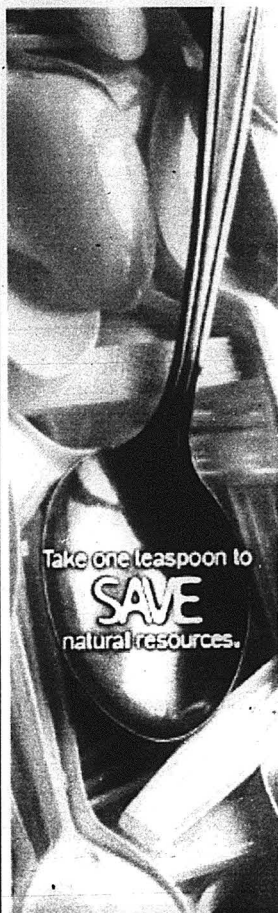
port for the program free exchange idea. On the opposite end of the spectrum, even more artists, including Dr. Dre, Eminem, Guster and, most popularly, Metallica, are making it clear they are against Napster. Most music fans are aware that Metallica was the first artist to bring a lawsuit against Napster, which resulted in 20,000 users who traded Metallica songs being banned from the system.

Included in Metallica's lawsuit were Yale and Indiana University. Both schools quickly blocked its students' access to Napster and were accordingly dropped from the lawsuit. Many other schools have also blocked Napster. They may be fearful of legal actions themselves but according to the colleges and CNU's Lead Computer Engineer John Savage, "they did that be-

cause of the traffic it created." Napster has become so popular on college campuses because most schools are now supplying Internet connections to their dorms much faster than most users' 56K modems. CNU provides its dorms with connections equivalent to approximately fifteen T1 lines. While on a normal home personal computer it can take anywhere between thirty minutes to over an hour to download one song, a student in James River or Santoro Hall could download three albums worth of music in that time making the use of Napster very convenient. "I'll get songs a couple times a week while I do homework or take a shower," says Janis.

With so many schools not allowing the use of Napster, are CNU students at risk of losing their newest hobby? Even with the fast connections that schools offer, an MP3, if digitally compressed, can be several megabytes each, plenty enough to have a major affect on a school's system. According to Savage, they can rest easy. "The dorm traffic is controlled, so the downloading cannot produce too much traffic. We have enough bandwidth reserved for necessary traffic like communications with the state and administration issues so the system cannot overload."

The network would be setup this way even without the existence of Napster. Savage informs, "A Netscape or Microsoft Internet Explorer upgrade can produce the same kind of traffic. Even though it's only a one time thing, everyone wants it right away." Savage also warns, "If the system was not setup properly, we would get rid of [Napster]." Residents can continue to take advantage of the free program but should keep an eye on the news. "We're waiting until the state or federal government makes a decision. We will abide by any legal decisions," says Savage.



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RandomReviews: Music

Mountain High....Valley Low



The cover of Yolanda Adams' recently released album "Mountain High....Valley Low" features the artist on the cover.

Album cover courtesy Amazon.com

By Steve Flemming Jr.
Staff Writer

Yolanda Adams has been the kind of gospel artist that people find hard to dislike. She's beautiful, charming, and extremely talented. Towering over her competition at six feet, Adams' voice is just as regal as her statuesque frame.

Her latest release, "Mountain High....Valley Low" is a crossroads between the traditional gospel of Shirley Caesar and the contemporary style of Kirk Franklin. Working with the likes of Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis and Fred Hammond, it is not surprising that a lot of bases are covered by this release.

The album's first release, the swaying "Open My Heart," will assure her big sales. A staple on R&B radio, the song bridges the gap that often discourages young people from embracing gospel music. At a casual listen the song sounds almost like a love song, with Adams' vocals conveying a sense of need and urgency. Jam and Lewis give the song fitting treatment, letting Adams' voice take center stage instead of letting the music dominate her (think Janet Jackson's "Control" album, which they produced).

The album's remaining selections fall closely behind "Open My Heart." While the album opener "Time to Change" is a routine "take Responsibility for your actions" song, Adams excels on the upbeat "Yeah," which features gospel newcomers Mary Mary on background vocals. Though it could have done without the computerized Roger and Zapp-like voice effects, the song

is enjoyable. Adams gives a traditional vocal workout on "That Name," an intense testament to her love of God. The backing is simple—a piano and a few strings—bringing out the true power of Adams' slow-building lead vocal. Aimed straight at gospel purists, this one takes you back to Sunday morning service.

"He'll Arrive (Coming Back)" pairs Adams with R&B belter Kelly Price. There is not much more to say except that the pairing

was an inspired one, effectively blending R&B and gospel while staying true to both. Adams does a fine job of keeping up with Price, who if given the opportunity could dominate a song.

Perhaps the most interesting number is "The Things We Do," which uses samples of famous speeches by fallen American heroes John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. Though one could say the song is sappy, The message is true—what we do for each other does make a difference. The samples—cheers from the crowds and all—bookend Adams' vocals nicely, giving the song more purpose than it would have had without them.

"Mountain High....Valley Low" will most likely be Adams' breakthrough into the mainstream R&B market. It has been said she has toyed with doing secular material, and this release proves she could pull it off with a great deal of success. Whatever the case, Adams' voice will continue to be a joy for lovers of gospel.

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If it's reality TV they want, at least make it real

By Pamela White
TMS Campus

At issue here is the success of "Survivors." This brainchild of CBS, the latest rage in voyeuristic TV programming, caught the attention of some 40 million people. The premise behind the show was simple: Cram 16 people onto a remote island, force them to interact in unusual circumstances, and watch their wacky behavior.

Viewers tuned in each week to see which contestant would be axed by the others. In return, they were treated to a broad range of idiosyncratic behaviors, like Richard's parading naked around the island, mixed liberally with backstabbing and distorted bits of stolen indigenous culture.

"The tribe has spoken. This is the conch shell of truth." Oh, please. CBS likes to call "Survivor" reality-based television. It follows on the heels of shows like MTV's "Real World," featuring young people crammed together and forced to interact as housemates. And it is being followed by programs like "Big Brother," which takes the premise behind "Real World" to extremes, with a shower cam and toilet cam.

Where did Americans develop this obsession with voyeurism? What do people find remotely interesting about watching everyday people arguing, taking showers, and using the toilet? Aren't meaningless sitcoms and Internet porn enough anymore?

We'll leave those questions for scholars to answer—surely someone will include "Survivor" in a doctoral thesis. Instead, we'll make this simple suggestion: Why not go for a little variety in all the stupidity? Make reality-based TV more real by filming reality.

And, for an added bonus, there's the Women's Unit, which will enable us all to

view that staple of male fantasy known as the "chick fight," as well as little-known events like "broomstick parties," in which gangs of women rape unlucky victims using the closest available phallic object.

If we want people struggling in remote locations, let's head to the nearest Indian reservation. Call it "Rez Survivor." Watch as indigenous people try to raise families near uranium and coal mines, fight the resulting cancer, as well as alcoholism, depression and corrupt tribal governments. Periodically, the FBI will make a special guest appearance and kill someone.

What about a show featuring a dozen CU students trying to find affordable housing in Boulder? Watch what happens when they end up in a bidding war with other students for the chance to rent some University Hill resident's garage for the semester. We'll also be able to see them drink, riot, puke and struggle to get laid.

Or how about "Sweatshop," filmed on location in some Vietnamese Nike factory? They're locked inside most of the time already. Or "Mental Ward"? Ought to be aberrant behavior aplenty. Or "Newsroom"? This would, of course, be filmed where journalists spend most of their time—in a bar.

There's lots of genuine struggle out there for us to feed off of. In fact, there's enough to keep every filmmaker busy and every network programmed 24-7 with reality-based shows. Together with Internet sites that feature people having sex, all we viewers will have to do to enjoy the full spectrum of human depravity and passion is click. Which is a good. It allows us to leave living to other people. We wouldn't want to risk trying it ourselves.



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SPORTS

Whistlin' Dixie



By Mike Mullin,
Sports Editor

When people get jobs during high school, they normally get jobs waiting tables or selling clothes. I did not. I spent three years of high school working as an auto-mechanic. One of the things you have to know about mechanics is that they take their sports seriously, especially the Final Four. During the three years I spent as an auto-mechanic I lost money every year in bracket pools. Last year I picked North Carolina to win it all. I almost won. It was fun, though. I knew every Division I team on the bracket. Had you asked me to name one Division III school, though, I would have mumbled, sputtered, and not had a clue.

Christopher Newport University is a Division III school. Until very recently I had no clue what that meant. So I looked around, asked a few people, and was able to find out.

Division III athletics means that a school must sponsor four men's and four women's sports and that they do not offer any sports scholarships. This means that all of the athletes here at CNU are here on academic, not athletic, merit.

Division III is then broken down into Conferences. CNU is a part of the Dixie Conference. The Dixie Conference consists of Averett College, Chowan College, Christopher Newport University, Ferrum University, Greensboro, Methodist College, N.C. Wesleyan, and Shenandoah College.

The Dixie Conference was founded in 1963 on the idea of college athletics without any financial aid or scholarships. Christopher Newport joined in 1964. So, if nothing, else we have been there since almost the beginning. It was not originally part of the NCAA though. Until 1973 the NCAA did not include colleges that did not provide scholarships or financial aid. But that all changed with the creation of Division III athletics.

The Dixie Conference is one of 53 Division III conferences and CNU is just one school in an eight college conference. In NCAA world, we live in a very small town. But at least in this town, CNU is mayor. But CNU isn't just the mayor, we are the sheriff too. CNU dominates the Dixie Conference. In a recent poll CNU was ranked first in the Dixie Conference in men's soccer and both women's and men's cross country.

Now, all of this doesn't mean that anyone will be starting Division III Basketball brackets any time soon. Frankly, I don't want to ever put money on a college named Wooster to win anything.



A Lady Captain dribbles by the Randolph-Macon defense towards the goal. The Lady Captains won there first game 4-1.

Photo By Mike Mullin/ The Captain's Log

Women's soccer shoots for the top

By Tom Geary
Contributing Writer

Optimism is the one word to best describe the feelings of the CNU women's soccer team this year. With a new coach, new key players, and a new attitude, the Lady Captains are ready to make a run at the Dixie Conference championship.

"We're really excited about the season. I think that this team has a lot of leadership. It's the first graduating class of players, so this is a big season for these girls," said first-year coach Melissa Mitchell about her feelings on the team. Coach Mitchell, who previously coached as an assistant at both the University of Alabama and Tulane University, already feels the optimism of the team.

In their three previous seasons, the Lady Captains have continuously improved. After two dismal losing seasons at 5-11 and 5-10, the team posted an incredible 12-3-1 record last year. Starters Laura McFerrin and Elke Reisdorph already hold most of the team's individual records for goals and assists, respectively. They hope to capitalize on that record and improve even more this year.

And they just may get that opportunity. The players appear focused and ready to win. Many seniors, like sweeper Elke Reisdorph and forward Laura McFerrin, are back for their final season at CNU. Other key returners include Amy Petko, 1999 Dixie Conference Freshman Player of the Year, and junior Heather Vance, described by Coach Mitchell as an "incredible, dominating player." Freshmen Shelley Rusnak and Ashley Godfrey have recently wrestled away starting positions as well.

Expectations are high this season as all of the girls expect to make it to the Dixie Conference Tournament. Some players, like Sabrina Kirkley, can see the team making the playoffs. "This is the year," com-

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CNU Announces Pre-Season Basketball Roster

CNU Sports Information

Christopher Newport has brought in six new men's basketball players to compliment seven returnees from last year's 25-3 squad as the Captains shoot for a record fourth consecutive Dixie Conference championship.

CNU will welcome back second team All-American Antoine Sinclair, along with the two point guards who shared duties last year, Albert Haskins and Aaron Morris and starting center Terry Gray. Three sophomores also return from a year ago, Jeremy Boyins, Tyrell Venev and Roderic Carey.

Two starters are gone from the team that earned CNU's 12th NCAA bid in the last 13 years, wings Brandon Jones and Tiran Matthews, along with top reserve player, Donte Henderson.

Two local products will return to the Peninsula area after starting their college careers elsewhere. Carlos Heard, 6-2, played a year at Division I Cal Poly-San

Luis Obispo where he saw some action as a freshman. He's from Heritage H.S. in Newport News.

Julian Sumpter returns to the area after attending Coastal Carolina, where he did not play. He's a 6-3 guard who teamed with Morris in high school at nearby Grafton.

Tony Green, a transfer from Xavier (La.), an NAIA Division I school, will be the tallest player in CNU History at 6-10. The native of Auburn Hills, Mich., played ten games at Xavier.

Nathaniel Stearns, a 6-0 guard from Huntsville, Ala., played a season at NAIA Division I Lee University in Tennessee. There he averaged 5.3 points and 1.0 assists in 28 games as a freshman.

Robert Smith is a 6-7 graduate of Fork Union Military Academy who gives the Captains three players of 6-7 or taller. He'll be a freshman this year along with 6-6 Marcus Carter.

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mented Kirkley, "It has to be, it's my last year." Others have different expectations. Elke Reisdorph, a team captain, said she is going to "try to get everyone on the defense to be on an all-region or all-conference team."

The team is prepared, even for the big games of the year. "Everyone's really looking forward to the N.C. Wesleyan game," declared Coach Mitchell. "They are the best team on our schedule, and the best team in our conference. We would love to beat them and be nationally ranked. That would be more than nice." N.C. Wesleyan, the Dixie Conference champions for the past three seasons, are at the top of the team's hitlist.

CNU's Lady Captains have much to look forward to. Coach Mitchell has picked out a roster of starters and has an ample amount of powerful backups. The starting roster for the 2000 season includes: Elke Reisdorph, sweeper/co-captain; Tiffanie Reed, right-back; Erin Smith, striker; Becky Cheeley, left-back; Laura McFerrin and Rosie Russo, midfield; Ashley Godfrey, right-half; Heather Vance, left-half/co-captain; Amy Petko and Shelley Rusnak, forwards; and Tiffany Swiney, goalie.

This is also the first CNU women's soccer graduating class of seniors, which puts more pressure on the team. Shelley Rusnak explained, "It's going to be their last year here. They've played since it first began. I think it's going to be really important for them to shine this season, because it's their last one."



Cross Country's Faith Swanson during the first meet in Salisbury, Maryland.

Photo By Jonathan Leggett/ For The Captain's Log

Cross Country 2000: Going for glory

By Liz Munson
Staff Writer

Eight kilometers, or 4.968 miles: For me, just driving this distance in my car seems like a long way. I can't even begin to imagine running that. But the men and women who comprise CNU's cross country team consider this to be small beans compared to the number of miles they've already run this year.

Traditionally, the men's team has dominated the Dixie Conference, coming in first place for the last 13 years. They also are making waves in the Mason-Dixon Conference, a conference that offers more diversity in runners. Coach Keith Maurer does not expect any less this year.

Seven of the 12 starters for the men's team have not run cross-country on a collegiate level before. So, according to Maurer, "outside the Dixie Conference, it will be hard to predict how they will do because of their youth and inexperience."

The women's team has also made headway into the Dixie Conference, attaining the first-place position for the last 3 years. During the 1999-2000 season, six of the 13 girls on the team were freshman. With these runners returning as sophomores, the Lady Captains emerge much more confident both in and out of the Dixie Conference. "We're

shooting for a top three finish in the Mason-Dixon Conference," Coach Maurer said.

And so it seems that the men's and women's cross country teams will do as well as planned. Of course, it does not hurt that from both teams there are several key players.

Freshman Erik Conradi, a graduate of Bruton High School in Williamsburg, dominated the Bay Rivers District cross country scene. He had a season's best time last year of 16:20 in King George County, and was All Conference Bay Rivers District and All Conference Region I. Despite being recruited by such schools as Mary Washington, Conradi said, "CNU was close to home and I got a chance to run, so I came."

Another strategic performer is returning runner sophomore Danielle Mahoney. She was the number one runner last year, was 1st Team All Dixie Conference, 1st Team All Mason-Dixon Conference, and 1st Team All NCAA South Region. Mahoney started off this year strong, clocking in at 21:32 during the Seagull Opener in Salisbury, Md. on Sept. 2.

As for the future of the Captains' cross country team? The race is on again Sept. 9, at the Lebanon Valley Invitational in Annville, Pa.

CNU Women's Soccer Roster 2000

No.	Name	Class	Pos.	Ht.
1	Anne Johnson**	Jr.	G	5-6
2	Heather Vance**	Jr.	M	5-3
3	Laura McFerrin**	Sr.	F	5-9
4	Melissa Potter	Fr.	M	5-7
5	Rosie Russo*	So.	F	5-0
6	Heather Vance**	Jr.	B	5-3
7	Elke Reisdorph	Sr.	F	5-4
8	Elke Reisdorph	Sr.	F	5-9
9	Elke Reisdorph	Fr.	M	5-0
10	Heidi Neidinger**	Jr.	B	5-4
11	Cornie Boehling	Fr.	M	5-3
12	Kim Sutton*	Sr.	B	5-1
13	Shelley Rusnak	Fr.	M	5-6
14	Sarah Fortier*	So.	G	5-5
15	Tiffanie Reed	Fr.	M	5-1
17	Sabrina Kirkley***	Sr.	F	5-8
18	Kim Hughes*	Jr.	G	5-6
19	Rosie Russo	Fr.	M	5-3
20	Shelley Tolbert**	Jr.	B	5-9
21	Jennifer Callaway***	Sr.	B	5-7
22	Amy Petko*	So.	M	5-10
23	Ashley Godfrey	Fr.	M	5-3
24	Tiffany Swiney	Jr.	M	5-7
25	Erin Smith*	So.	B	5-8

Head Coach: Melissa Mitchell
Assistant: Joe Pombriant



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Name	Class	Ht
John Berry	Fr.	6-5
Carl Carlson	Fr.	5-6
Chris Carter	Jr.	5-9
Chris Chappell	So.	5-11
Erik Conradi	Fr.	6-2
Ralph Denton	Jr.	5-8
Aaron Donnelly	So.	5-8
Steve Hines	So.	5-11
Mike Jones	So.	6-1
Matt Kienel	So.	5-9
Sean Smith	Fr.	6-2
Nate Wallace	Fr.	6-1

Women

Katie Baker	Fr.	5-3
Alicia Burns	Fr.	5-7
Kathleen Crouch	Jr.	5-3
Aimee Gibbs	Fr.	5-4
Crystal Lassiter	So.	5-5
Rebecca Mackey	Sr.	5-7
Danielle Mahoney	So.	5-3
Terresa McGuire	Fr.	5-9
Lindsay Newell	So.	5-4
Faith Swanson	Sr.	5-3
Jen Watkins	Sr.	5-1

Head Coach: Keith Maurer
Assistant: George Seward

Opinions

In my not so, humble opinion

By Cash Arehart
A&E Editor



So, I have received praise and compliments over the course of the past week since the debut of my regular column. I was also called a "Bible Basher" and a hypocrite. I must admit that I liked the more positive comments a bit more than the others yet appreciate them all. One may question my appreciation, but I value all of these remarks because it exhibits the fact that there are concerned students at our university.

I've also been questioned numerous times as to what I will write about this week. With such a wide variety of topics ranging from residence hall fires to residents being displaced for an evening with no accommodations being provided by the university, to the ubiquitous parking enigma. Yet, this week I have decided to lament observations on the aesthetics of our campus.

We have a very beautiful campus here at CNU; there is no two ways about it. Even amongst a tangle of construction the school maintains lush gardens and lawns. The organic landscaping is not the only point deserving admiration. What about the new buildings on the campus and the plans for the new Fine Arts Center and Student Center renovation? The physical beauty of our campus is certainly to be envied by other schools.

At what cost does this beauty come though? One often hears complaints about a lack of new and current books in the library. However, on a whim, new coffee-house is constructed in the very library, which is in such dire need of renovations and books. How convenient, perhaps students can do their Senior Thesis' on the

positive aspects of Colombian coffee beans over Venezuelan coffee beans. What about the majestic goose fountain? I will certainly sleep better at night knowing that a goose fountain is flowing safe and secure while the roofs of multiple buildings on campus leak and cave in due to weather and structural instability.

I remember asking someone here once why we have all of these "parent pleasers" and don't have more focus on things like finding more office space for faculty and student organizations. The response I received was we have to attract new students. Why don't we worry more about improving the quality of life and education for students who have already paid their tuition and fees and deserve such consideration?

The Captain's Log encourages letters to the editor. If you wish to have a letter to the editor published then please bring it to our office in Student Center 223 or by E-mail at clog@cnu.edu.

Labor Day Woes

By Ramona Hernandez
Contributing Writer

Last Monday, Labor Day, I drove to campus after working all weekend. Unlike all the other students in the area, my fellow Captains and I were forced to attend classes.

True. But as I walked into the administration building trying to cash a check, so I could eat that day, I noticed that everything was closed. The entire second floor of the Administration building was dark and silent, very uncharacteristic of a usually busy section of campus. No matter. As I strolled down to the main floor, out the doors, and through the damp pathways toward the student center, I thought to myself, "I will just pick up something in the bookstore."

Yet, again my attempt to grab something to eat and drink before my class was foiled as the bookstore was also closed. Curious, I went upstairs in the Student Center to find the Office of Housing closed. Downstairs the Office of Student Counseling was also unavailable, as was the Information Center.

Thus, I began to think: without the administrative offices open on Labor Day why were the students, professors, and library staff here? The university always states, "Students First." Yet, after having worked all weekend, on this day I woke up

to attend classes and found that the core of the university was not present to put my fellow students and me first.

I think many students take these services for granted. We never stop and think that the CNU staff members have lives outside of the campus, that their own children might be getting ready for their first day of school, or that, like us, they may need a day off. I am all for the students and faculty showing the administration how much we appreciate them. They should, however, be willing to work a holiday on which students are made to attend classes. After all, according to President Tribble, we are one community.

If we are one community then we should act like it; that means everyone works on Labor Day or no one does. One community does not mean that a very vital and important aspect of this university can be absent for a day while students are running around.

If we are one community, treat us as such. Give all Captains, regardless of their status as students or staff, the same days off. Many students already feel that the administration is not working for them. Do not put more of a gap between the students and the administration than already exists.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regards to a column written by Cash Arehart. I was not offended by his article, I would not give him the satisfaction, but I was bothered. How can he call himself a "devout" Lutheran and not want to see Christians progress? It looks to me that while he wants people to grow thicker skin he is closed minded against his own kind. A person can be open minded and respectful to people's opinions without sacrificing their own beliefs. I think this a pretty Liberal school. There are many diverse clubs that one can belong to. Which

by the way I didn't see him attack any fraternities or sororities. He really didn't make sense to me. If he wants to embrace the other side, why tear down one side to build the other? I doubt very seriously he has truly been bombarded where someone stopped him and crammed Christianity down his throat. He is just offended by having it there. He too needs to learn some things because Baptists and

Catholics are a part of society too. This letter is not intended to offend but to inform.

Anita Love



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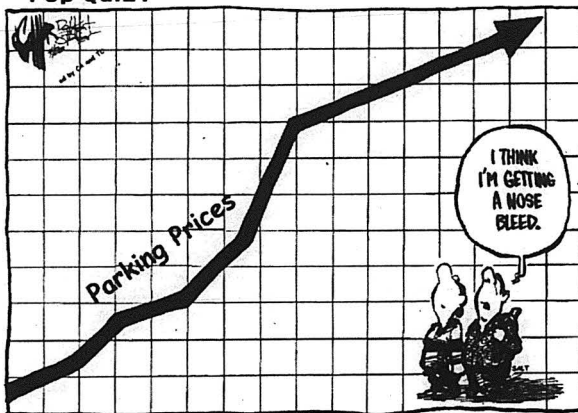
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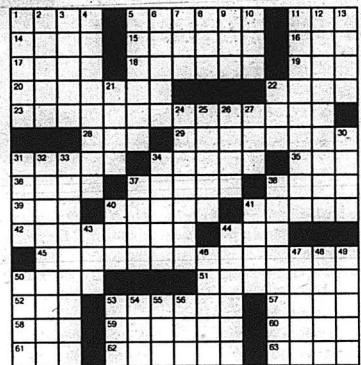
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 5 Former Giants' manager
 11 Night follower
 14 The Scott Case
 15 Selection
 16 Samuel's teacher
 17 Disfigure
 18 Flourished
 19 Grave letters?
 20 Rabble-rouser
 22 Male cats
 23 Strait of Magellan archipelago
 28 Moray
 29 Superman's girlfriend
 31 Lakeside
 34 Belin
 35 Actor Curry
 36 Sci. classes
 37 In the meantime
 38 Be apparently true
 39 Be in poor health
 40 Unskilled workers
 41 Domineering
 42 Untouched
 44 Resp. disease
 45 Fortnight folk
 50 Ticket end
 51 Reversion of property to the state
 52 Ogle
 53 Ark's resting place
 57 Canal of song
 58 Building wing
 59 Repair runways
 60 Get up
 61 Cipher code
 62 More level
 63 Close at hand

- DOWN
 1 Own up to
 2 Teheran resident
 3 Clear a frosted windshield
 4 Beaus
 5 'Ally -
 6 Combination of tones



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 46 Toss
 47 Spooky
 48 Mrs. Gorbachev
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-Tom-

For all whom are concerned; The Shoebox Follies are coming, look for them towards the end of September. A good time will be had by all whether a member aof the audience of participating on stage. Be sure to get involved. Remember NMW

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-Slick Nick T-

Stacy, thank you for the balloon that you gave me on my birthday. I was so lonely and it really made me feel appreciated. I love you so much.

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