

# The Captain's Log

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Chanelle Layman/The Captain's Log  
Vice President sophomore Ryan Chandler greets the newly inducted freshmen senators.

## Committees to address campus issues, new senators sworn in

By JESSE KNIPLING  
Contributing Writer

Vacancies at the tables of the student senate were filled Monday night as four newly elected freshmen senators took their seats next to their colleagues.

Chief Justice Kelley Word, senior, swore in Billy Desrosiers, Caitrin Cowari, Rebecca Layman and Timothy Davenport. Each new senator in turn repeated,

"At all times, I will work to support and empower students as they are the reason I chose to serve."

Although the practice of swearing in senators is not new, having elected officials is.

"Because our senate is now elected by the student body, the installment was more meaningful," said Vice President of the Senate Ryan Chandler, a sophomore.

The freshmen senators held

similar reasons for deciding to take an active role in the student government.

"I was in my high school class council," said Davenport. "I wanted to continue that path, develop myself, and become more of a leader."

Layman was also in the student council at her high school, but added, "This seems a little more formal."

During the meeting, Chandler announced the formation

of two new committees: the Parking Solutions Committee, chaired by Senator Jonathan Judkins, a junior; and the Resident Assistant Advocacy Committee, chaired by Secretary of University Affairs Christina Eggenberger, a senior.

"The Parking Solutions Committee was formed in response to student complaints about the parking situation on

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## AHA walk draws 2500

By ERIN ROLL  
Contributing Writer

About 2,500 people turned out on Sunday for the 2004 South Hampton Roads Heart Walk at the Virginia Zoological Park in Norfolk.

The walk, one of many conducted nationwide by the American Heart Association, raised awareness and funds for cardiovascular health and medical research.

The Heart Walk has been an annual event in the Hampton Roads area for the last 10 years, and has been held in different cities around the region.

Lisa Sands, the AHA director of corporate relations and a 1985 CNU graduate, deemed the turnout excellent.

"The community is very supportive," she said.

The participants were of both genders and all races, and ranged in age from infants and toddlers in strollers to the elderly.

Many walkers were survivors of heart disease, strokes or heart transplants, and wore red baseball caps distributed by Bon Secours-DePaul Medical Center.

Norfolk resident Louise Rozos underwent heart surgery in 1981 at the age of 36. Rozos has participated without fail in the Heart Walk for the last 15 years.

"We help get the word out," Rozos said of her reasons for taking part.

Jimmy Lee of Chesapeake, a heart attack survivor, felt the same way.

"I'm doing this for everybody, 'cause there are a lot of people who haven't had heart attacks yet," he said.

Many people sported large stickers printed with the names of friends and loved ones who had died from heart diseases or defects. One group participated in the walk to serve as a tribute to Kevin Phillips, general manager of 501 City Grill and a heart transplant recipient. He passed away in March.

Speaking of Phillips, Chris Strickland of Virginia Beach, said he was "probably the greatest person I ever met. Always did the right thing."

Susan Pawlus of Virginia Beach organized a group from Independent Lighting Corporation to take part in the walk with her.

"I wanted to participate for my son," she said.

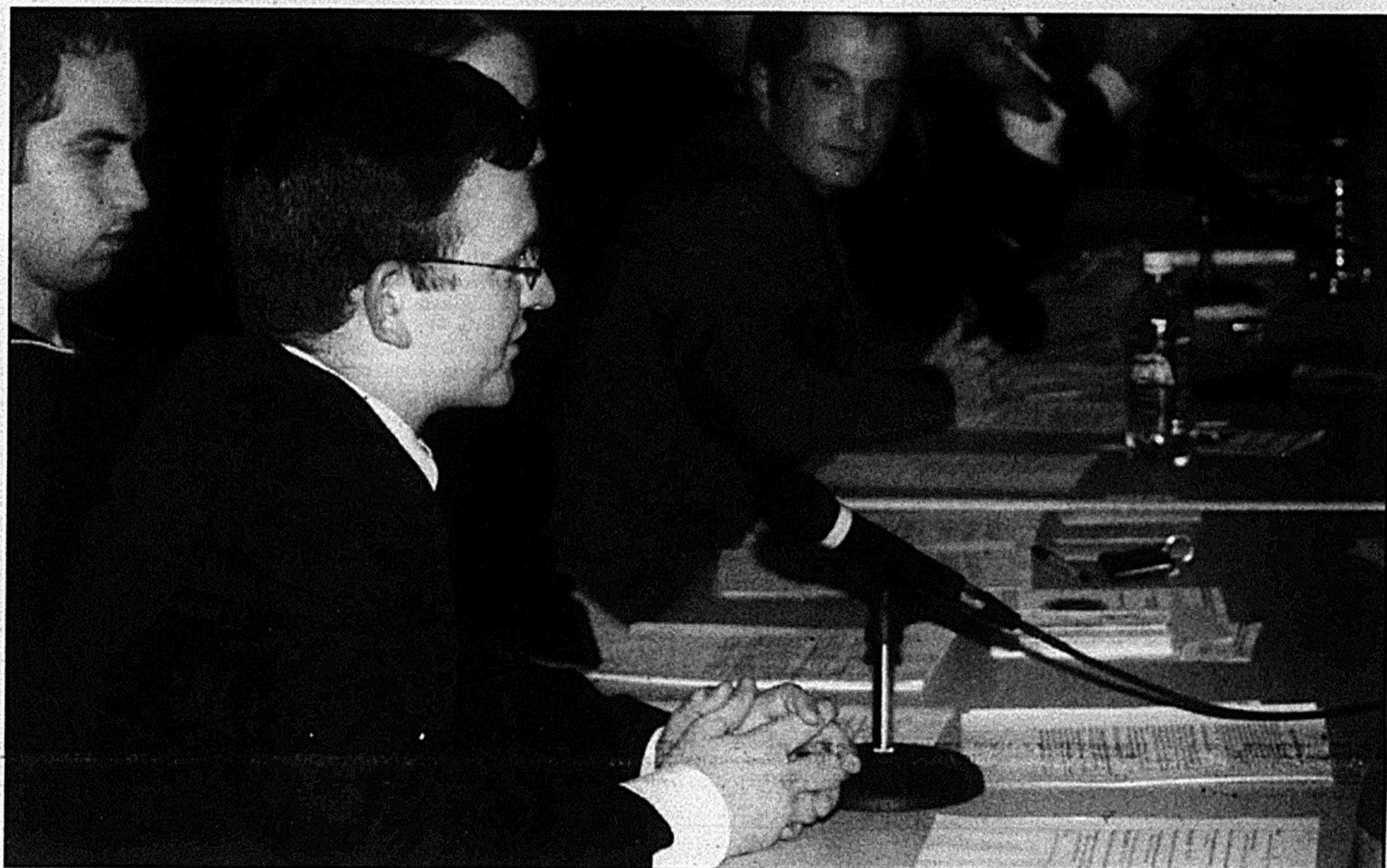
Pawlus underwent a heart transplant for a heart defect, and one of her sons is expected to need a heart transplant. He has the same defect that his mother had.

Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield sponsored the walk, and the chairman was Rick Anderson of SunCom. A number of local businesses and organizations lent their support to the walk. Bon Secours sponsored the Health and Wellness information tent on the zoo grounds, and a number of local Subway outlets donated 2,500 sandwiches to feed the participants, said Sands.

Cardiovascular diseases are the number one cause of death in the state of Virginia and claim the lives about 930,000 people in the United States each year, Sands said.

All of the money raised by the walk will be used directly for medical research.

## Debates involve nation and campus



Craig Whisenand/The Captain's Log  
Senator Josh Dermer of the Young Constitutionalists speaks during the mock presidential debates. Students from the Young Democrats, the College Republicans, and the Young Constitutionalists expressed their views.

### Bush, Kerry debate war

By STEVEN THOMMA  
AND JAMES KUHNEN  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

There were no presidential debates during the Vietnam War.

Kerry needed to score against Bush, facing the incumbent 32 days before Election Day, with Bush holding a slight lead in most polls but the race still close enough to swing either way.

With as many as 60 million Americans watching, the debate offered the single best chance for Kerry to gain ground or for Bush to solidify his lead.

Though many voters have already made up their minds, Thursday night's audience still was likely to be the largest of the three debates - and its subjects of war and national security the most pressing.

Indeed, news from Iraq Thursday competed with the debate and underscored the stakes.

First, terrorist car bombings killed 14 adults and at least 35 children accepting candy from American soldiers at the grand opening of a sewage treatment plant in Baghdad.

Another 200 people, many children, were injured.

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### Mock presidential debates held

By MATTHEW CHAMBERS  
Captain's Log Intern

Sponsored by the student government and Virginia 21, a mock presidential debate was held on Sept. 29 in Gaines Theatre to urge students to vote in the upcoming presidential election.

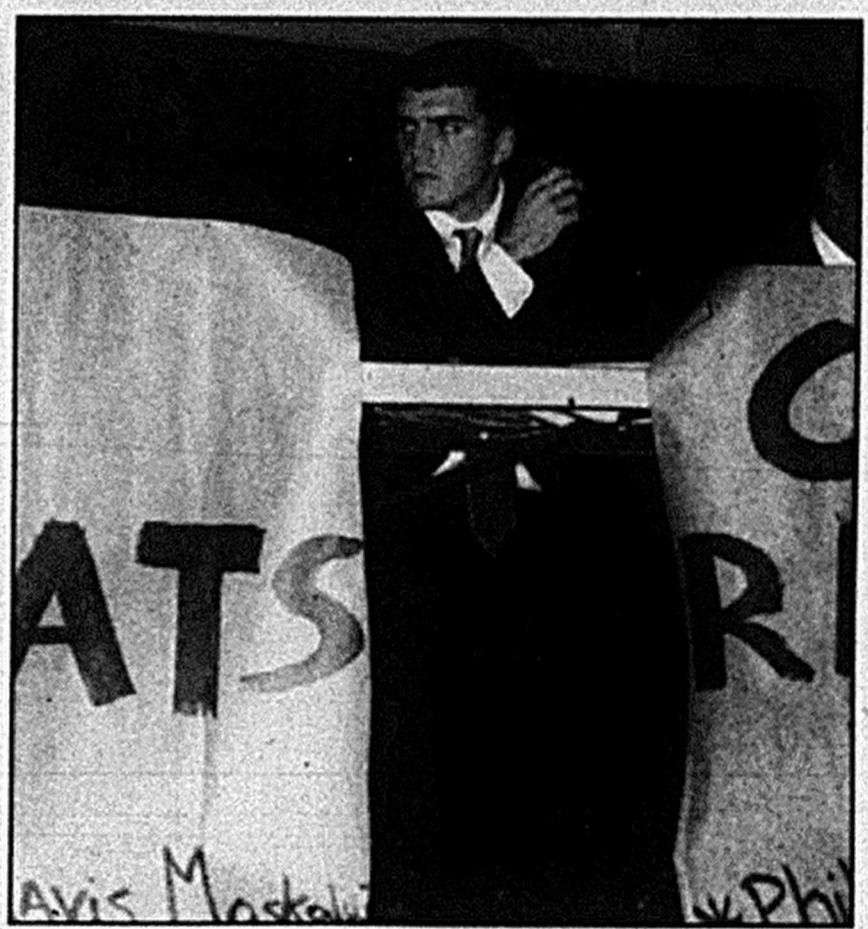
The College Republicans, Young Democrats and Young Constitutionalists had teams of three to discuss foreign and domestic affairs to represent their party's candidates.

Senior Kelley Word, chief justice of the judicial branch of SGA, served as the debates moderator.

The College Republicans said that Americans should reelect President Bush to ensure the nation's safety and prosperity.

Young Democrats countered saying John Kerry had the vision and plans to get the country out of its current economic and political turmoil.

The Young Constitutionalists represented third party candidate, Michael Peroutka, who said that a reevaluation of values was the wisest



Craig Whisenand/The Captain's Log  
Junior Phil Andrews was one of three representatives for the College Republicans.

choice for Americans.

Dermer addressed the current administration's handling of Iraq and its policies on sending troops with disapproval.

He also addressed the administration's efforts to establish a government in Iraq and form

its constitution for it.

"Why don't we just give them ours," Dermer said. "We don't use it."

Word asked the panel if American forces should stay

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## W&M ad calls for boycott of community

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

As several William and Mary students continue their campaign to be able to register to vote in the city of Williamsburg, someone placed an ad in the university's student newspaper, The Flat Hat.

The ad called on the university community to boycott

local businesses as a way to make a point.

The ad surprised members of the community as well as the students who were fighting for the right to vote in the city.

Last year, several William and Mary students tried to register to vote in Williamsburg but were denied when the registrar saw they had listed their dormitory addresses.

The Williamsburg registrar decided the addresses were

temporary and were not valid for voter registration.

The students who were trying to register to vote said they had no affiliation to the ad.

"As for the specific tactics advocated in the piece, speaking only on behalf of myself and not any organization, I think that they are ambitious and worthwhile actions," said sophomore David Seivers, one of the students who tried to register to vote but was denied. "However,

I do not think that the manner in which the group advocating such action is advisable at all. If they were really interested in organizing the student body they would use more sensible and effective tactics."

Senior Selene Alami has had numerous meetings with Williamsburg officials and feels the ad was counter-productive.

"I think the approach taken in the ad is just going to polarize an already sensitive topic in our

community," she said. "Personally, I have had the opportunity to speak with Jeanne Zeidler, Mickey Chohany and Clyde Haulman on various occasions and I think it's unfair to solely blame them for town-grown problems. They have always been more than willing to at least listen."

Zeidler is the Williamsburg mayor and Chohany and Haul-

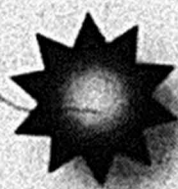
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## Weekend Forecast

courtesy of www.weather.com

Thursday:  
Sunny

High: 76° Low: 55°



Friday:  
Partly Cloudy

High: 77° Low: 57°



Saturday:  
Few Showers

High: 77° Low: 56°



Sunday:  
Partly Cloudy

High: 77° Low: 57°



## Correction

The caption for the Sexual Assault Awareness Week photo from last week should read, "Junior Laura Otey and seniors Indire Medina and Jennifer Clark fill 'shag bags' in preparation for Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The bags contained safety tips and condoms."

## On the record Police Blotter

On Sept. 22 a picture was stolen from the BTC building. The case is currently inactive.

A flex point card was stolen on Sept. 24. The incident occurred on the Great Lawn and the individual has been referred to Judicial Affairs.

There was an alcohol violation on Sept. 24. An underage student was found with alcohol in York River West and has been referred to Judicial Affairs.

An underage individual was found with alcohol on Sept. 25 in Santoro Hall. The individual was arrested and referred to Judicial Affairs.

On Sept. 26, an underage student was found with alcohol in Santoro Hall. The student was arrested and has been referred to Judicial Affairs.

A student was arrested on Sept. 26 for underage possession of alcohol in York River West. The student has been referred to Judicial Affairs.

There was a hit and run in front of the Monroe Building of CNU Apartments on Sept. 26. Damages were over \$1,000 but the case is currently inactive.

A vehicle was keyed near the CNU Apartments on Sept. 26. The case is currently active, so there are no further details being released by the University Police.

NNPD — The campus and surrounding area falls under the Central Precinct and in beat 22. The following information is from that precinct.

On Sept. 30, there was a simple assault with no injuries on the 900 block of J. Clyde Morris Blvd.

Dangerous drugs were seized from the 11800 block of Jefferson Avenue on Sept. 30. Child neglect charges were also issued on the same block.

There was a simple assault with no injuries on the 400 block of Turlington Road on Oct. 1.

A simple assault occurred on Oct. 1 on the 600 block of Thimble Shoals Blvd. There were minor injuries.

On Oct. 1 there was a simple assault with minor injuries on the 11500 block of Jefferson Avenue.

Dangerous drugs were seized from the 800 block of Forrest Drive on Oct. 2.

## Around town State/Local News

Kilgore intervenes in Mirant case on behalf of DEQ

Attorney General Jerry Kilgore announced last week that his office filed a motion to intervene on behalf of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in an effort to reduce harmful emissions from the Potomac River Generating Station in Alexandria.

His office has been representing the DEQ's efforts to reduce the release of nitrogen oxides since March. Nitrogen oxides combine with organic compounds in the atmosphere to form ozone, which helps create smog.

The Potomac River Generation Station is a 482-mega-watt coal-fired power plant owned by Mirant Potomac River, LLC, and is operated by Mirant mid-Atlantic, LLC.

Mirant was issued a State Operating Permit in September 2000. The permit limits the emission of nitrogen oxides to 1,019 tons per season. During the 2003 season, Mirant violated the permit by emitting approximately 2,128 tons.

Mirant is facing \$500,000 in civil penalties and will be required to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions from the Potomac River Generating Station over the next six years if a consent decree is agreed to. The company also faces additional charges under the decree. The consent decree will be subject to a 30-day public comment period. A federal bankruptcy court in Texas must also approve the decree.

Six state schools graduate from Warner's "PASS" program

Governor Mark Warner announced Friday that six of the 32 public schools participating in his Partnership for Achieving Successful Schools (PASS) initiative raised student performance levels enough to graduate from the program.

The initiative was launched in 2002, is part of Warner's Education for a Lifetime program, and has enlisted 324 business, community and faith partners to help support the 32 schools that were sanctioned under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001.

The six graduating schools are Whitcomb Court Elementary in Richmond, Keokee Elementary in Lee County, Woodrow Wilson Elementary in Danville, Jeter-Watson Intermediate in Covington and Emily Spong Elementary and Lakeview Elementary in Portsmouth. These schools are no longer under NCLB sanctions because of improved student achievement in two consecutive years.

## supershots

Tommy Verna, Andy Mansfield and Chris Rice of Sun-baked Possum perform bluegrass songs at the fountain last Thursday. The band consists of five members: Andy Mansfield, Mike Hoff, Alex Butterfield, Tommy Verna and Chris Rice. Joining them that night was Anita Tienman, Andy Houpos and senior Hillary Branem, none of whom are members of the band.

## Your life Campus News

### Parking Restrictions

The parking lot at the AMF bowling alley and Credit Union is reserved for patrons of those businesses. Any student or faculty member parked in this lot will be fined. The lot surrounding the BTC building is reserved for faculty and staff. All rules and regulations, as well as parking maps, can be found on the parking Web site at [www.cnu.edu/parking](http://www.cnu.edu/parking).

### Fall Break Hours at Ferguson

Oct. 8 – The building will close at 5 p.m.  
Oct. 9 and 10 – The building will be closed excluding scheduled public events.  
Oct. 11 and 12 – The building will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Oct. 13 – The building will resume normal operating hours.

### Flex Cards Now Accepted in Health Services

In addition to cash and check payments for services, University Health and Wellness Services is now accepting Flex card payments.

### University Police has a new URL

The University Police have a new Web site that can be found at [www.cnu.edu/police](http://www.cnu.edu/police).

### Philosophy and Religious Studies Discussion Group

Members of the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department will meet Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. in the department's lounge (third floor Admin) to discuss a recent article by Pascal Boyer. Copies of the article are located in the Philosophy Department.

## Classifieds

**Make your own hours:** All you do is sell the Hawaiian Tropic Break 2005 Travel Program. Represent an American Express "Student Travel" Company. Guaranteed Highest Commission, Free Trips & Great for Resume. AMERICAN STUDENT Vacations 1-800-336-2260. [www.americanstudent.info](http://www.americanstudent.info)

**Mary Kay Cosmetics:** First in sales for ten years. Call for free skin care consultation. Great holiday gift ideas. Ask for Linda, 870-2771.

### Want to place a classified ad?

The Captain's Log is now offering a classified section to CNU associates and affiliates. Post roommate needs, items for sale, wanted, personals, etc. For more information, contact the Captain's Log at 594-7196 or e-mail at [clog@cnu.edu](mailto:clog@cnu.edu).

**\*DISCLAIMER\*** The Captain's Log is not responsible for posted ads. Personal ads will be screened for appropriate content.

**Rates:** \$3 per first 10 words; \$2 each add'l 10 words; \$10 per block ad.

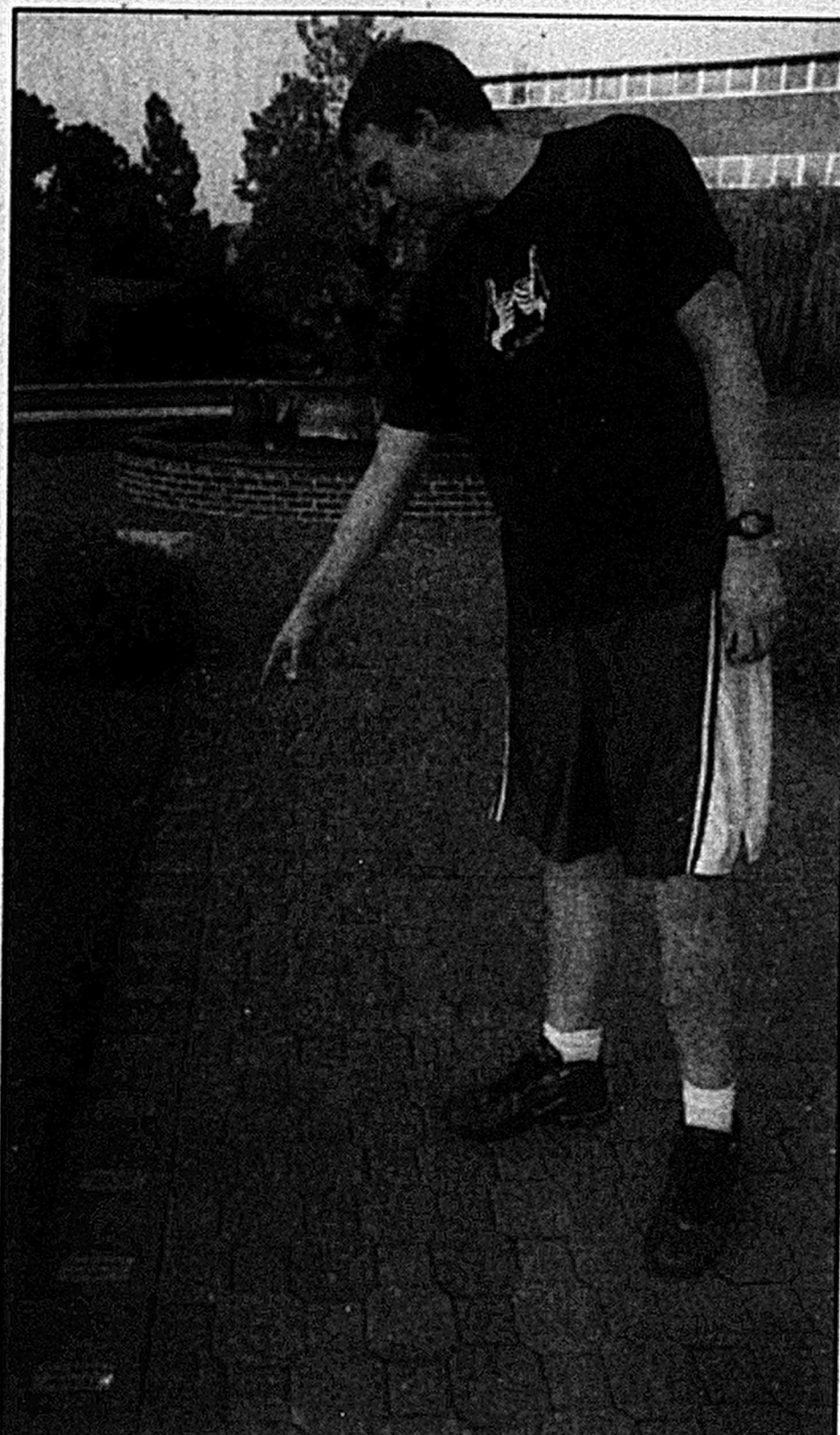


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## Campus Calendar

## October 6 - 12

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
10:00 a.m. – Career & Graduate School Day; Freeman Center	12:00 p.m. – Biology Club Cookout; Sci. Bldg. Atrium	4:00 p.m. – Friday's at 4; Great Lawn	Fall Break	Fall Break	Fall Break	Fall Break
12:00 p.m. – GSSU Meeting; SC 233	12:15 p.m. – MSA Meeting; SC 150	8:00 p.m. – Dancing at Lughnasa; Studio Theater	1:00 p.m. – Football vs. Greensboro; Pomoco Stadium	2:30 p.m. – Dancing at Lughnasa; Studio Theater	7:00 p.m. – Men's Soccer vs. Transylvania; Captain's Field	
1:00 p.m. – Young Constitutionalists Meeting; SC 233	4:30 p.m. – Young Democrats; SC 233		8:00 p.m. – Dancing at Lughnasa; Studio Theater			
4:00 p.m. – Phi Mu Lion Luau; volleyball court	7:30 p.m. – CNU Roleplaying Guild; SC 233					
7:00 p.m. – Diversity Scholar Series Speaker; SC 150	9:00 p.m. – CAB movie "The Terminal"; Anderson Auditorium					



Chasselle Layman/The Captain's Log

Sophomore Greg McCracken points out a well-known brick on campus that says "Fat People Are Harder To Kidnap." While most of the bricks are designated in memory or in honor of someone, there are a handful of bricks with unusual or humorous sayings.

## Brick program allows lasting mark

By JULIE HAGY  
Contributing Writer

From philosophical, to spiritual, to downright funny, the bricks surrounding the walkways of campus offer an array of insight into lives at CNU.

Jenn Austin, Development Associate for the Office of University Advancement is in charge of the brick program.

She is excited about their presence on campus. "It's a nice atmosphere when you're walking to class. You can read all the bricks," she said.

Senior Stephanie Miller echoes Austin's sentiments. "I like reading the bricks and seeing how they've changed since the four years I've been here," Miller said.

According to Austin, the program started in 1999.

At first, the program was focused on engraving personal plaques to surround the fountain at Saunders Plaza.

Five years later, the brick program is still thriving and has expanded down the sidewalks leading to the fountain and the walkways of the Freeman Center and POMOCO Stadium.

Each standard 4 by 8 brick, complete with golden plate and personal inscription, costs \$100.

The money goes toward the Annual Fund.

According to Austin, the Annual Fund helps with "the most critical needs on campus," which vary year to year.

Some of the funds go towards new equipment, books and academic advancements.

"[The fund] puts the extra in extraordinary," Austin said.

Bricks purchased by corporations at the Freeman Center and POMOCO Stadium range

are a fantastic way for businesses to advertise.

"They way for corporations and foundations to get involved with campus and get noticed," she said. "They are something people see all the time."

Currently, a Web site for the brick program is being designed.

It will exhibit the location and content of each brick. The Web site will provide a map pinpointing each brick's location.

In addition, a digital photo of each brick will be accessible. Students, faculty and parents are among those participating in the brick program.

"I think it's a good memory to leave on campus," said junior Vikki Hansen. "It's neat how they can come back years later and still see it on campus."

Austin is optimistic about the future of the brick program and the positive influence it is having on campus and in the community.

"It gives you a glimpse into what other people are thinking about and what is important to them," Austin said.

Austin also said that the bricks lend a historical element to the campus.

"Twenty years from now those bricks will still be there," she said.

### CAN YOU LOCATE THESE BRICKS ON CAMPUS?

2000-2001 University Tour Guides

You Can Do It

Nice Tie

'Tis A Blessing To Be Irish

Fat People Are Harder To Kidnap

from \$250 to more than \$1,000.

In addition to supporting the Annual Fund, proceeds from these bricks also support the Athletic Fund.

Austin said that the bricks

## October Supreme Court Cases

"Information from the American Bar Association"

Kansas V. Colorado

The current litigation is trying to settle issues of Arkansas River water allocation between Kansas and Colorado. The conflict is the proper administration and enforcement of a plan that has been devised to take account of the substantial amount of groundwater pumping in Colorado that affects the river's flow in Kansas.

Kowalski V. Tesmer

Michigan does not allow most defendants an automatic appeal to those pleading guilty but allows them to apply for leave to appeal. No counsel is appointed to represent those seeking an appeal. This case asks the court to decide whether the Constitution requires Michigan to appoint counsel for these applications.

Koons Buick Pontiac GMC V. Nigh

The Court will resolve an ambiguity in the Truth in Lending Act and determine whether it imposes a \$1,000 limitation on damages for technical violations of the Act involving automobile and other consumer loans.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company V. Kirby Pty

A "Himalaya clause" limits the damages that an ocean carrier's agents, contractors and employees must pay when goods transported under a bill of lading are damaged. In this case, the Court must decide whether a railroad may use the Himalaya clause negotiated between a steamship line and a freight forwarder to defend itself against a cargo owner's claim of negligence.

Leocal V. Ashcroft

The Immigration and Naturalization Service ("INS") instituted removal proceedings against a Haitian immigrant after he pled guilty to driving under the influence and causing bodily injury. The INS said the convictions were for "crimes of violence," making him a permanent resident of the U.S. since 1987, removable as an "aggravated felon."

Clark V. Martinez and Benitez V. Rozos

This case considers whether limited detention periods of removable aliens, previously set by the court, also apply to "excludable" aliens who have never gained permanent residency nor otherwise "entered" the country.

## State proposal will cause deficit in localities

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

Due to changes in the timing of car tax reimbursements, over 42 localities could be faced with major budget shortfalls. The change will affect 42 cities and counties; towns are not included in that figure.

Currently, localities bill citizens 30 percent of the car tax and are reimbursed by the state for the other 70 percent, which was part of former Governor Jim Gilmore's promise to eliminate the car tax. But in 2006, the state will give localities a flat rate instead of reimbursing the full value of car tax bills.

This change is part of the final revenue and budget agreement of the unprecedented 115 day General Assembly session.

According to Senate bill 5005, "each county's, city's, or town's share of the \$950 million for each tax year shall be determined pro rata based upon the actual payments to such county, city, or town ... for tax year 2005."

Localities will submit their tax reimbursement requests, which will equal a certain percentage of the \$950 million. That percentage will become the locality's flat rate. Once that flat rate has been decided for a particular locality, the same amount will be issued to that locality each year thereafter, according to the legislation.

"Growing localities are concerned that the number of cars will be going up, but their

payment [reimbursement funding from the state] is fixed," said Virginia Finance Secretary John Bennett.

Under the current policy, the state reimburses localities within approximately five business days of receiving reimbursement requests, said Michael Edwards, the deputy director of the Virginia Municipal League. The new legislation holds that the state will not reimburse any localities that bill in the spring until after July 1, 2006, which would save the state \$270 million, Edwards said. Starting July 1, 2006, localities won't be reimbursed vehicle by vehicle, but the fixed flat rate that won't change unless the General Assembly passes additional legislation to change the flat rate.

"This change creates revenue as well as budget and cash management problems for the spring-billers because many need the cash to close out their fiscal year '06 books. Under SB 5005, spring-billers will not receive their cash until fiscal year '07," said Edwards.

In the Sept. 10 issue of Update, the VML's newsletter, the organization states that to create the \$270 million in savings, the state eliminated all state reimbursements in the final quarter of fiscal year 2006.

"Beginning in fiscal year 2007, and for each year thereafter, the state will appropriate \$950 million to localities. This shortfall in FY06 creates a cash flow problem for many localities, especially those that assess and bill the tax in the spring,"

the newsletter said. "The plan does not provide for the repayment of the outstanding \$270 million from FY06."

Governor Mark Warner's administration has not yet found any remedies for the shortfalls, but is still looking into the situation to figure out what the options might be, according to Deputy Press Secretary Kevin Hall.

Virginia Beach stands to lose \$50 million in reimbursement revenues for the fiscal year 2006, said the city's budget director Catheryn Whitesell.

The city will not be able to cover the shortfall with cash reserves, Whitesell said. "The city's projected undersigned fund balance for June 30 is only \$69 million total. Covering the state shortage would totally eliminate the reserve."

Whitesell said that the city had to cover approximately \$20 million after Hurricane Isabel, which came out of the cash reserve fund.

Virginia Beach's reserve is enough for three to four months of operating expenses, Whitesell said. The city's bondholders require that the city maintains the reserve fund. To compensate for the shortfall, the city has three options according to Whitesell, which are: require the Personal Property taxpayer to make up the shortfall, since the city currently pays 70 percent of the tax until it is reimbursed by the state; raise another tax to replace the lost revenue, which would shift the burden from car owners to another taxpayer class; or

severely eliminate services and programs. Whitesell said the City Council could do a combination of any or all of the three options.

In Chesapeake, which is looking at a potential \$26 million shortfall for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, there are few options other than getting the General Assembly to restore the funding to the locality. The city's Budget Director Betty Meyer said that the city is currently planning to lobby the state legislature to get lawmakers to either restore the funding or spread it out among localities. Lawmakers decided in the last session that the car tax reimbursements would total about \$970,000 but they only appropriated \$720,000.

"At least give everybody some of it instead of some people none of it," said Meyer.

This decision to lower funding and change the date of reimbursement payments has localities that issue their car tax bills in the spring concerned that they will not be able to cover the additional expenses.

"We looked at all the alternatives, there just weren't enough any other avenues," Meyer said. "We would have to start cutting from other budgets and that would include our school budget."

Bennett said the General Assembly usually makes forecasts as to how much the car tax reimbursements will cost, but over time, the costs have come near what was originally forecasted. Since the problem was discovered about a month ago,

state and local agencies have been looking for options to manage their budgets.

"What we've been trying to do is sort through and see if this is a budget problem or whether it's a cash flow problem," Bennett said. "As we get into it more and more, we think it's a cash flow issue."

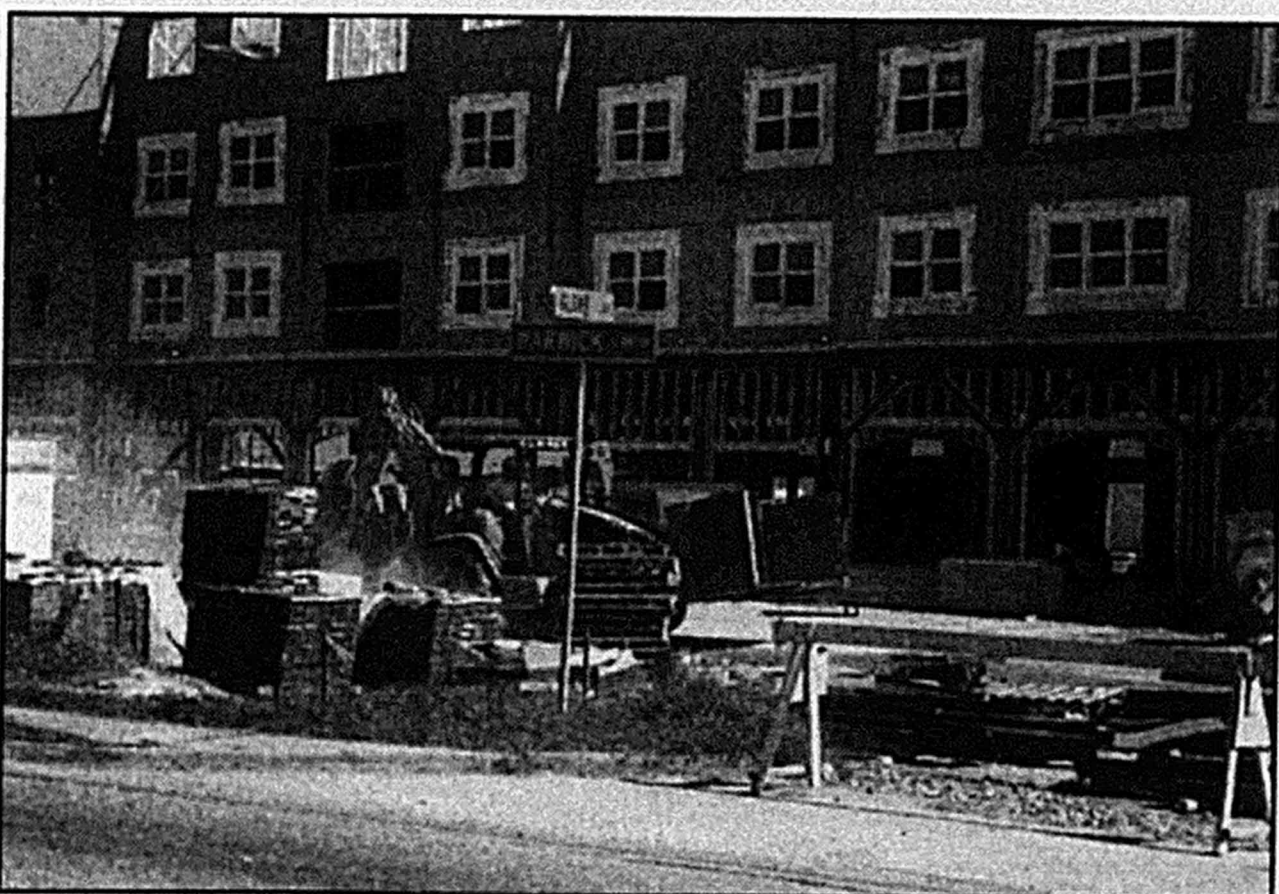
Most localities in the state operate on a modified accrual system. This system lets localities include revenue in their budget, even if they don't have it the day the fiscal year ends. As long as they get the money within 45-60 days, "they can count it and spend it," Bennett said.

Now that Bennett, a group of treasurers, finance secretaries and other budgetary officials have determined that it's a cash flow problem versus a budget problem, they have started developing some solutions to the transitional problems facing localities.

The first on Bennett's list is to develop a payment schedule to get money to localities when they need it. Since localities that collect the car tax in the spring will have the most problems balancing their budgets under the new reimbursement policy, those localities will most likely receive their state funding first, Bennett said.

"Lots of localities were saying the sky is falling, the sky is falling, but it doesn't look like it's going to happen," Bennett said.

## CNU Village parking construction



Ashley Dooley/The Captain's Log

As the congestion on Warwick Blvd. increases, plans are in place to accommodate the additional traffic. The Warwick expansion project is part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Six-Year Improvement Program. According to Edward Skipper, one of the project managers, various utility work is being done to make way for the road construction. The project is estimated to cost \$72,921 according to VDOT Web site. The primary road construction will be bid in the spring. It is a five-year project after that. With CNU Village being constructed so close to the existing roadway, the road will shift west, closer to the main campus. "Since the median is so small, the expansion is outside from the existing roadway," said Skipper. "It varies from place to place depending on land acquisition by VDOT. The stretch of Warwick between the J. Clyde Morris Blvd. and Nettles Drive will be expanded an additional lane in each direction. The expansion will not affect the plans for CNU Village. There will be adequate retail parking in front of the project as planned," said Tom Shroud, executive director of public affairs and government relations.

## 7th Bike-Walk held

By ERIN ROLL  
Contributing Writer

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel District hosted its 7th annual Family Fun Day on the Bay Bike-Walk Oct. 2.

The event benefited the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Food Bank of the Eastern Shore.

There was no fee for entry.

On average, the bike-walk sees a turnout of 7 to 8,000 people each year.

The bike-walk began at 8 a.m. and ended around 1 p.m.

Despite a heavy rain shower around noon, there was a high turnout.

Two sections of the bridge were closed to motorists so that cyclists and pedestrians could safely cross.

Participants were given the option of walking from the Virginia Beach toll plaza to the Thimble Shoal tunnel island and back or riding bicycles from the Eastern Shore

toll plaza to the Chesapeake Channel tunnel island and back.

The bikers gathered behind the Sunset Beach Inn, near the north toll plaza.

Walkers assembled at either Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach or at Lake Taylor High School in Norfolk, where shuttle buses picked them up and drove them to the south toll plaza.

The Food Bank set up tables at the toll plazas and the satellite parking areas where participants could drop off non-perishable foods or make a monetary donation.

The bikers and walkers were people of all ages and both genders.

There were many families with children, some small groups of friends and some going alone.

The bikes themselves included tandems, bikes with rickshaws attached, mountain and racing bikes and an adult's yellow recumbent tricycle, scratch-built from spare parts by Jim Moore of Portsmouth.

"There are parts from six

different bikes in here," Moore said of his creation.

At Cox High School, walkers disembarking from the buses seemed slightly fatigued but very pleased with the way the bike-walk had gone.

"We've been doing this since the first one," Virginia Beach resident Pat Mahoney said.

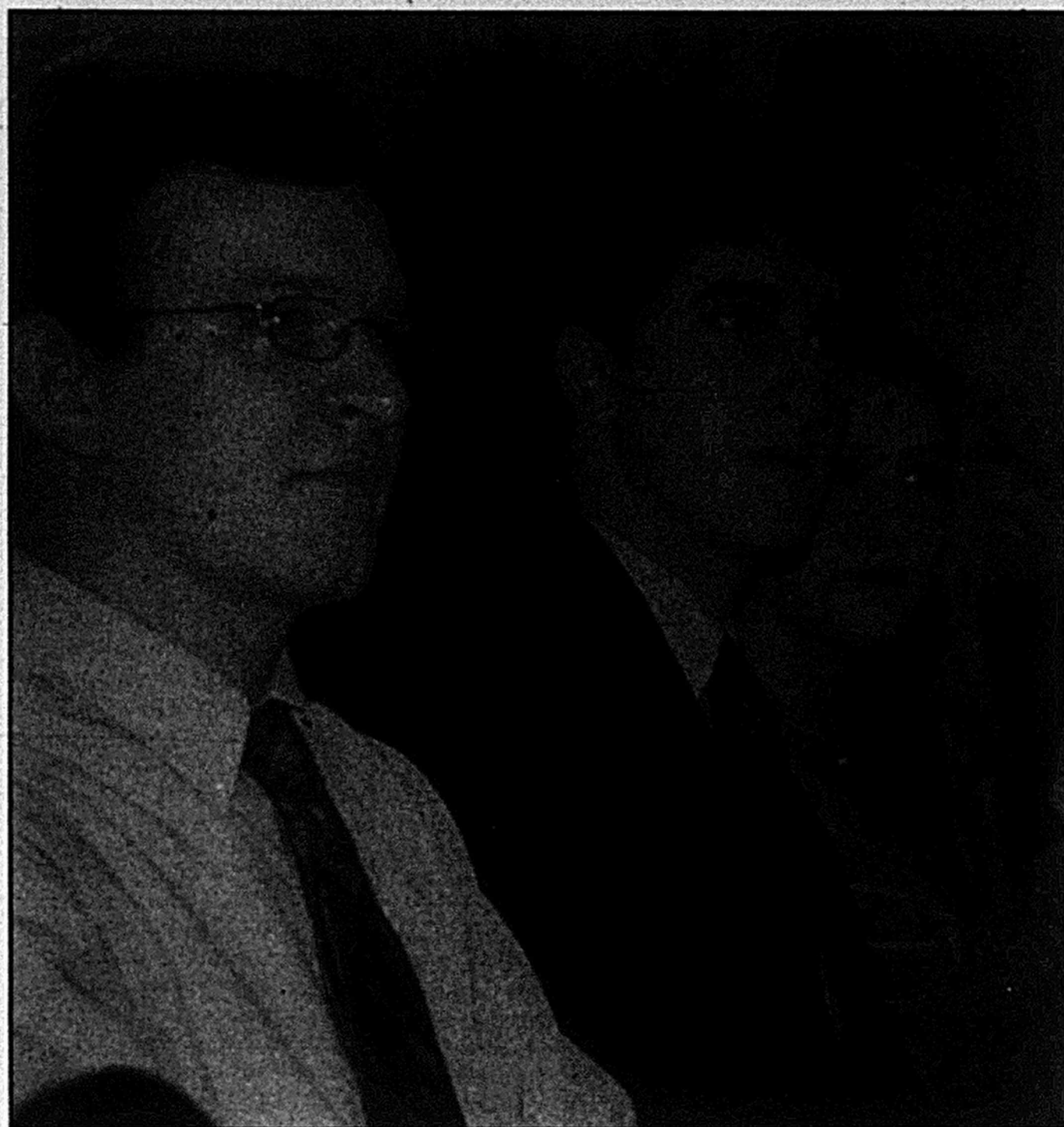
The first bike-walk was held in 1997, as the second parallel span of the bridge-tunnel was nearing completion, according to district public relations director Lorraine Smith.

The district decided to thank the public for tolerating the project by allowing bicyclists and pedestrians to travel on the bridge, before opening the span to traffic.

The bike-walk was supposed to be a one-time event.

Public reception, however, was so great that the following year the district decided to host one more.

This too was well received, prompting the bike-walk to become an annual event.



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Senator Josh Dermer sits with newly sworn-in freshmen senators Billy Desrosiers and Caitrin Cowan prior to this week's meeting.

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campus," said Chandler.

Such complaints include the lack of parking spaces on campus and the need for Potomac River residents to move their cars during football games.

The current parking problems on campus will likely be exacerbated next semester when freshmen are allowed to bring their cars on campus.

The committee will research what is happening with parking and bring it back to the senate.

"Committee process just makes that easier," Chandler said.

"We have four or five people who can become well educated on the topic and can bring that back to us."

Senator sophomore Mehreen Farooq gave a presentation to the senate about the need for

a Resident Assistant Advocacy Committee.

"The committee was formed to send a clear message to the administration that the SGA wants to represent RA concerns about their recent reduction in compensation," she said.

In the RA contract, they are given a 19-meal plan per week and no dining points.

One of the concerns of the committee was that over Fall Break, the dining halls would be closed leaving the RAs on their own to find food.

The committee members have met with Jerry Roeder, director of residence life, and will continue to research the topic.

Committee members, other than the chairs, have not been chosen yet.

Committee meetings are, however, open meetings and students who are not on the

committee can attend.

The Electoral Fairness Act was proposed by Senator Jim Deeley, senior, which addressed changes to elections rules by an elections board. The proposal was tabled until after spring elections.

Since the system is so new, the senate doesn't want to make too many changes to it yet.

Letting the elections be held according to current rules in the constitution will allow them to see if it works before they try to change it.

"We don't know if the system is broken yet," Chandler said.

As it stands, election rules are originally set by the senate, but the elections board can make changes as necessary. Deeley's proposal would prohibit the board from changing the rules after campaigns are underway.

## Radio station pulls CBS affiliation

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

A Norfolk based radio station dropped its affiliation with CBS nearly two weeks ago following the discovery that faulty documents questioning President Bush's service in the National Guard had been aired on Dan Rather's "60 Minutes."

WNIS switched to ABC on Sept. 23.

Lisa Sinclair, general manager of Sinclair Communications, said, "In my journalism classes in college,

we learned that a story should not be slanted to promote an agenda."

The decision to drop the affiliation came after a flood of phone calls from listeners prompted the station to do so.

"Once a news organization goes over the line you lose that credibility," Sinclair said. "Our listeners were very upset with them."

CBS has more than 1,000 radio affiliates nationwide and more than 200 television affiliates.

WNIS was the only one to drop its affiliation.

Dana McClintock, a CBS

spokeswoman, said she didn't know if the station would be interested in reinstating the affiliation, but said she hoped they would.

Sinclair said that the station was happy with its new affiliation with ABC and that it is unlikely at this point that they would re-enter an affiliation with CBS in the future.

WNIS is owned and operated by Sinclair Communications, which owns five radio stations in the area, four stations in Santa Rosa, California, and a partnership, with Emmis Communications, in six stations in Austin, Texas.

## Clubs pass out ribbons

### White ribbon event strives to put an end to men's violence against women

By JENN ROWELL  
Managing Editor

Simple white ribbons worn over the heart.

Perhaps you saw males walking across campus last week with these ribbons secured to their jackets.

Maybe you were one of the men who took on the cause, wearing a ribbon yourself.

Though simple in design, the meaning behind these ribbons is a complex issue.

Coinciding with Sexual Assault Awareness week, the White Ribbon Campaign took place last week.

The White Ribbon Campaign is a worldwide effort that strives to end men's violence against women.

Sophomore Jonathan Brown was the head of this year's Campaign at CNU.

Brown is a volunteer at the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors in Hampton.

Last year's White Ribbon Campaign was run entirely by the Office of Career and Counseling Services at CNU.

This year, with the aid of a grant received by the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, the two organizations joined to bring the campaign to campus. Brown was excited about the partnership.

"It was bigger than last year," Brown said. "It was more successful than last year."

Men chose to wear the ribbon as a symbol of their personal commitment to stand up against violence against women.

The white ribbons were available for men to pick up at sexual awareness tables set up in the Student Center and various sexual assault related events throughout the week.

Brown was proud of the number of CNU students and faculty that supported the campaign.

"Most people took a ribbon and put it on," Brown said.

"Some didn't want to put it on. Maybe next year."

The White Ribbon Campaign started in 1991 in Canada.

The campaign was created in a response to the Montreal Massacre.

The Montreal Massacre occurred on Dec. 6, 1989 when an angry gunman, Marc Lepin, entered a classroom of Montreal's École Polytechnique.

He separated men from women before proceeding to kill 14 women.

As a reaction against this and all forms of violence against women, the White Ribbon Campaign was established.

Many organizations helped out with the White Ribbon Campaign last week.

Among volunteers were Tau Delta Phi, Peer Educators, and the GSSU.

Brown feels the campaign is important to have everywhere.

"It's important for people to know that sexual assault is not something we should put up with," Brown said.

"Perpetrators and victims need to stand up against it. It's not cool, to put it simply."



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in Iraq or leave and she asked if they do stay, should more troops be sent.

Junior Billy Henline argued for the Democrats saying, "If we can get more international support, which they have not been able to secure, we won't need more forces."

International support is key to the Democratic message.

"Our world is no longer defined by national borders," said freshman Patrick Horan. "We can't simply go in and topple a government and say mission accomplished."

The debate turned to discussion about the extent to which Iraq can become a democracy.

"It is not the purpose of the federal government to go around and try to establish governments

in other parts of the world," said Dermer.

The Young Democrats found fault with the unilateral approach of President Bush in regards to his policy in Iraq.

"If this president wants to act like a cowboy, he should watch some westerns," Henline said Henline. "The first thing John Wayne always did was get a posse together."

The Young Democrats asserted that the multilateral diplomacy promised by John Kerry is paramount to bring our soldiers home safe, and as soon as possible.

To counter the Democratic argument, the Republican camp maintained that keeping Bush in office is the best way to free Iraq and fight the war on terror.

"We need a leader that will stand up to the evils that emerge," said junior Phillip

Andrews, for the College Republicans.

Although some critics say the situation in Iraq is worsening, senior Jeff McCue said, "Under the leadership of President George W. Bush, 50,000 people have been liberated."

Although the Young Democrats agreed that the war was instigated under bogus reasons and without proper ally support, they agreed that we must finish what we started.

"Pulling out of Iraq now would be just as foolish as going in under false pretenses," said Henline.

Other topics covered in the debate included gay marriage, foreign oil dependence and a round where the audience could ask questions.

-Managing Editor Jenn Rowell contributed to this report.

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Later, U.S. and Iraqi forces launched a major attack against the insurgent stronghold of Samarra.

Kerry stayed on the offensive throughout the show-down, held at the University of Miami, labeling Bush as a careless leader who let terrorist Osama bin Laden escape in Afghanistan, led the country precipitously into war in Iraq without proper planning and ignored vital security needs at home, such as securing ports.

Bush defended his record as a determined and steadfast leader who's taken the fight to enemies abroad.

Even when Americans disagree with him, he said, they know where he stands.

Kerry said Bush wrongly took his focus off the war against terror in Afghanistan to invade Iraq.

Kerry also said that Bush went to war in Iraq too quickly, without enough troops, allies or planning for how to secure the post-war peace.

"This president has made, I regret to say, a colossal error of judgment, and judgment is what we look for in the president of the United States of America," Kerry said.

Of bin Laden, Kerry said Americans should have captured him in the Tora Bora mountains of Afghanistan in late 2001.

"We had him surrounded," Kerry said. "But we didn't use American forces, the best trained in the world to go kill him. The President relied on Afghan warlords that he outsourced that job to."

The Democratic presidential nominee said Afghanistan has slipped backward since an American-led coalition invaded in retaliation for the Sept. 11 attacks.

Kerry said Afghanistan now produces 75 percent of the world's opium and that elections have been postponed three times.

Turning back to Iraq, Kerry said Bush doesn't acknowledge how bad things are.

"It's getting worse every day," Kerry said.

"More soldiers killed in June than before, more in July than June, more in August than July, more in September than in August. And we see beheadings, and we got weapons of mass destruction crossing the border every single day, and they're blowing people up."

Kerry insisted he would be a strong defender of the United States.

"I can make America safer than President Bush has made us," Kerry said.

"I believe President Bush and I both love our country equally, but we just have a different set of convictions about how you make America safe. I believe America is safest and strongest when we are leading the world, and when we are leading strong alliances."

"I'll never give a veto to any country over our security. But I also know how to lead those alliances," Kerry said.

"This president has left them in shatters across the globe, and we're now 90 percent of the casualties in Iraq and 90 percent of the costs."

Bush countered strongly that he's led a successful war against terrorism.

"We pursued al-Qaida wherever al Qaida tries to hide," Bush said.

"Seventy-five percent of known al Qaida leaders have been brought to justice. The rest of them know we're after them. ... The Taliban is no longer in power. Ten million people have registered to vote in Afghanistan in the upcoming presidential election."

"In Iraq, we saw a threat, and we realized that after September the 11th, we must take threats seriously before they fully materialize. Saddam Hussein now sits in a prison cell; America and the world are safer for it," he said.

"We continue to pursue our policy of disrupting those who would proliferate weapons of mass destruction. Libya has disarmed. The A.Q. Khan network has been brought to justice."

Bush acknowledged that many Americans disagree with his policies.

"I understand everybody in this country doesn't agree with

the decisions that I've made," he said.

"And I've made some tough decisions. But people know where I stand," he said.

"People out there listening know what I believe, and that's how best it is to keep the peace."

On Iraq, Bush pointedly noted that Kerry had seen the same intelligence and had declared Saddam Hussein a threat.

He also reminded people that Kerry once observed that anyone like Democratic primary rival Howard Dean who believed the capture of Saddam didn't make America any safer didn't have the judgment to be president.

"I agree with him," Bush said, turning Kerry's words against him.

Bush also reminded viewers repeatedly that Kerry has criticized the Iraq war as "the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time," saying that stance would make it next to impossible for Kerry to get more allies to participate as he's promised.

"I don't see how you can lead this country to succeed in Iraq if you say wrong war, wrong time, wrong place," Bush said.

"What message does that send our troops? What message does that send to our allies? What message does that send the Iraqis? No, the way to win this is to be steadfast and resolved and to follow through on the plan that I just outlined."

Bush also insisted that bin Laden, while still free, is no longer an effective leader of terrorists against the United States.

"He's isolated," Bush said. "Seventy-five percent of his people have been brought to justice."

The mastermind of the September the 11th attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, is in prison. We're making progress."

He said progress has been made in Afghanistan, noting that 10 million people have registered to vote, 41 percent of them women.

(Thomma reported from Washington, Kuhnenn reported from Miami. Knight Ridder Newspapers correspondent Bill Douglas contributed to this report.)

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man are council members.

The students have since been a part of establishing the Student Voting Rights Campaign.

In the Oct. 1 edition of The Flat Hat, the editorial board issued a response to the ad.

"While the ad's content may be inflammatory, unpleasant and infeasible, we do not regret our decision to run it," the editorial stated. "Ads are considered content just as much as an article, picture or column and should not be censored as long as they contain accurate contact information and do not advocate illegal activities. As with any column, we do not necessarily agree with advertisements, but we defend their right to be printed."

On Sept. 24, there was a news conference at W&M to publicize the students' push for voting privileges as part of the National Day of Action.

Alami, Luther Lowe and Seth Saunders, all seniors, tried to run for Williamsburg City Council last year as well, but were denied candidacy.

A judge eventually ruled that Lowe could vote because of his service in the Virginia National Guard. Virginia law requires citizens to be permanent residents in the city or county

where they want to vote, but leaves it up to local registrars to determine residency.

Lowe, an Arkansas resident, said he wanted to vote in Williamsburg because he feels the politics there affect him more.

Alami is from Roanoke, but wants the right to vote in Williamsburg because, like Lowe, that's where she spends a majority of her time.

After being denied voter registration, Alami filed suit against the registrar and went to the federal and circuit courts, where she was denied at both levels. Her appeal to the state Supreme Court was also denied, but her federal appeal is scheduled to go to court on Oct. 10.

Saunders has recently been registered to vote in Williamsburg. Alami was told by her attorney to go back to the registrar's office and try to register again last week. She was told by the registrar that, pending the processing of her application, she would be registered to vote in Williamsburg.

"Although this may seem like a victory, I have mixed feelings. I have to question the timing of being registered - right after our press conference and right before my court case," Alami said. "The lack of uniformity in application of voting standards and practices is still a major problem that we

must contend with all over the country."

Some localities allow students to vote in local elections.

The Charlottesville Registrar has drives on an almost daily basis at the University of Virginia, according to General Registrar Sheri Iachetta.

"Students that register want to use their dorm address and we accept that," she said.

She has been in her position for almost six years and she said that has been the policy for as long as she's been there and when her predecessor was there.

"I don't question anybody who comes in and wants to register as long as they realize this is going to be their permanent address," Iachetta said.

CNU students who are not residents of Newport News would not be eligible to vote in city elections.

"If a student is attending college and does not maintain or plan to maintain residency in the locality, then they would not be eligible to register and vote in that locality where they are attending school," said Newport News General Registrar Vicki Lewis. Lowe said he has no plans to remain in Williamsburg after he graduates but Alami said, "I have not made any plans to live anywhere other than Williamsburg."

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# Opinions

## Where We Stand

This car tax debacle that Virginia now finds itself in is a good example of why it's important that people pay attention to the issues being discussed prior to each election. Not only is it important, it's vital to the democratic process. Democracy only works when people show up and are informed.

The legislators who dropped the ball on this budget fiasco were voted into office by Virginians; therefore, Virginian voters should take their share of the responsibility for the problem.

For many college students, this will be the first presidential election in which they can vote and one of the first for their local elections. Exercising their right to vote is important, but thinking deeply about the ramifications of one's decision is more important in many cases.

The constituents of this state can and should take the time to familiarize themselves with the issues and potential fallout being discussed these next few weeks.

The mock debates were a great opportunity for CNU students to hear each panel discuss their candidate's stance on the issues most prevalent in this election. The panelists were educated on the topics and their party's candidate. But beyond that, they were passionate about what their candidate stood for. They found something to latch on to and they found enough merit in their candidates' message to stand firm in front of over 300 audience members.

Their awareness of the issues and passion about them provided a valuable service to not only their political party, but to the campus community as a whole.

Last week's presidential debate and then this week's debates will serve as a reminder that the information on the issues is out there; by researching the candidates and their positions, voters can make an informed choice come election time. It's not just about picking a candidate this year, it's about picking economic strategies, educational programs, tax reforms and it's about sending American citizens to a foreign country to fight a war that many Americans are uncertain about.

While many college students have fallen victim to the belief their vote doesn't count for whatever reason, or maybe students underestimate the impact these elections will have on them, those impacts can be felt right here at the local level every day.

Many upperclassmen were old enough to vote in the last state elections. Those elections proved pivotal in the monumental General Assembly session of 2004.

In that session, it took locally elected state lawmakers 115 days to decide on whether to raise taxes, where to appropriate money, where to cut money and where to spend money.

What happened as a result was the state sales tax increased, the cigarette tax increased, funding for public education increased but remains underfunded, as does the transportation budget.

Those same locally elected state lawmakers failed to recognize the loopholes in the day of rest laws that caused the business community a great deal of panic over the summer.

And those same locally elected state lawmakers passed a budget that changed car tax reimbursement policies, leaving many localities scrambling to manage their budgets.

While the Finance Secretary says the problem can be managed, the problem should not have occurred in the first place. Virginians should have put the pressure on their delegates and senators to do what was best for the Commonwealth when it was in fiscal crisis and pressured them to think of the consequences of their actions. All actions have consequences, whether they are intended or not.

Although Virginians can hold their state lawmakers accountable for these successes and gaffes alike, Virginians should be held accountable for their own awareness of the issues and what the candidates stand for. And on Nov. 2, they will be.



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## Reality television lacks intellectual stimulants that students should search for

Viewers should challenge networks to produce substantive programming that breeds intellectually, socially and personally better citizens

By DANNY DEVLIN  
Contributing Writer

I refuse to watch Reality Television. I don't care if it's Fear Factor, or the Real World, or Celebrity Mole 5. I won't sit down to watch it.

My friends/tell me it's entertaining and realistic. I say I'd rather study. My friends think it's funny to watch people try and fail. I say schadenfreude (German for "happiness at the misfortune of others" - a word you might know if you weren't watching has-been celebrities boxing each other,) has never been my strong point. I don't think watching other people subject themselves to pain and ridicule on a national level is funny. I find it sad.

Reality television is the most rapid form of entertainment that has ever been conceived. It's television for people who don't want to think about how much they don't want to think. It is intellectually stagnant, emotionally barren and sheer mindless amusement.

Take William Hung, for example. This guy shot to national Celebrity status when he stunk it up big time on the American Idol stage.

Just think about that - he's famous because he sucks. His was a joke that ran just a little bit too long. The worst part was that he wasn't in on it. Reality TV has created overnight sensations, giving people their fifteen minutes of fame and then taking it back to shine the light on someone who, unbelievably, sinks to a new level in a) sucking, b) grossing people out or c) embarrassing themselves. More importantly than any

Reality television is the enemy of an already suffering American culture, and I refuse to let it win.

of that, reality television breeds zombies.

At least with some television, you are required to think. With reality television, they suck that requirement away, and replace it with slack jawed, eyes glazed apathetic bodies.

I want to think. I want to be intellectually engaged. I don't want the easy way out - I want to be challenged. I read books, and newspapers, and go see indie films, and plays. I want to be a part of the socially aware, and be a responsible American. Watching reality television does not help me with any of that - it only harms it. Reality television is the enemy of an already suffering American culture, and I refuse to let it win.

Fight back against the entropy of reality TV. Find a way to better yourself intellectually, socially, or personally. Let the networks know you've had enough, and that you won't stand for another season of Fantasy Island, or Temptation Island, or whatever Island it is Fox is premiering this week. It's not even like there's any original programming: every reality show is a blatant rip-off of another one, and so on and so forth.

Next time you sit down and reality programming is on your screen, opt to turn it off, and do something worthwhile. It doesn't even matter what you do, as chances are, it will better serve you than sitting and watching life unfold before you, as your own passes you by.



## Impacting democratic process intentional

By THOMAS WELCH  
Contributing Writer

It has begun! With about a month left until the general election for the President of the United States the Democrats are hard at work to steal back their power.

I anticipate that the next month will continue to be filled with the most hateful and negative messages from the fringe of the Democratic Party, especially from Kerry supporters.

Where does this fear come from? Allow me to enlighten you as to what the Democratic Party has been up to this past week.

According to an Oct. 2, 2004 article on NewsMax.com, there has been an instance of pro-Democrat voter fraud in Florida. Wait, isn't that the state where the Republicans have been planning to disenfranchise voters since they did so in 2000?

Well, apparently a national civil rights group, referred to as ACORN, is being investigated by the state's Election Division and the U.S. Justice Department.

The allegations include throwing away voter registration forms of likely Republican voters and eager attempts by this group to register convicted felons. These charges were brought forth by a former Miami-Dade field director for ACORN.

Considering the block of Ralph Nader on the ballot in Virginia and key battleground states and now the emergence of voter fraud in Florida, is it safe to assume that there may be a nation-wide movement by the Democrats to do everything in their power to steal this election? I guess only time will tell.

As if that wasn't enough, our

good friend Dan Rather has taken yet another giant leap into the Hall of Shame.

Early last week, CBS News ran a story about rumors suggesting that President Bush has made "secret plans" to initiate a draft for the first time since 1973, when President Nixon ended the one from Vietnam.

Honestly, if Bush is the "big dummy" that all of the screaming Democrats say he is, then how is it that this man is able to develop all of these secret plans to disenfranchise black voters, lower gas

The time is now to hold Dan Rather and the other deceitful, ultra-liberal, Bush hating character assassins responsible for their false reporting and distortions of the truth.

prices before the election, and draft you or me into service?

In their story, CBS News interviewed a typical Pennsylvania voter, a crossing guard named Beverly Cocco. Beverly stated that she was a Republican, but also a single issue voter. She gave a tearful interview where she expressed

her deep concern over seeing her two sons sent off to fight in Iraq. Cocco says in the interview she would "vote for Howdy Doody if I thought it would keep my boys home and safe."

While anyone could understand the concern of a mother for her children, what CBS failed to mention is that Cocco the Clown is in fact the Philadelphia-chapter president of Parents Against the Draft.

Typical of CBS reporting, Rather and company fooled the audience into believing that the news crew just happened to stumble across this scared mother.

That can't be; they must have just been misled by a Republican who introduced her to Rather, or maybe even Karl Rove forced the program to use this woman in their story in order to stain the good names of CBS and Dan Rather. Which do you think is more likely?

My choice would be that it is just another example of erroneous and irresponsible reporting by CBS News.

The time is now to hold Dan Rather and the other deceitful, ultra-liberal, Bush-hating character assassins responsible for their false reporting and distortions of the truth.

An honest mistake is one thing, but intentionally trying to impact our democratic process through the dissemination of lies and fictional stories should not be permitted by our media sources.

This type of action must be confined to Howard Dean, Michael Moore and the other "whack job" liberals in the Kerry camp.

Thomas Welch is the Vice President of the Student Government Association.

# Fresh Perspectives

## Stop Whining and Do Something

You can walk across our campus and now see the changes that we have heard about since some of us first applied to Christopher Newport University. I wonder how many of you honestly remembered these changes were coming. Or if you just let things go in one ear and out the other like most people do when they don't think something will affect them?

I ask these two questions of you as students and faculty because all too often on this campus everyone seems to be shocked by the changes both physically and policy-wise when they happen. Part of me can understand this sense of surprise because change is often hard to understand or go through.

However, many times through our Student Government Association (SGA) or Administration we have been given several opportunities to learn of these changes. We are even given opportunities to provide our input as to what we feel should change on campus.

There are flyers all over campus, numerous e-mails and announcements posted on MyCNU providing such information, but few people pay any attention to it. Most students complain about the amount of flyers that are up and "dumb" e-mails or announcements they get regarding things on campus. So more often than not, the flyers are ignored and the announcements are deleted. The most annoying thing about that one fact is that too often I hear people say well I didn't know I needed to do that or I didn't know we had something like that happening on our campus. Everyone seems to like to complain about things on this campus, but very few seem to want to do anything about it.

I am so tired of people on this campus not doing for themselves and waiting for someone to just fix their problems for them. It is amusing that we are considered adults and in a few years are going to be living in the real world with bigger problems than what happens on our campus but most of the students don't know how to solve something so simple as boredom. We want things to run smoothly and have people hand us everything we want on a silver platter.

Well, all of you need to wake up and stop whining that you didn't know about something or that you are bored. When you don't like something then you should do something about it.

Even when the SGA, Administration, or any club or organization on campus tries to do something to make improvements, you hear more complaints about what they are doing. All I have to say is at least someone is doing something to make this campus better. In the past three years, for example, many of you have had complaints about there being nothing to do here on the weekends; yet when CAB or OSL decide to increase the programs offered and improve upon them, few come out to them.

This year alone we have had a foam party, comedians, a dance group perform, movie nights, club fair, sporting events, and some Greek sponsored events on campus. The turnout to each usually consists of those putting on the event and their close friends who support them.

One of the most attended events on campus was the Mock Presidential Debate held last week. I hate to say it, but I wonder if people only showed up because they could get extra credit or because they honestly were interested. The people putting on these programs put a lot of time and energy into them, but when they see only a handful of people show up, they wonder why they should even bother.

I am not trying to say our campus is perfect by any means or that everyone needs to attend every event on campus. What I am trying to say is our campus community and life depends on us. If you want something to improve then you have to do something about it.

Complaining is just the first step, but it is not enough to whine about something. You need to have ideas of how to fix things and if you can't develop your plan then, at least take it somewhere that can.

Utilize your Student Government and Office of Student Life, they are there to listen to your ideas and make changes to benefit you.

Stacey Vande Linde  
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## The Conservative Case Against Bush

By Josh Dermer  
Contributing Writer

Times are tough for today's conservatives, especially those on college campuses who must look out for candidates who act as the proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing.

In his Sept. 22 editorial, Thomas Welch wrote about how conservatives must unite behind a single political party.

While chastising the Democrats for their efforts to keep Ralph Nader off the ballot, Welch implies that President Bush is somehow the ideal conservative.

He goes on to say that the different conservative parties should put aside their "petty differences" and unite behind the banner of the GOP.

Petty differences? Since President Bush has entered office, we have seen the greatest expansion of unconstitutional federal programs since the days of Lyndon Johnson.

For conservatives, it's worse than the Clinton years. Within one year, Bush expanded the budget of the federal government by almost six percent.

In contrast, federal spending grew, on average, by only 3.5 percent per year under Bill Clinton. It should also be noted that most of this increase in spending was for social programs, not defense contracts. Such spending included the over \$500 billion prescription drug plan, massive agriculture subsidies and huge bailouts of corporate welfare — all of which are unconstitutional.

Since the Reagan Era, conservatives have sought to close down the unconstitutional federal Department of Education and end federal meddling in

public schools. The U.S. Constitution does not authorize any federal involvement in education whatsoever. Conservatives have always understood that when it comes to schools, authority should be given to states and localities according to the 10th Amendment.

President Bush has done quite the opposite. In fact, Bush's reelection Web site brags about how his administration has increased federal funding of education to the highest level ever while centralizing authority over schools.

With the help of big government liberals like Ted Kennedy, Bush did exactly that by pushing the passage of the "No Child Left Behind Act."

On the social issues, Bush and the Republicans have disappointed conservatives as well. Their compromises and outright betrayals on abortion and the homosexual agenda are well documented.

The Bush administration has supported same-sex civil unions and subsidies for radical pro-homosexual activist groups. President Bush is not pro-life as he is in favor of exceptions on abortion, believing that some lives are more important than others.

To make matters worse, Bush and the Republican Congress continue to use taxpayer dollars to subsidize abortion providers. Conservatives, and especially unborn children, deserve better than that. The GOP has long since given in to the politics of preemptive concession.

In the elections of 1996 and 2000, millions of conservatives expressed their disgust of the two major candidates by staying home on Election Day.

Third-party candidates not-

withstanding, the conservative vote was already split between the Republican loyalists and those who would not vote for a liberal Republican.

Forget the undecided voters: the Republicans can't even get their own traditional base to come out to the polls. The reason, of course, is that the Republican Party is no longer conservative and the voters who make up this traditional base see no point in voting.

Regardless of what Welch may say about a conservative third-party supposedly taking votes away from the Republicans, it's clear that the GOP's own lack of principles have driven many conservatives away.

Unite behind the Republicans? President Bush and the Republicans deserve to be criticized sharply by anyone who supports limited, constitutional government.

If conservatives unite behind the Republican banner, they will only be a marginalized sect within the GOP and they will pose no threat to the big government Establishment. The "Big Tent" strategy of the past two decades has failed miserably and the proof is a Republican administration that spends like a drunken Democrat.

Toward the end of his editorial, Welch talked about a "new and stronger conservative party" that would unite conservatives. That party already exists: the Constitution Party.

Conservatives should vote for Michael Peroutka if they want to express what they truly believe. President Bush may indeed personify what Welch believes, but that in no way makes Bush a conservative — ideal or otherwise.

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## The Candidates RESEARCH for the DEBATES...



## There are other presidential options

The two current choices for the President of our country leave little choice for the voter. Third party candidates offer variety.

By Stefan Veldhuis  
Contributing Writer

In the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, a man by the name of Thomas Hobson worked as a licensed carrier of passengers, letters and parcels between Cambridge, and London, England.

He kept horses for this purpose, and rented them to university students from time to time. Of course, the students always desired their favorite mounts, and consequently, several of Hobson's horses became overworked.

To remedy the situation, Hobson began a strict rotation system, giving each customer the choice of taking the horse nearest the stable door or nothing at all.

This rule became known as the "Hobson's choice".

Soon thereafter people were using the term to describe situations in which there was really no choice at all.

Unfortunately, yet undeniably, the Hobson's choice is what voters are presented with in the decision between the two major party candidates in this fall.

As the debate last week lamentably proved, the two major candidates in this 2004 presidential race do not begin to represent the ocean of opinion that is America.

Rather, they are a dull expression from a murky pond of cognition.

Through the homogenous conversation, personified and portrayed by the media to be an enticing presidential debate, it became flagrantly evident that the two candidates present voters with nothing but a Hobson's choice.

Americans viewed a circular conversation for 90 minutes, which was filled with accusations, sub-par public speaking, inconsistent statements, and query dodging.

What was overtly absent from the debate, however, were pragmatic plans for the future of Iraq, detailed comments on the war on terror, or an unbiased assessment of international nuclear proliferation.

The two major party nominees reinforced their place as Hobson's choice candidates by their individual and collective aversion to topics such as the genocide in Sudan and lacking

any difference in their plans regarding the financial support for or military withdrawal from Iraq.

With millions and millions of people watching nationwide, the two candidates presented citizens of this country with little to be excited about in November.

For much of the debate, Bush stared candidly at the camera and fumbled with his words.

Kerry displayed his public speaking skills, which undoubtedly aided in displaying and employing his Machiavellian propensities.

Thus, the presidential

Americans viewed a circular conversation for 90 minutes, which was filled with accusations, sub-par public speaking, inconsistent statements, and query dodging.

debate has left many wanting another choice this November, a presidential candidate who will help negate the Hobson's choice syndrome, which has so mercilessly captured the two major party candidates with their blatant monotony and homogeneity.

Yet, there is hope; a candidate who has been placed on every ballot in all but two states by the name of Michael Badnarik.

He is running on the Libertarian party ticket with Richard Campagna.

Badnarik, unlike the two major party candidates, is not driven by the demands of his party, swayed by the dollar signs that gloss the eyes of Bush and Kerry, nor torn asunder by the pressures of the media or the moderate.

Badnarik plans to promote national defense rather than

international offense.

He plans to bring home over half of the U.S. troops from places where the U.S. Military currently maintains a presence, which will subsequently secure America more than any current plan offered by the Democrats or Republicans.

Badnarik plans to end the insidious war on drugs; which is also a racial war that denigrates civil liberties and squanders the precious tax dollars of all Americans in an effort to stifle drug use, which, as history has shown, merely proliferates over time.

Regarding the overcrowding of prisons, Badnarik will encourage rehabilitation as a result of drug abuse, instead of incarceration as the two major party candidates have ignorantly but consistently endorsed.

As president, Badnarik's goal will be to reverse the erosion of civil liberties, which has occurred through the implementation of the Patriot Act, and to restore government respect for individual rights while endorsing and enforcing the Bill of Rights.

Republicans and Democrats, who tend to think that larger, more elaborate government jobs and programs are the solution to the economic quandaries of Americans face a new perspective with Badnarik in the game.

Since these programs are funded by taking money from the private sector, even more jobs are destroyed, more jobs than government programs could ever create.

Michael Badnarik, a man who adheres to the Laissez Faire ideology of economy, feels that promotion of a true free market will ensure prosperity for America and her citizens for years to come.

Badnarik also seeks to empower minorities by championing the elimination of glutinous regulations and licensing laws, which have long stood in the way of the unfettered success of America's economy.

Offering a more logical, progressive approach to freedom than the Constitution party, and with more nationwide ballot access than Ralph Nader's fledgling campaign, Michael Badnarik of the Libertarian party is the only remedy for the toxic homogeneity of the Hobson's choice.



# World and Nation



Karl Mondon/CORBIS OUTLINE

Visitors to Mount St. Helens Volcanic National Park crowd the Johnston Ridge area Saturday to view the volcano. Later on, officials were forced to evacuate the area.

## Mt. St. Helens close to eruption

Magma and bigger explosions still to come to the Washington state area because of the violent volcano, the experts predict

By Hal Bernton and Christopher Schwarzen  
*The Seattle Times*

**COLDWATER RIDGE VISITOR CENTER, Wash.** - Thermal images of Mount St. Helens, along with the detection of potentially explosive gases and continued tremors early Sunday morning, indicated that new magma is still moving upward into the volcano, and scientists said they are waiting for the next eruption.

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) scientists said Sunday they now are beginning to see hot spots and emissions of hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide typically associated with a magma move in a volcano.

A harmonic tremor - a sustained, deep movement of the earth within the volcano - was detected about 3 a.m. PDT.

Scientists said it is further evidence of how active the volcano might be this go-around.

"This is the first time we've detected CO<sub>2</sub> well above the crater and dome," said USGS volcano expert Willie Scott. "We've also spotted warm places on the dome from thermal energy."

Saturday, the USGS increased the

danger alert to Level 3, indicating an eruption is imminent with a potential for injury to life and property.

Following the alert, the U.S. Forest Service's evacuated the Johnston Ridge Observatory, part of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

The upgraded alert came near 1 p.m. PDT Saturday after a slight steam release was followed by an hour-long harmonic tremor near noon.

Scientists prepared for an eruption that never came. Instead, shallow earthquakes continued to break up rock beneath the crater, as evidenced by the cracking and deformation of a glacier located there.

The latest harmonic tremor activity only lasted about 20 to 30 minutes with no evidence of a significant change in the mountain's appearance, Scott said.

Still, it appears that gases and magma are punching through whatever rock and rubble are blocking their escape.

Officials plan to continue monitoring the volcano's activity while looking for new ways to forecast what might occur.

While scientists say an eruption is expected within the next few days to a week, but it would be unlikely to eclipse the catastrophic May 18, 1980, event.

They said the volcano could hurl ash and rocks more than five miles - which would still be in the uninhabited area around the mountain.

Last week's seismic activity at the mountain is the most powerful since the 1980 blast that killed 57 people.

Based on the Volcanic Explosivity Index, which measures the power behind an eruption, scientists Saturday predicted a 50 percent chance of a new

eruption reaching Level 2 on the scale from 1 to 10, and a 30 percent chance of a Level 3.

By comparison, Friday's combined steam and ash cloud measured less than 1 on the index, while the 1980 eruption measured 5. Pierson underscored that predicting what will happen with the volcano remains a difficult task and that there remains a substantial "error band" in the new forecast.

"There's a possibility of a new bigger eruption," Pierson said Saturday. "We're not sure how big."

Early last week, scientists were predicting nothing more than a minor eruption based on the belief that magma from a mid-1980s push was moving again.

The absence of sulfur fumes and other gases accompanying fresh magma was further evidence, Pierson said.

But Saturday's events led scientists to suspect that magma gases were being absorbed by heavy moisture resulting from area rains.

"Usually with these things, where (the magma and energy) need to go is out," said Steve Malone, a University of Washington seismologist, Saturday.

"I can't think of anything but rare cases where you have this type of seismicity and tremors and nothing comes out."

Yet, Mount St. Helens is the exception, Malone pointed out, adding that a deep tremor consistent with Saturday's event occurred more than a month before the 1980 eruption.

"Still, because there's no top this time and it's less stable, it's not going to last that long or be that big," he said, allowing that seismic activity in 1980 was registering more than magnitude 5.

## Millions of new voters register for presidential elections

By Camille Ricketts  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

**WASHINGTON** - As a result of ambitious voter-registration efforts, especially in battleground states such as Florida, Ohio and Minnesota, millions of new voters will be able to cast ballots for president come Nov. 2.

The boom in registration reflects both the attraction of a competitive race, as well as the efforts of thousands of organizations nationwide that will now turn their focus to getting their new recruits to the polls on Election Day.

The groups have been under deadline pressure in 13 states, where voter registration closes on Monday.

The spike in voter registration has caught many county election offices off guard, forcing them to hire extra workers to process the overflow of applications.

In Minnesota, the number of registered voters jumped by 56,691 since the June 18 primary.

In Ohio, 116,000 voters were added to the rolls between Aug. 18 and Sept. 15. Still, many states won't know the extent of the trend until all counties report their data after Monday.

"We've had to bring in more people to handle the flow of registration," said John Williams, director of the elections office for Hamilton County, which is located in central Ohio.

"There will certainly be more people showing up at the polls."

Williams reported that 62,272 new voters had registered since Jan. 1 in his county alone.

Still, some experts are uncertain whether the higher registration will translate into greater turnout.

"Voting is a learned behavior," said Doug Lewis, head of The Election Center, a nonprofit group that works with local election officials.

"After you've voted three times, you're far more likely to continue voting."

Thousands of grassroots organizations plan to make sure new voters head into the voting booth. Many will offer transportation and child-care services to make voting more convenient.

Vote, Run, Lead, a New York-based group reaching out to women ages 18 to 35, even plans to provide limousines on college campuses to drive students to election sites.

"Some states show high turnout for women in general, but extremely low turnout for young women," said Erin Vilardi from Vote, Run, Lead. "We're trying to get older and younger women to work together to get more involved."

National Voice, a organization that helps community groups promote voting, will be mobilizing

thousands of volunteers in key swing-states to go door-to-door, make calls and send literature to remind people about Election Day and their voting rights.

NOVEMBER 2, an umbrella organization that networks and aids 1,200 nonpartisan groups involved in registering and turning out voters all over the country, has contracted Nike's advertisers to launch a full-scale-marketing plan to convince people that Nov. 2 is the most important day of the year.

Since National Voice launched the campaign, hundreds of thousands of T-Shirts emblazoned with NOVEMBER 2 have been sold, a trend that organizers hope will raise curiosity among nonvoters.

"You want people to come up and ask you what the shirt is all about so you can engage them in conversation about voting," said Mark Ritchie, executive director of National Voice. "I get 15 to 20 questions about it a day."

Having reached the goal of registering more than 2 million voters, the NOVEMBER 2 campaign will focus on mobilizing infrequent voters to reach a total of 4 million to 5 million overall.

Many of the organizations affiliated with the NOVEMBER 2 campaign have focused on registering and informing historically underrepresented populations, particularly single women, young people and ethnic minorities.

The West Side Citizens Organization, a NOVEMBER 2 organization located in a predominantly Latino neighborhood of St. Paul, Minn., started registering voters for the upcoming election to educate residents about the political process. Turnout in the community has been so low in recent years that the candidates stopped investing time there, said lead organizer Joe Spencer.

"We're taking advantage of this highly visible presidential election to get things started here," Spencer said. "We're hoping if we can get high turnout in this election, the mayoral candidates will spend more time in our neighborhood next year."

The recent bump in voter registrations comes in contrast to record low turnout for various state primaries earlier this year.

While activists like Ritchie and Spencer believe that the electrified atmosphere of the recent election will persist, analysts are not as hopeful.

"The turnout will probably be higher this year because it's expected to be close," Lewis said. "But until we start teaching voter participation in the school system, and we pursue this education for a 20-to-30-year basis, we're not going to permanently change voting behavior."

## Bush, Kerry disagree on Social Security

By David Goldstein  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

**WASHINGTON** - Social Security is like the silent-screen heroine Pauline: It's always in peril and always needs to be saved.

That's because it's long been predicted that the cost of Social Security benefits will eventually outstrip the income that pays for them, which comes from payroll taxes.

Now, with people living longer, the first wave of baby boomers to retire later this decade and the number of workers who contribute to the system dropping, the day of financial reckoning is fixed: 2018. That's when benefits paid out will exceed wage-tax revenue coming into the system.

The Social Security Trust Fund now stands at \$1.5 trillion. Interest on that money and other financial steps could keep the program solvent for several more decades, experts say. But by 2042, the trust fund "will be exhausted," the Social Security Board of Trustees said in its 2004 report.

What to do? Choices are few.

"The options are increasing taxes, cutting benefits or cutting other government spending," said Maya MacGuineas, the executive director of the bipartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. "There is no magic bullet."

President Bush and Sen. John Kerry have ruled out raising taxes or cutting benefits, though Bush's pledge only refers to current retirees or near-retirees.

Otherwise, they disagree on what to do.

Bush wants to set up voluntary personal-investment accounts that

would allow younger workers - generally thought to be those under 50, though he's never been specific - to invest part of their payroll taxes in the stock market.

"We must strengthen Social Security by allowing younger workers to save some of their taxes in a personal account, a nest egg you can call your own, and government can never take away," he said at the Republican National Convention in September.

Kerry opposes personal accounts because he believes they would threaten the government's fundamental promise to the elderly.

"I will not cut benefits, I will not raise the retirement age and I will not privatize Social Security," he told an audience in Florida last month.

Kerry believes Social Security doesn't need an overhaul, just adjustments. More important, he's said, is "growing" the economy and reducing the overall government deficit, which the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has said will reach a record \$422 billion this year and will total \$2.3 trillion over 10 years under current policies.

Kerry economic adviser Jason Furman said Kerry would get new revenue for Social Security by rolling back Bush's tax cuts for people earning more than \$200,000, which he said would save \$850 billion.

Robert Bixby, the executive director of the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan fiscal watchdog group, said Bush promises a "free lunch," while Kerry offers a "do-nothing solution."

"I can't see how you can possibly fix the problem if you don't do anything," he said.

"Growing" the economy is not a Social Security reform plan. That's really avoiding the issue.

## Car bombs kill at least 42 in Iraq

By Patrick Kerkstra and Yasser Salihee  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** - Small wooden coffins filled with the shrapnel-torn bodies of at least 35 dead Iraqi children lined the halls of Yarmouk Hospital in Baghdad on Thursday. There were more corpses, doctors said, than could fit in the hospital's morgue.

The children and at least seven more Iraqis were killed in West Baghdad by suicide bombers driving three vehicles jammed with explosives. The apparent targets of the coordinated attack were about 30 U.S. soldiers who were hosting the ceremonial opening of a repaired sewage treatment plant.

The carnage, coming during an event designed to showcase U.S. progress in Iraq, underscored the enormous challenge of rebuilding a country amid extreme violence. And the sharp criticism of anguished residents - who blamed the troops for giving the militants an easy target - demonstrated how far the United States has to go in its campaign to win over Iraqi "hearts and minds."

Soldiers had advertised the event with loudspeakers and drawn a large crowd of children by handing out candy, residents said.

"It was a horrible tragedy to happen on a day celebrating renewal and progress," said military spokesman Lt. Col. Steve Boylan.

Now it's "up for debate" whether similar celebrations will be held, Boylan said. He said Thursday's attack was the first on a reconstruction ceremony. Amid the chaos of lamenting parents and the shrieking of the wounded at the Yarmouk Hospital,

one mother was seen beating her chest and scratching at her face until blood ran down her cheeks.

"Where are you, Mariam?" she cried, looking for her injured daughter. "Have you seen Mariam? Bring her back to me."

One barely breathing patient with a hole in his chest gestured desperately for help.

Several others suffered from extensive third-degree burns, their bodies covered in white blisters. Others had lost eyes, arms or legs. A blast had knocked out a chunk of one man's skull, leaving his brain visible.

A 12-year-old boy died on the operating table. Surgeons were unable to piece together his intestines, which had been ripped apart by flying metal.

"Where's Iyad Allawi? screamed Amina Ibrahim, referring to Iraq's U.S.-appointed interim prime minister. Ibrahim's 8-year-old daughter lost her right eye in the attack. "Where's Bush? Who's going to bring an eye for my daughter? May, God take revenge."

A separate car bombing on Thursday near the Abu Ghraib prison killed one U.S. soldier and two Iraqi policemen.

Another suicide car bomber attacked a police convoy in the northern town of Talafar, killing four civilians. A U.S. airstrike on a suspected terrorist safe house in Fallujah killed another four, local officials said.

All told, at least 200 civilians and soldiers were injured Thursday and at least 50 Iraqis were killed, providing a bloody backdrop for President Bush and Sen. John Kerry as they prepared for a presidential foreign policy debate that figured to center on Iraq.

Yarmouk is one of Baghdad's

largest hospitals, but its staff was overwhelmed by the number of wounded people. Patients piled four and five at a time onto beds, while many more sprawled out on floors that were slippery with blood.

Blood for transfusions was in such short supply that nurses jabbed needles into the arms of police officers keeping guard outside. Three hours earlier, the patients were applauding the reopening of the sewage pump station, which had broken down three months ago.

Since then, raw sewage had backed up out of drains in homes and in the streets. In some areas, residents were wading in raw sewage as deep as 20 inches, said Capt. Aaron Hetherington, the officer who oversaw the \$173,000 repairs. Then the first suicide bomber struck, steering his vehicle toward the crowd outside the plant.

Shrapnel whizzed through the crowd, mowing down dozens, Hetherington said. Residents poured out of homes to help the wounded when a second vehicle drove into the crowd and exploded.

The third blast came 10 minutes later. This time the vehicle appeared to explode prematurely after coming under fire from U.S. soldiers and Iraqi national guardsmen, residents said.

In recent weeks militants have used multiple explosions to kill police and soldiers who respond to the initial blast. Two hours later, smoke still rose from blackened cars, scorch marks covered the sewer plant's facade, and an Iraqi police officer hosed blood out of the back of a police SUV that had been used as an ambulance.

There was no information immediately available on which of the many militant groups opposed to the U.S. presence in Iraq was responsible.

# Comics and Crosswords

## Mystic Stars

Weekly Horoscope  
For October 4-10

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20). Over the next few days, a friend may challenge your opinions or romantic choices. Remain philosophic and wait for progress. After midweek, minor jealousies between friends and group irritations will quickly vanish. Use this time to bring clarity to strained relationships. Late Friday, loved ones demand your undivided attention. In the coming weeks, expect family obligations to greatly expand. Friday through Sunday, rest and pamper the body. Emotional vitality may be low.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20). Monday through Thursday, romantic invitations are unavoidable. Expect potential lovers to express previously withheld feelings or ask for added social attention. Stay focused on short-term promises. At present, friends and lovers may need concrete deadlines. Over the next few weeks, new relationships will rapidly expand. Plan carefully and expect passionate overtures for your loyalty. Late Sunday, news from a distant relative may arrive. Respond with sincere affection.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Before midweek, minor physical ailments may be bothersome. Pay special attention to muscle strain, joint pain and dental irritations. Some Geminis will also experience vivid dreams or a new awareness of delicate family decisions. Sudden impressions may reveal a private romantic history. Remain attentive to quick intuitions or subtle comments. Friday through Sunday also highlight sibling relationships, news from older relatives and vital home changes. Stay alert.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Loved ones may ask probing questions or offer unexpected statements of affection. Recent social or family triangles require patience and diplomacy. Stay focused on short-term solutions and expect public debate to provide revised home options. After Wednesday, a close friend or relative may reveal controversial career plans or business changes. If so, detailed financial discussions and complex employment decisions may be needed.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Complicated workplace duties will disrupt daily routines. After Tuesday, pay special attention to the private mistakes of younger colleagues. Written documents or financial calculations may need verification. Don't neglect small tasks. Over the next few weeks, key officials are evaluating your efforts. Wednesday through Saturday, a long-term relationship may become strained. Rare social flirtations or past obligations are accentuated. Remain cautious.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Improved job strategies or new educational programs will trigger intense discussion. Friends and colleagues will encourage business creativity and increased skills. Don't hold back. This is a strong time for career planning, public debate and rekindled ambition. After Wednesday, a new friendship may bring unusual group options into your life. Exotic travel, artistic expression and shared romantic dreams are accentuated. Pace yourself. There's much to be learned.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fitness, sensuality and emotional health are highlighted. Many Librans will allow physical ailments or romantic disappointments to fade into the past. Use this time to explore unique attractions or issue rare social invitations. Passionate and lasting relationships should be the goal. Remain dedicated to your own ideals and expectations. Later this week, loved ones will offer group support and fresh options. Remain receptive to bold family comments and new advice.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). A surprising romantic invitation may arrive without warning. Before midweek, old lovers, forgotten friends or emotionally distant colleagues may ask for greater involvement in your private life. New relationships are potentially rewarding. Remain attentive and cautiously explore sincere proposals. Wednesday through Saturday, a close relative may reveal unexpected debts or financial problems. Avoid involvement. A distant but cheerful attitude will offer the best results.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Work schedules will require careful planning. Late Tuesday, loved ones may ask for added family dedication or renewed home commitments. Remain attentive to the needs of close friends and relatives. Before mid-September, business obligations, although draining, will prove manageable. Friday through Sunday, a long-term relationship may dramatically deepen. New promises, shared living arrangements or revised home expectations are featured. Stay balanced.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Tuesday through Friday, romantic passions are deeply felt and easily expressed. Offer sincere reactions to fast social comments. At present, new friends and potential lovers will respond positively to group support, rare invitations or a cheerful attitude of acceptance. Later this week, a long-term friend may announce an unique family decision. Marital status, travel plans or sudden home expansions are accentuated. Thoroughly study the facts. Change will arrive without warning.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Over the next few days, encourage shared duties and revised family schedules. Before Thursday, someone close may feel misunderstood or undervalued. Don't hesitate to provide practical solutions. At present, action is needed before empathy. Late Thursday, a sudden business inspiration may also arrive. In the coming weeks, unusual career opportunities will demand consistent research and unwavering dedication. Find positive ways to nurture growth.

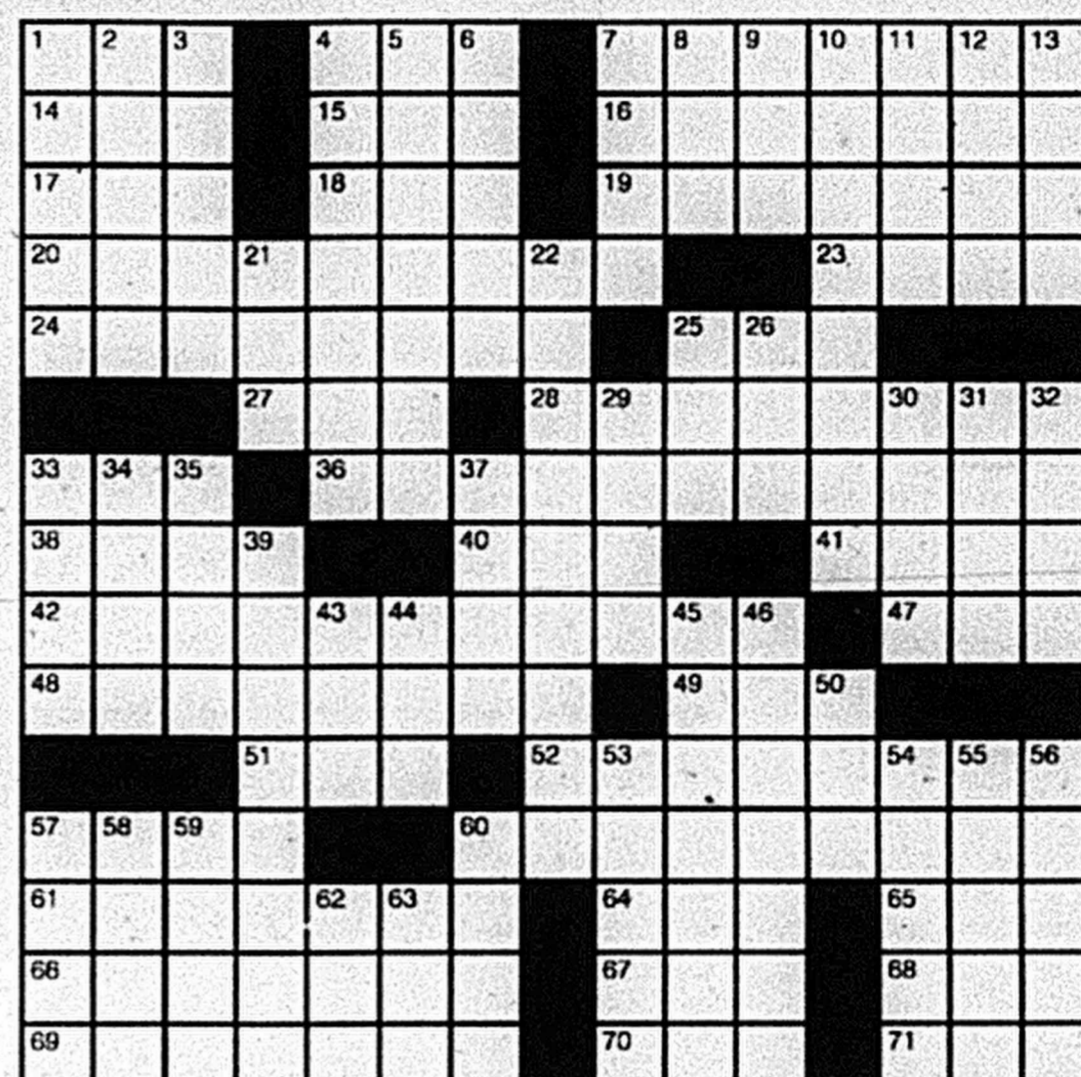
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20). Delayed job or financial applications require your full attention. Before the end of October, official paperwork, completed documents and legal contracts will work to your advantage. Respond quickly to unique permissions and new proposals. Key officials and older colleagues will soon provide remarkable opportunities. Wednesday through Saturday, a sudden romantic triangle requires resolution. Offer clear indications of your loyalties. Honesty will prove vital.

If your birthday is this week: Over the next three months, loved ones may emotionally return to past obligations, rekindle yesterday's relationships or ask for extra private time. Don't be derailed. A sudden period of reflection or romantic searching will likely strengthen key relationships in the weeks and months to come. Some Librans, especially those born after 1972, will soon experience a steady deepening of romantic, social and family promises. Remain determined and wait for lasting change. Early in 2005, watch also for unproductive co-workers or unrealistic business projects to fade. Planetary alignments suggest that to ensure success career ambitions and workplace efficiency will need to be renewed before mid-April.

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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Spanish article
  - Tie-up
  - Traveling case
  - Yodeler's peak
  - Dos Passos trilogy
  - More likely to ooze
  - Baseball stat
  - Brooch
  - Converting device
  - Staying current
  - Sniggler's prey
  - Drug-induced sleep
  - Picnic visitor
  - Guys
  - Female protagonists
  - Dawn lawn layer
  - Of citing
  - Important times
  - Part of APB
  - Beige shade
  - Ones who strike in passing
  - Blighted tree
  - Antarctic geographic feature
  - Part of TGIF
  - Hanoi holiday
  - Poorly matched
  - Church area
  - Hematic grouping
  - Musical repeat
  - Inc. in Britain
  - Luau fare
  - Monitored the course of
  - Had dinner
  - Tenth mo.
  - Wall and Basin
  - Doze
  - Timid
- DOWN**
- Escapades
  - "A Delicate Balance" playwright
  - Worked undercover
  - Largest planet
  - Utterly stupid
  - Tropical fruit
  - Hurry-up letters
  - Mack or Koppel
  - Chamomile drink
  - Hunger
  - Quote as an example
  - Part of a shoe
  - Goofs up
  - Ms. Dawber
  - Disobliging
  - Is for several?
  - Negative prefix
  - First name in mysteries
  - French city
  - Noble title
  - Urban blight
  - Lucy's love
  - the Red
  - Sluggish Boggs
  - Flunk
  - One-quarter denarius
  - Thar \_\_ blows!
  - Drenched
  - Italian rice dish
  - Nodular
  - Gain a lap



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Cast of 'Dancing at Lughnasa' rehearses for first show in arts center

### Theater preview for first student play

BY AMBER LESTER  
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During the week before the dreaded "tech week" that precedes any theater show, the five actresses who will portray the Mundy sisters in "Dancing at Lughnasa" warm up.

They stand in a rough circle, pacing with their hands on their hips as they prepare their voices.

Their preparation is not simply a singing of scales or an exercise in projection; the girls hum and breathe, making sounds that seem more suited to a barnyard than a stage.

The girls hum louder and louder, sounding like a group of cows or sheep. Occasionally, a horse's neigh can be heard as an actress loosens her lips.

They count to five in loud Irish brogues, then sing an Irish

box theater that fosters intimacy between the audience and the actors. The small space will hold 100 people when full, with 60 on the bottom level surrounding the stage and 40 looking down on it from the second level. The set consists of a small room that serves as the Mundy house, a yard complete with a rope swing and tall, stylized "rocks." The rocks form a sacred circle, somewhat like Stonehenge, around the house.

"Dancing at Lughnasa" centers on the lives of the five Mundy sisters, as seen through the memory of Michael, the illegitimate love child of Christina, the youngest sister. Michael focuses on the first weeks of August in the summer of 1936, as the festival of Lughnasa (celebrating the deity of harvest, Lugh) begins. In those tumultuous few days, Michael's long-gone uncle, Father Jack, returns from 25 years of missionary work with leprosy in Africa.

Meanwhile, Michael's father, Gerry Evans, comes for his yearly visit, full of promises made to be broken and impossible get-rich-quick schemes. Though Michael didn't know it at the time, these few days are destined to change the family forever.

Michael, played by junior Chad Foreman, is a haunted young man trying to come to terms with his past. Cast in May, Foreman spent the summer preparing for his role by reading and re-reading the play, researching Ireland and doing paperwork for his character, something that isn't required but "every good actor does it."

He practiced his dialect in regular conversations and found that was easier than just reading off the page, despite the fact that his girlfriend, a drama major at Old Dominion University, "hates it."

Michael is the son of Christina, played by sophomore Gemma Smith. Christina is a hopeless romantic, easily led astray by the charming Gerry Evans, played by junior Daniel Devlin.

The oldest sister, Kate, serves as the head of the household. Portrayed by junior Sterling Olsen, Kate is a stern schoolteacher, one of the only family members with contact to the outside world. After her parents died, Kate was left to care for the family.

"She loves her sisters, but she's hard on them, and it's hard

to do that without being mean," Olsen said. "It was difficult because at first it seems like she should be mean, but now I know that Kate needed to have love in everything she said."

Kate's stern demeanor is offset by Maggie, a buoyant and soulful sister who loves nothing more than a good riddle. Gabrielle Yount, who plays Maggie, defines her as a "joker."

"I looked 'joker' up in the dictionary and it said, 'Something held in reserve to gain an end or escape from a predicament'—and that's exactly what she is," Yount said. "I love that about her and I love her oomph."

The homemaker of the family is Agnes, a quiet, intense woman who spends her days knitting gloves to sell and making tea for the sisters.

"She internalizes everything until the moment comes and she lets it all out," said senior Sarah Smith, who plays Agnes. "She's a pressure-cooker."

Jane Phillips plays the challenging role of Rose, a grown

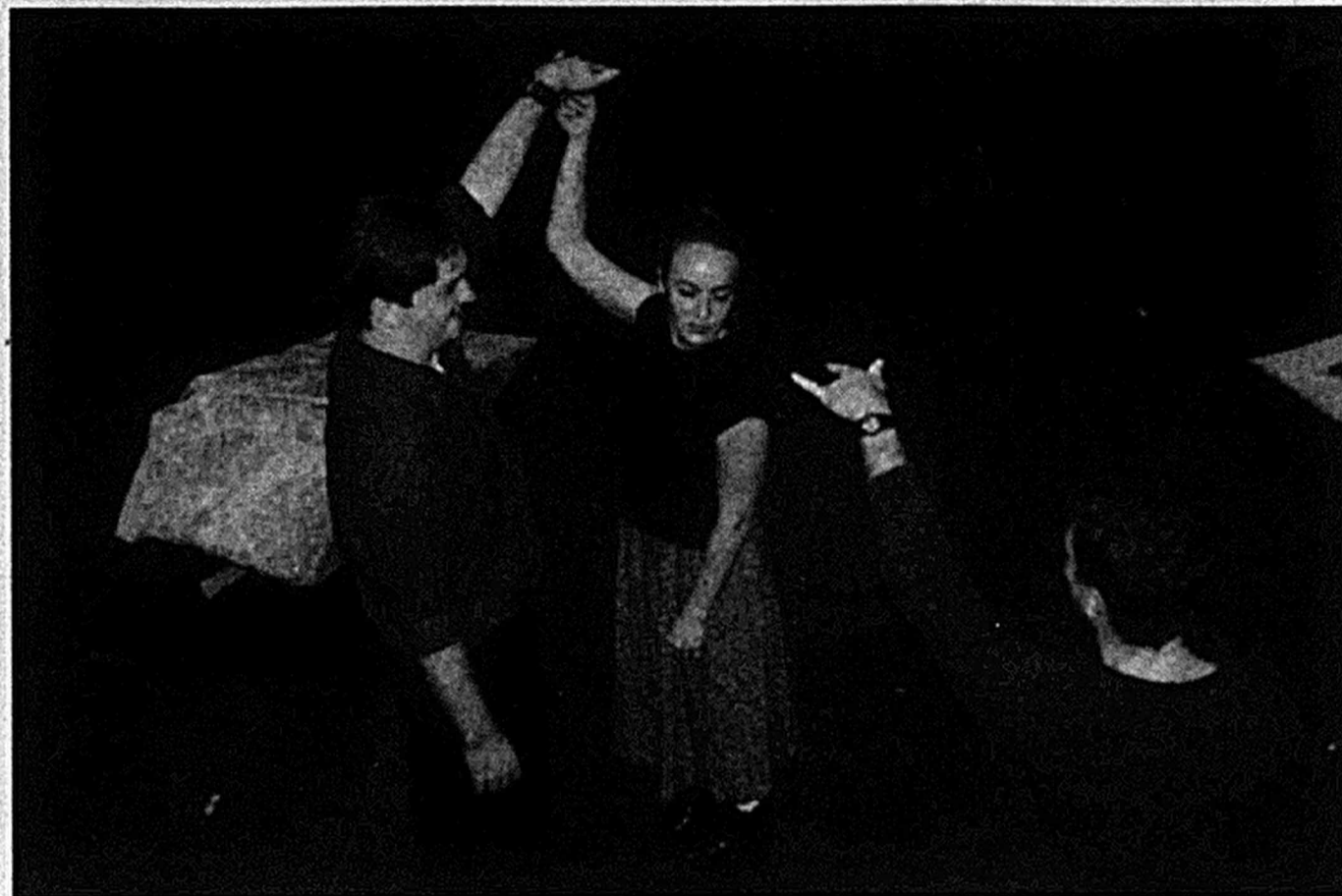
**"The play is a powerful portrayal of family and everyone hopes that audiences leave affected."**

woman with the mind of a 12-year-old. Rose is simple-minded and fun-loving, an almost polar opposite to Kate.

"She's basically confused about why people treat her differently," said Phillips. "It would be easy if she was completely retarded but it's more difficult to just portray her as simple."

The two male influences in Michael's life—Father Jack and Gerry Evans—could not be more different. Father Jack is a shell of a man who once was, confused by his sisters' memories of a proud Catholic priest and his time spent in a Swahili-speaking tribe. Played by freshman Timothy Bartlett, Father Jack is uncomfortable in the place that is meant to be his home.

Gerry Evans, however, is a charming and seemingly



Junior Daniel Devlin and senior Sarah Smith are instructed by choreographer Lon Hurst their ballroom scene in "Dancing at Lughnasa."

confident man, a true dreamer. A former ballroom dancing instructor, Gerry woos the sisters with his gliding feet and rendition of "Anything Goes." But Gerry is unsure of himself, and both perplexed and intrigued by his son.

"He's a deeply insecure man who hides it with a great sense of humor and a great respect for life in general," said Devlin. "This play has demonstrated the importance of really getting into a character's soul—the duality of finding a balance between fragility and a devil-may-care attitude."

At the Sept. 28 rehearsal, the girls spent an hour on dance. The show features a traditional Irish step dance that goes from rigid choreography to wild pagan movements. The girls struggled with adjusting the step dancing to the sped-up music, but Gillman encouraged them to be mindful of the choreography.

"We love the pagan because it allows us to release, but the pagan has no meaning unless there is a rigidity of the world at the beginning of the dance," she said.

The girls made mistake after mistake, rolling their eyes in frustration. Despite repeated attempts, juniors Gabrielle Yount and Jane Phillips couldn't seem to perform the choreography in the allotted time. Finally, choreographer Lon Hurst sat down on a table in the middle of the set and tapped out the beat, telling them exactly when to move. Ex-

changing doubtful glances, the girls tried once more. Suddenly, it worked. Their feet scuffed the floor in unison, and the moment when they broke into pagan dance was beautiful.

Though the dances presented challenges, the entire cast agreed that the dialect was the toughest. They spent ten hours with dialect coach Ginny Kopf,

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—Daniel Devlin, cast member

who flew in from Florida just to work with the cast. Devlin's character is Welsh, so his accent became an almost affected Irish dialect. Some of the girls found that they were able to adopt accents, just not Irish ones. Sarah sounded Jamaican, while Olsen had people telling her she sounded "country." Even during rehearsal, Phillips is still trying to master the accent.

With little over a week till the show opens, the play

is slowly but surely coming together. The mistakes are slight and the actors push through missed lines as though the lines were never in the script at all. Their professionalism is remarkable and none of the emotional effect is lost when tiny mistakes are made. By the end of a play run-through on Sept. 30, director Denise Gillman was wiping tears away.

"Those last ten minutes I was blotting my eyes," she told the cast. "It's a real quiet moment, as it should be when you let something go."

Casts are like families, close-knit and comfortable with each other. When so much emotion is put into a collaborative effort, the members cannot help but bond. But like any dysfunctional family, the group teases each other.

"So I get my own dressing room, right?" Olsen asked Gillman.

"Yes, it's called 'out in the breezeway,'" Gillman replied.

The cast has fun with each other, but when they talk about the effect of the play, they become instantly thoughtful and somber. The play is a powerful portrayal of family and everyone hopes that audiences leave the show affected.

"I hope they understand what family is," said Sarah. "The intimacy and complexity of a family; how it feels to be in a place that you feel hinders your growth. How to dance on the inside in spite of all that."



Juniors Jane Phillips and Gabrielle Yount celebrate sweet release in their dance.

tune in unison. Quite simply, they get into their element.

The cast is preparing for their production of Brian Friel's Tony-award winning play "Dancing at Lughnasa," the first Theater CNU performance in the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

Though the cast seems calm, the pressure is there: they will be setting the precedent for theater throughout the year.

"It's an honor to open such an amazing space and set the pace for the rest of our time in this building," said cast member Daniel Devlin.

The play will be produced in the Studio Theatre, a black

## Despite appearance, The Sand Bar offers delicious subs and more for college-friendly prices



The Sand Bar, located at 736 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, offers subs, pizzas and chicken wings for college-friendly prices.

BY ALIYA ALTAFULLAH  
Contributing Writer

Many of the restaurants down J. Clyde Morris's busy strip are small, old and often just simply overlooked.

The Sand Bar is just that—a tiny, run-down looking space that almost seems neglected due to their storefront sign being broken. This is one instance that you definitely should not judge a book by its cover.

The Sand Bar opened in April, taking the place of well-known sub shop "Philly's." Although The Sand Bar looks small, it somehow manages to attract a wide variety of customers and over the last six months has slowly started to develop a fan club.

The Sand Bar mainly specializes in submarine sandwiches, including anything and everything you can imagine: hot or cold, grilled or oven baked,

turkey, ham, roast beef, meatball ... you name it.

Subs can go anywhere from \$4.29 to \$7.29 depending on what kind of sub and what size. The grilled turkey and cheese sub is fantastic and comes out in no time at all. I also recommend the chicken fingers, which are golden brown and extra crispy, perfect with barbecue sauce.

The Sand Bar also offers other favorites such as freshly baked pizzas, buffalo chicken wings, salads, boardwalk-style fries and even homemade calzones.

And don't worry: even if you're on a college-student budget, The Sand Bar will not force you to break the bank.

Small pizzas start at \$4 and go up to \$10 for a large. Chicken tenders and popcorn chicken come in several sizes depending on your appetite and range anywhere from \$3 to \$10.

You can order mozzarella sticks or buffalo chicken wings,

which come in orders of six or 12, for less than five bucks.

All the food is made fresh in front of customers by a friendly and welcoming staff.

The location for The Sand Bar is ideal, but the dining area is small and there isn't enough room to fit more than 10 to 15 people.

Most Sand Bar patrons don't realize the area in the back of the restaurant turns into a hopping bar and pub after hours, with live music by local bands every Thursday for those over 21.

The Sand Bar also offers convenient hours; they open Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and close every night at 1:30 a.m.

The restaurant is located at 736 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, right before the intersection for Thimble Shoals Boulevard. For takeout orders or directions, The Sand Bar can be reached at 757-599-8411.

## Piano-playing comedian Billy D. Washington uses audience in jokes

BY CATHY EVANS  
Contributing Writer

Comedian Billy D. Washington performed his witty and hilarious mix of comedy and piano in Gaines Theatre Friday night.

There were usual topics ranging from politics, current events and music along with some personal ones like how he lost his luggage and his former life as a cop. He even singled out certain audience members to make fun of them.

Washington travels nationally performing stand up everywhere in places such as Hous-

ton, Texas; Columbus, Ohio; Missouri; and Oklahoma.

He's been on various comedy shows and festivals such as Def Comedy Jam, the HBO Aspen Comedy Festival and he has opened for Aretha Franklin.

He also was a host on VH-1 in 1998 for programs that included "The Michael Jackson Music Video Collection," "The History of Music Video A-Z" and a daily video music show.

Washington's material seemed random; most of his jokes were of sexual content and he did use some obscenities.

At one point during the show, a female audience member left Gaines Theatre.

But before sneaking out, she had to chat with Washington about where she was going.

Washington then commented, "Have you ever noticed how girls always go to the bathroom in pairs, except when they have to take a [expletive]?"

The audience laughed while the female audience member showed her disapproval with an obscene gesture before leaving.

She did come back a few minutes later to watch the rest of the show and Washington apologized.

He played several selections on the piano while telling stories. A particular song was called "The Lemonhead Song," a song

that was written by a homeless man obsessed with candy. The song told how the man wanted to be buried with Lemonheads, his favorite candy.

Later on, a cell phone rang in the audience. Washington walked up to him requesting to speak to the person.

He called the number back and told the girl that "This is B. Nick's black lover" and that Nick couldn't come to the phone because they were busy.

Washington also called Nick's father to tell him the news of his black lover.

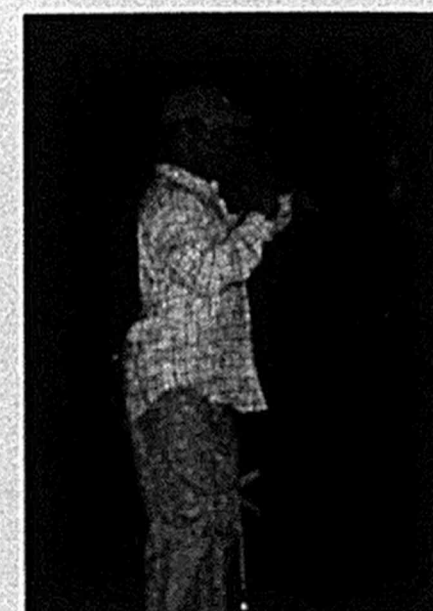
Nick's father did not respond well to the comment and Washington told Nick he was

going to have to have a long conversation with his dad later.

This surprised the audience but many laughed at Nick's misfortune. Junior Meagan Boyd described this moment as her favorite part of the show. "I was surprised by his content, but I thought he was really funny."

To close his show, he took two people from the audience on stage with him to play an improv game. They were going to make a sentence but each person could only say one word.

Brandon Fauntleroy, a junior, was one of the two people called on stage. He thought being on stage was fun and really enjoyed the show.



Billy D. Washington performs in Gaines.

"I liked when he was talking about sex," he said. His friend standing next to him added, "That was the whole show."

# Break! Urban Funk dance group wows audiences, teaches moves in Gaines

By AMBER LESTER  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Few things can keep students lined up outside Gaines Theatre on a Saturday night, waiting an hour past starting time just to see a performance.

But there they were, waiting for the doors to open to witness the stunning and eclectic breakdancing performed by Break! Urban Funk, a six-member dance troupe based out of New York.

The three-year-old group consists of DJ G.I. Joe, who also danced, drummer Peter Rabbit and dancers Honey Rockwell, Jumping Bean, Aqua Boogie and Lockin' Q.

During their show, the group demonstrated all of the classic moves associated with breakdancing and the hip-hop culture.

Honey Rockwell explained the vocabulary of the art; "breakdancing" is not a term used by the actual performers because it connotes a thug life. Instead, dancers call it "b-boying" or "b-girling."

The show opened with a battle that allowed each dancer to show off his or her specialty, whether it was spins, pop and lock or flips.

The audience, often awestruck by the fluid movements, got involved during a number called "Times Square," clapping hands and stomping their feet.

Rockwell then gave the audience a lesson in the history and act of breaking, inviting seven volunteers to the stage to learn the basic moves and compile them into a dance.

The six boys and one girl, all members of Altered Xpressionz, gathered behind Rockwell to learn such basics as the "top rock," a basic stepping movement; the "sweep," which involves sweeping one leg underneath another; and the "freeze," which challenges dancers to lift their legs just above their head on the ground.

After reminding them to "look gangsta," Rockwell went into the audience to watch the routine. Showing off their individual skills, Altered Xpressionz performed impressive solos, garnering cheers from Rockwell.

Aqua Boogie and Lockin' Q then returned to the stage to educate the crowd in the art of "popping," which involves punctuating movements with halts timed to each pump of the bass or blow of a horn.

Wearing matching pin-striped suits, the dancers were

reminiscent of Janet Jackson's 1980s video "Alright," which was choreographed by one of Aqua Boogie's mentors, Jazzy J.

The dancing paused momentarily for a riveting performance by Peter Rabbit, a drummer who specializes in bucket drumming.

Rabbit, who has been drumming for 12 years, started playing buckets in 1996 after the NYPD took away one of his drum sets while he performed in the streets of Times Square.

Buckets were more economical and creative, so Rabbit made the switch and performed outside Broadway theaters during intermissions. He met Savion Glover, the creator of "Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk," and became one of the original cast members of the Broadway show.

During his performance, Rabbit played the white plastic buckets with dizzying speed, his drumsticks moving so fast they looked transparent.

He moved one bucket with his feet, thumping it on the stage, while he played the top of it. Before long, buckets were rolling away and little bits of plastic flew from the tops.

"Ya'll, I'm having a hard time," Rabbit announced.

He held up a bucket to show its large crack and explained that none of the buckets were strong enough. But he trudged on, playing the buckets until they started breaking.

"Where I come from, we just do the best we can with what we got," he said.

The troupe performed a fast-paced finale, showing off every complicated trick and movement they had.

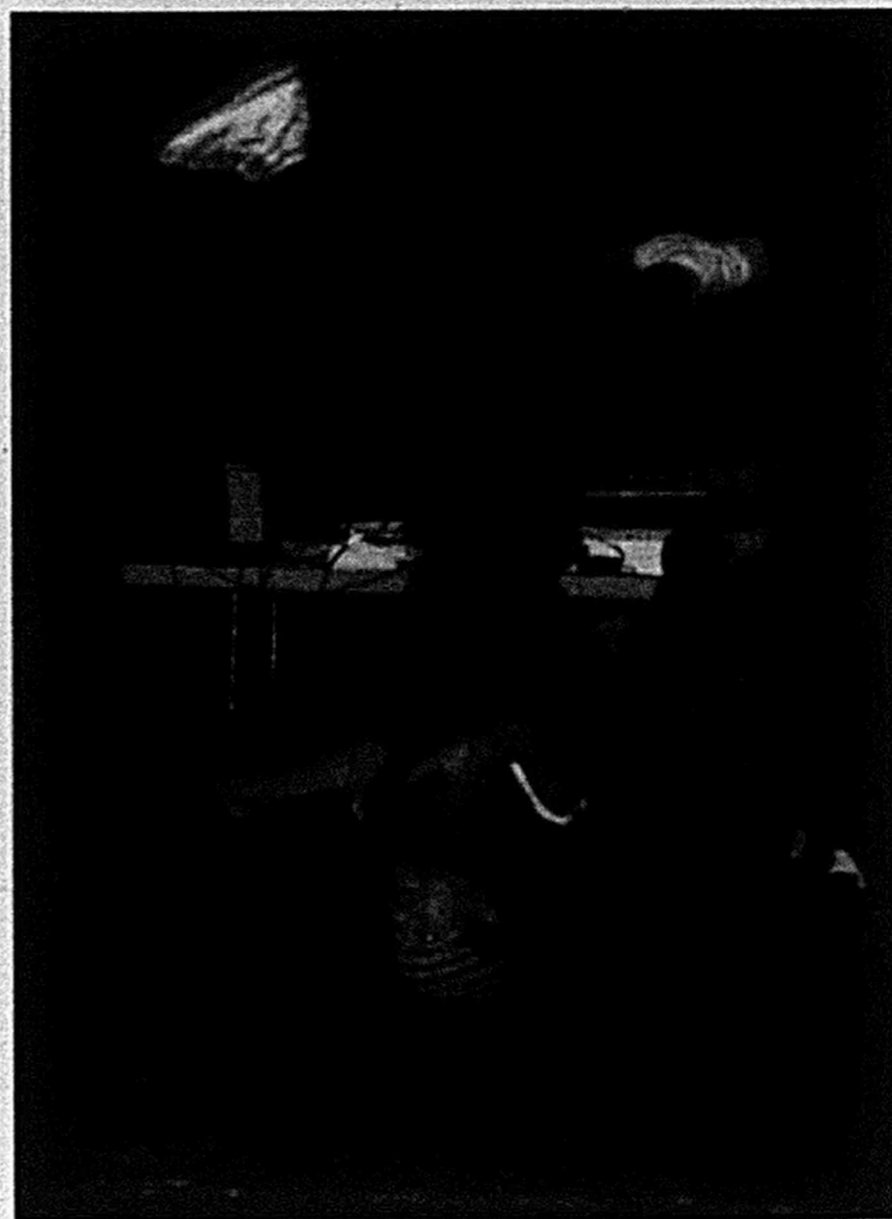
With a mix of jazzy hip-hop and pure funk, the group glided, spun and flipped across the stage.

After the show, the members of Altered Xpressionz gathered around the dancers, speaking their very own "breaking" jargon. The group was happy to see a show like this come to CNU.

"This is definitely something we want to see," said freshman Ryan Webb. "It demonstrated everything."

Talking to breaking enthusiasts after the show, Jumping Bean summed up the appeal of a vibrant show like theirs.

"I like entertaining people. I'd rather see people laughing and smiling," he said. "You can get dumped by your boyfriend and then watch this and forget you ever had a boyfriend."



Kimberly Wade/The Captain's Log  
DJ G.I. Joe executed several impressive spins during the finale of Break! Urban Funk's Saturday night performance in Gaines Theatre. With six members, the group demonstrated b-boying and b-girling, popping and locking, mixing records and bucket drumming.

## Greek Goddess goes to Gamma Phi Beta

By MATT CHAMBERS  
Captain's Log Intern

On Saturday evening, Pi Kappa Phi sponsored their first annual Greek Goddess Competition in Gaines Theatre. Half of the money raised went to the charity People Understanding Severely Handicapped, or PUSH.

"We wanted to bring Greek life awareness to campus and of course to point out the Greek Goddesses," said senior Chris Marshall and organizer of the event.

There was no lack of enthusiasm from the predominately Greek audience — during the goddesses' introductions, hardly a name could be heard over the passionate screams of encouragement from fellow sorority sisters. The competition consisted of seven contestants from four sororities: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta.

To begin the contest, and to represent their sisters, the goddesses were encouraged to show off their letters in unique ways for the "Letter Presentation" part of the ceremony.

Senior Diane Ashburn of Gamma Phi Beta received the majority of yells from the male portion of the audience.

After running down an aisle of the theater to the stage, she had her escort pour two pitchers of water on her once-opaque white T-shirt. Already roaring with delight, the men were most likely surprised as they watched the black of Ashburn's tank top, which featured her letters, bleed through her translucent shirt.

The women's creativity also came through in the talent portion of the ceremony. From cucumber-juggling to gymnastics to baton twirling, the ladies showed what their greatest talents. But it was not



Jenn Rowell/The Captain's Log  
Sisters from seven sororities competed in Pi Kappa Phi's "Greek Goddess" pageant.

choreographed dances moves, twirling blades big enough to be machetes or tumbling flips that impressed the crowd the most. Rather, it was Phi Mu Sophomore Bree Burke's performance of Norah Jones's "Turn Me On" that received a standing ovation from an impressed assembly of Greeks.

Following the talent show was an "Extreme Challenge" segment where the "wheel of death" was spun to give the goddesses a challenge that would test their dedication to their letters. The wheel landed on a pie-eating contest, then a Coca-Cola chugging contest. As the ladies wolfed down the pies and guzzled the colas, support was provided with droves of screams, shrieks and sorority chants.

A question and answer section was next on the itinerary, during which the ladies were questioned predominantly about feelings toward their sisterhoods.

When questioned about anything she could change in her life, Ashburn said, "I spent my first year of college at a different school. I wish I could have spent that year at CNU so I had more time with my sisters."

With all the segments of the show completed, the panel

of seven judges handed in their ballots, which were taken backstage to tally. During the wait, sisters became restless and started shouting for their favorite contestants.

At last, the votes were in, bouquets of flowers were ready to be handed out and the award presentation began. Third place went to Burke, who received a \$25 gift certificate to Printsables. Second place was bestowed upon Armstrong, which also included a certificate for a free dinner for two at the Red Maple Inn. The title of Greek Goddess went to Ashburn, who received bragging rights for both her and her sorority.

"I'm very surprised," Ashburn said. "It was a lot of fun, and everybody was very supportive," she added.

One of the hosts of the evening, senior Seth Fullilove, was pleased with the competition.

"I think the night went extremely well, and the candidates all did a great job. They made it real easy to be a host," said Fullilove.

The crowd seemed pleased with the competition and Pi Kappa Phi's performance.

"It was quite entertaining," said senior Michelle Anderson. "Pi Kappa did a wonderful job."

## 'Ladder 49' decent, but flawed

By ANNIE FERENBACH  
Contributing Writer

I should start out by saying I would gleefully pay money to see Joaquin Phoenix read the phone book. Because of this, I've been eagerly anticipating the opening of "Ladder 49" to see Phoenix in his largest role yet.

One of the reasons why I admire him as an actor, aside from his talent, is his choice of roles. He tends to go with quieter films (with the exception of "Gladiator") than the big-budget "Ladder 49," his specialty is revealing a character's frailties and emotions.

It's to director Jay Russell's credit that he cast Phoenix as Jack Morrison in this firefighting film that tries to be a character study (but does not quite succeed).

Phoenix, Jacinda Barrett (who makes a stunning debut as Linda Morrison), John Travolta and Morris Chestnut bring likability to their characters, but also a bit more dimension than the script allows.

Some critics believe this film failed in its goal, which was to portray firefighters as what they really are: everyday men who do extraordinary things. They believe the characters are flawless cookie-cutter heroes.

While I don't think these are terribly developed characters, I have to disagree with that.

Despite the sense of camaraderie that is stressed in the film, the relations between the characters are not always peaceful and the relationship between Jack and Linda is not portrayed as perfect.

I believe the filmmakers succeeded in their goal to make a film that focuses on the firefighters and their families and

not just exciting action sequences (although the fire sequences are breathtaking). However, as a film, it has shortcomings.

The story focuses on 10 years of Jack Morrison's life, beginning with his first day on the job. "Ladder 49" shows Jack as he goes from a chubby, wide-eyed rookie to a humbled, battle-weary husband and father. This progression is shown through flashbacks while Jack is waiting for rescue in a burning warehouse.

Initially, I thought the idea of telling the story through flashbacks was clever. It's important, when every movie feels like it's been done before, to have elements that are unique and surprising.

But it didn't work at all in this film. The movie loses its footing badly in the final third of the film — the end is hasty; ill-conceived; and left me with a bad taste in my mouth, like I'd just been jerked around for two hours.

It seems like writer Lewis Colick couldn't think of anything else to do with Jack, so he just ended it.

The flashbacks and the "real time" part of the film felt more and more disconnected as the film went on. The sequences with Jack trapped in the building were at first compelling and dramatic, but quickly became repetitive.

For the flashback style of filmmaking to work, there needs to be a sizeable amount of time devoted to moving the character on after the flashbacks and that just didn't happen.

With all of that said, I did enjoy the film. Part of it was how impressed I was with Jay Russell, Joaquin Phoenix and Jacinda Barrett.

Jay Russell, the director of "My Dog Skip" and "Tuck Everlasting" did an outstanding job with the fire sequences. They were intense, breathtaking

and absolutely phenomenal.

Joaquin Phoenix brought a level of quiet emotion to the role of Jack that I don't think anyone else could've done as well.

This is the right kind of action movie for Phoenix — the film cares more about the men fighting the fires than it does about the spectacle of the fires.

As for Barrett, she makes a stunning debut, holding her own against Travolta and Phoenix. Her character is not very developed, but she put her heart into the portrayal and it shows.

"Ladder 49" is a flawed film. Sappy songs do not need to play over a sad or happy part to let the audience know we should be sad or happy; that simply overloads the sentiment and cheapens what would normally be a moving moment.

The flashback tactic fails as a gimmick, and makes for a sudden and empty ending. Though the dialogue is clever, the situations feel clichéd.

Despite all this, I believe the film has merit. It's armed with a stellar cast and a timely story. Although "Ladder 49" was conceived before Sept. 11, 2001, it stirs emotions related to that day.

Although dramatic, it does have great comedic moments and practical jokes between the firefighters that had the theater roaring with laughter.

With a stellar cast and a respectful, admiring view of everyday heroes, "Ladder 49" is, despite the flaws, an enjoyable two hours in the theater.

Directed by Jay Russell  
Starring Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta, Jacinda Barrett, Morris Chestnut

Rated PG-13 for language and intense fire and rescue situations

Rating 3 out of 5 stars

## Hampton Roads Happenings

Oct. 2 The Violent Femmes at The NorVa  
Oct. 3 Home Grown at The NorVa  
Oct. 6 The Producers at the Landmark Theater  
Oct. 10 The Producers at the Landmark Theater  
Oct. 12 Insane Clown Posse at The NorVa  
Oct. 13 Alter Bridge at the NorVa  
Oct. 14 Incubus at VA Beach Amphitheater  
Oct. 14 Gretchen Wilson at The NorVa

Oct. 17 Bill Cosby Chrysler Center  
Oct. 18 Deftones at The NorVa  
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Oct. 17 Bill Cosby at the Chrysler Hall  
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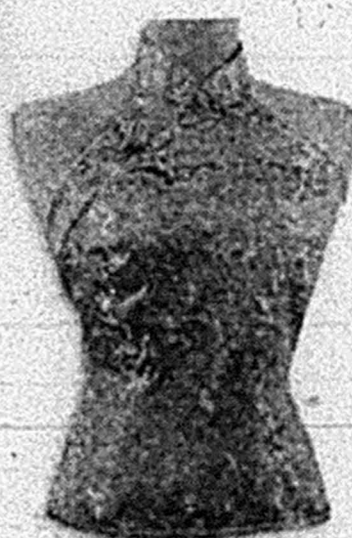
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# Sports

## Soccer dominates weekend games

Overwhelmed USA South competition gives up 18 goals to Captains over the weekend, leading to two blowouts

By Kimberly Wade and Sean Kennedy  
Contributing Writer and Sports Editor

The Men's soccer team defeated USA South Conference opponents Averett and Ferrum over the weekend to up their record to 7-3-1 overall and 2-0 within the conference.

The Captains were able to rack up 18 goals in the two games, nine in each, while giving up none against the two overmatched teams.

Against Averett, senior Billy Lucas scored a new personal best four goals to lead the Captains to a 9-0 victory.

Lucas now leads the team in goals with seven.

With eight out of the nine goals scored in the first half, the mood of the game was set.

Within the first five minutes, senior Billy Lucas scored with an assist by senior Nick Yannitello.

Lucas scored again in the

16<sup>th</sup> minute, again assisted by Yannitello.

Yannitello himself scored the third point with an assist by sophomore Galen Small.

Sophomore Derek Shaw scored the fourth goal and junior Justin Ayotte scored the fifth goal on a penalty kick.

Two yellow cards were given to the opposing team, which disrupted the game for a while but didn't stop Yannitello from scoring the sixth goal with an assist from Lucas.

Lucas then scored two more goals to end the half at 8-0, CNU.

Things heated up for both sides of the team when four yellow cards were issued, three of which went to Averett.

The scoring stopped after sophomore Simon Blecher scored with an assist from Small.

The defense proved to be a tough obstacle as Averett only managed a couple of shots.

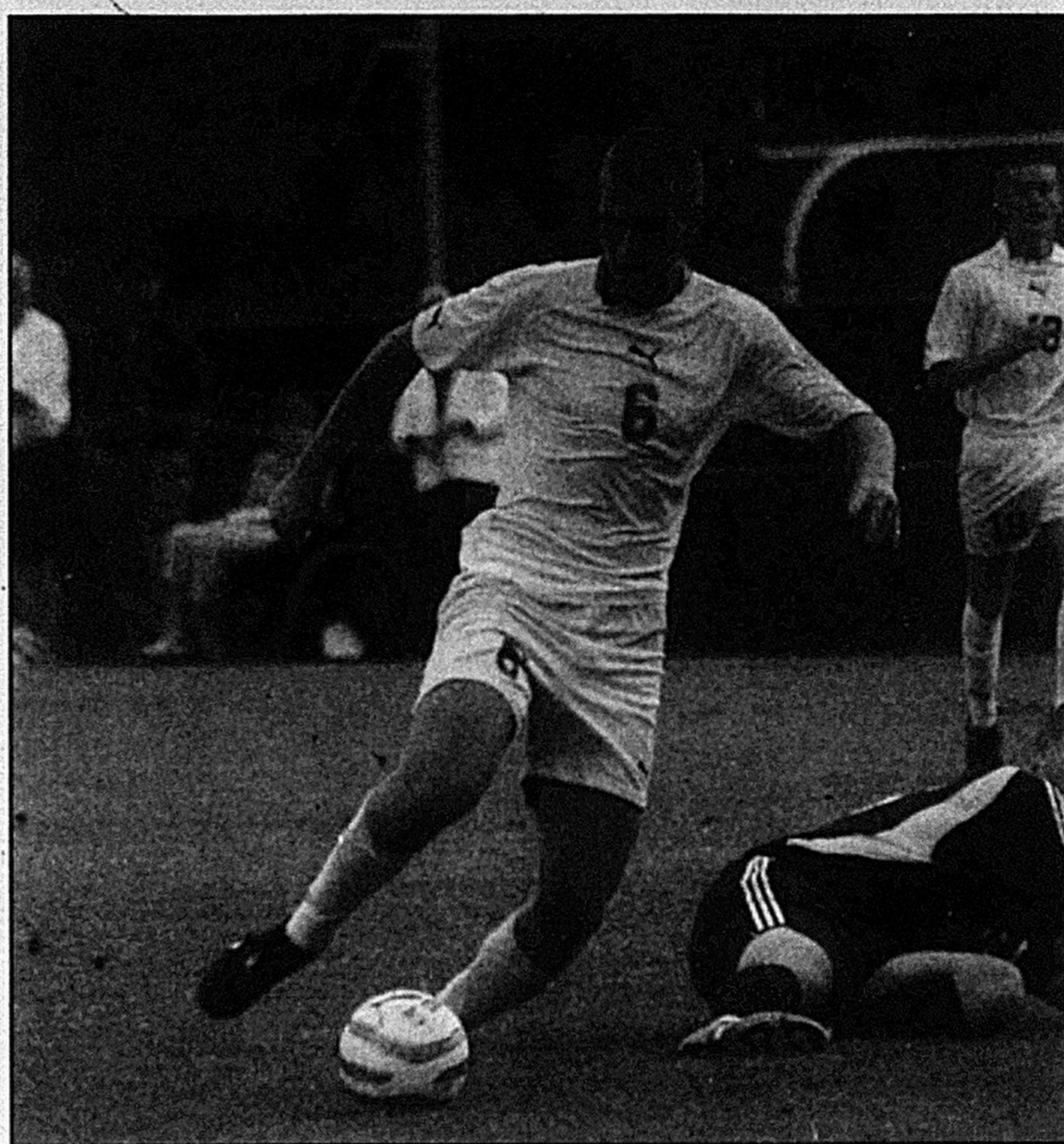
Good teamwork was to account for this as the players talked and encouraged one another during the entire game.

Brian Shumate had no saves in goal despite playing the whole game.

"We did what we came to do and put a team away," Yannitello said.

The team not only won but

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Senior Billy Lucas eludes defenders in a game over the weekend. He scored four goals against Averett, a new personal best for him.

## It's the "O"!

The Redskins offense has been inept through four games this season, will it ever get better?

By Sean Kennedy  
Sports Editor

Well, we're a quarter into the Redskins season; let's take a look at what we've learned so far.

The 'Skin's offense has been terrible. Yes, terrible. Mark Brunell, despite his great past, is little more than a dump off passer at this point.

I ask why don't the Redskins throw backup Patrick Ramsey in there and get it over with. I tell you, before this season is out, Ramsey will be the starting quarterback. Bet on it.

Clinton Portis, despite his hefty paycheck, just isn't cutting it.

Why? It's the old cliché, "Square peg in a round hole." Maybe Portis is a product of the Denver Bronco's system.

But I think he's a great running back that needs to adjust to Gibbs's system now. Slow down, Clinton. Wait for your blocks to set up.

Have some patience.

Gibbs could do a better job at giving Portis plays that he can turn a short gain into a long one, but his system works — that's been proven in the past. Do you guys realize that in 1991 the Redskins only gave up nine sacks all year long? Or that in 1991 the Redskins only lost two games by a combined five total points.

Portis must be able to adjust his playing style to fit the system. It'll gel, but it might take awhile. Once he gets in space he is golden.

Speaking of Gibbs, I think he's having a big problem with game management.

In the past two weeks, he's challenged plays that weren't even close.

He shouldn't have challenged them and he lost two timeouts because of the mistakes.

It's also a fateful coincidence that the Redskins have been in trouble with timeouts late in games.

In the game against the Browns, the Redskins needed a timeout to challenge the play in which Laveranues Coles apparently fumbled the ball and the Browns recovered it with about a minute and a half left to play.

Against the Cowboys, Gibbs challenged a touchdown that Terry Glenn caught. Gibbs said he challenged it because it was such a big moment in the game. Well, duh.

That's not enough to risk wasting a timeout. It's simply a breakdown in communication.

That fumble ended the Redskins hopes of a comeback. Gibbs could have used that final timeout to challenge the play.

Against the Cowboys two weeks ago, the team needed one timeout after Gardner caught a long pass that put the Redskins into field goal range.

The problem was that the clock ran out on the Redskins, who didn't have a timeout.

It is understood that Gibbs has been out of the game for some time now, and it will take some time for him to get back into the swing of things, but clock management is something that every coach must be good at.

The 'Skins shouldn't have to burn timeouts needlessly.

They shouldn't challenge plays that aren't even close to being debatable. The Redskins have essentially lost two games that they could have won because of poor coaching.

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## Despite losses, Lady Captains keep winning

Injuries cause key players to exit match, but CNU pulls through

By Erin Eudy  
Contributing Writer

The Lady Captains dominated the volleyball court in Wednesday's match against Shenandoah University despite losing two of their star players to injuries.

The game started on a cheerful and spirited note for CNU as the music blared while each of the players were introduced to the crowd.

However, once the game began, things quickly went downhill.

On the first serve of the game, sophomore Jessica O'Neal fell and had to be helped off the court.

The second game brought more injuries when junior Erin Bradshaw was taken out with an ankle injury when a Shenandoah player came under the net under Bradshaw. Shenandoah's Hannah Williams also fell.

"It really wasn't a good game," said sophomore Jacqui Rollandini.

"The other team kept coming under the net. That was how they knocked Jessica and Erin over."

Despite the losses, the Lady Captains came through to victory, winning the first game 30-16 with Erin Bradshaw scoring the winning point.

The Lady Captains controlled the second game as well, maintaining at least a 10-point lead throughout the entire game.

Junior twin sisters Amber and Erin Bradshaw, as well as freshman Tricia Nelson, particularly shined as they scored the majority of the points.

Rollandini amazed the crowd with several incredible dives onto the gymnasium floor just to keep the ball in the air.

Freshman Brittany Collins also wowed the crowd and her teammates with an astonishing back bend that avoided a net violation.

"Whoa, just how low can you go?" the announcer said as several people gaped at the feat.

Rollandini served the winning point and the Lady

Captains won the second game 30-14.

The final game was the most exciting of the night; for the first time, Shenandoah took the lead. Although Shenandoah never gained more than three points over them, it was enough to push the Lady Captains to work harder once Amber Bradshaw stepped up to serve.

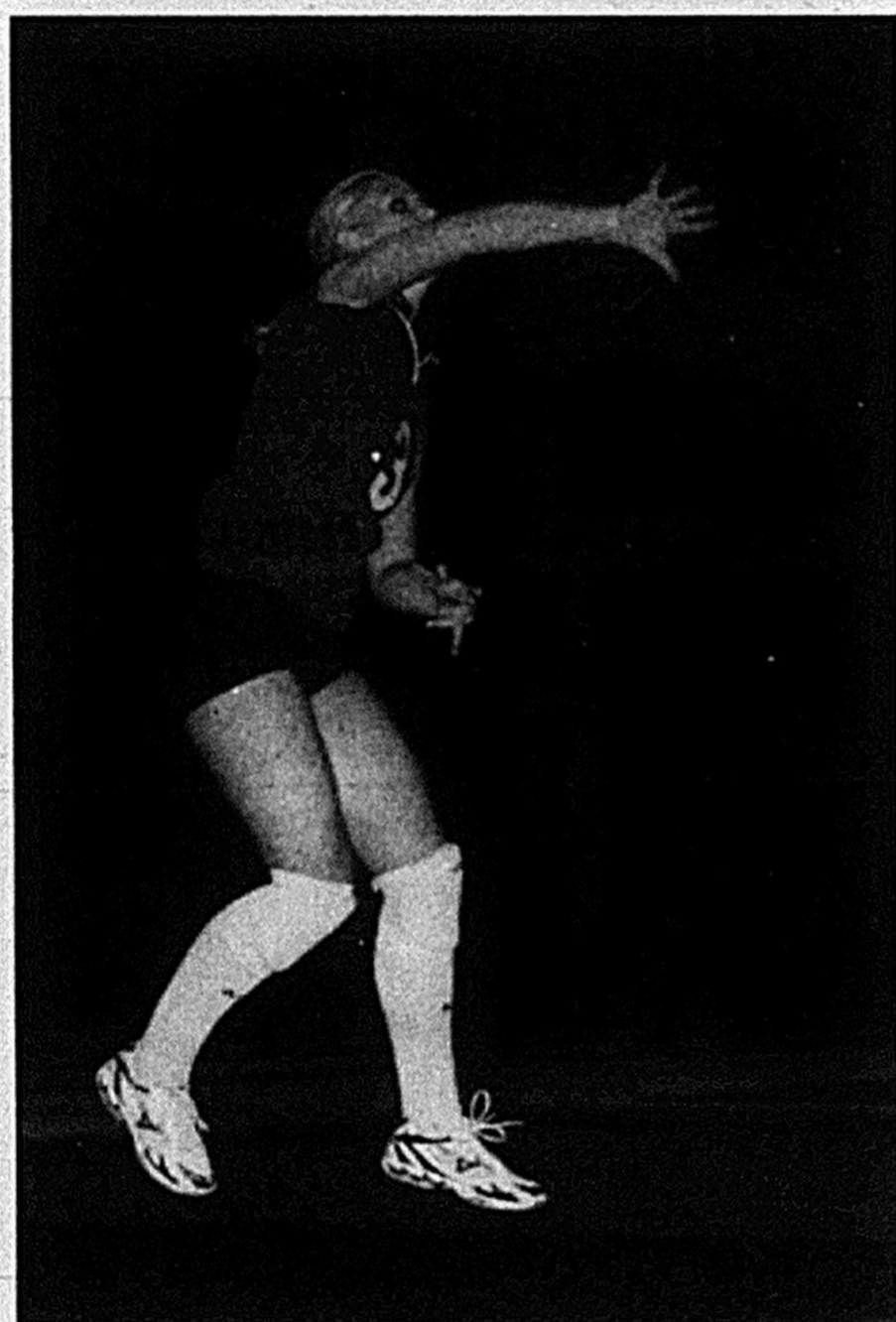
The team then brought the score back up to 20-13. Shenandoah was never able to catch up again; sophomore Jenna Williams served the winning point and the Lady Captains defeated Shenandoah 30-21.

"Tonight was a real test," said Assistant Coach Lyndsay Schmiedel.

"It was a test of teamwork and strength. We lost two of our star players, but the other players stepped up to fill in for them."

"We'll do fine in the next match, too," she said. "We will play just like tonight. We have plenty of versatile and experienced players and we'll be fine."

After the Lady Captains swept the Comfort Inn/Captain's Classic tournament, they stand at 17-3 and are on an 11-game winning streak.



Sophomore Jacqui Rollandini leaps for a serve in last weekend's tournament.

## Weekly Roundup

By Sean Kennedy  
Sports Editor

### Cross Country

Ran at the Dickinson College "Long Course/Short Course" Invitational over the weekend.

The men's team placed third overall while the women's team placed fifth.

On the women's team, junior Megan Fogarty finished seventh while freshman Bridgett Dryer finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the 4,000-meter race, and junior Emily Low finished seventh while sophomore Ashley Ezell finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the 6,000-meter race.

On the men's side, sophomore Cary Chaffee finished fifth overall in the 4,000-meter race while sophomore Tim Scott finished seventh and freshman Jason Myers finished 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the 8,000-meter race, sophomore David Barham finished 13<sup>th</sup> and freshman Daniel Swale finished 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Field hockey

Went 500 last week. The Lady Captains defeated Bridgewater on Friday, 3-1 but were beaten by Lynchburg, 4-3.

Against Bridgewater, the team got off to yet another slow start and trailed at halftime, 1-0.

Three second-half goals secured the Lady Captains their eighth win of the season. Senior Jonelle Hanson scored the tying goal in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute.

Three minutes later, freshman Samantha Howard scored the winning goal.

Fellow freshman Ashley Hay added another goal in the 61<sup>st</sup> minute.

Senior Megan McCreedy, freshmen Diana Golden and Jacque Mayer all had assists for CNU.

On Sunday, the Lady Captains were beaten by Lynchburg College 4-3 on a last second goal by Andrea Fleming. Fleming netted all four of Lynchburg's goals.

She scored the first one only 34 seconds into the game, but Golden was able to tie the game up with about 17 minutes left.

Fleming added her second goal of the afternoon three minutes later to give the Lady Hornets the lead.

Three minutes later, CNU tied it up yet again with a goal from Howard.

The tied game would last until CNU took the lead when Hanson scored with about 12 minutes remaining in the game.

Fleming would score two more times to give Lynchburg the win.

The winning goal actually

came with no time remaining on the clock.

Senior Ashley Roberson, Howard, and McCreedy all had assists for the Lady Captains.

They are now 8-2 and return to action at Mary Washington today with game time set for 4:30.

### Football

Shenandoah defeated the Captains on Saturday, 14-10. Shenandoah scored on its opening drive, an 80-yarder that was capped on a three-yard run by Shenandoah running back Anthony Frates.

Sophomore Jason Broskie's 29-yard field goal was good, moving the Captains to within 4, 7-3 in the second quarter.

With about three minutes left in the second quarter, CNU took the lead when sophomore Hudson Bryant completed a three-yard touchdown pass to fellow-sophomore George Jones.

The Hornets scored the winning touchdown, a 24-yard pass play, on fourth-down with about six minutes remaining in the game.

Sophomore Roland Hilliard led team with 16 carries for 96 yards. Jones had 14 carries for 53.

Bryant finished 10-24 for 89 yards through the air.

Sophomore Curfew Speight led the Captains in receiving, catching four passes for 47 yards.



Freshman Rhiannon Thomasson moves the ball upfield against Catholic last week.

The Captains are now 2-2 and 0-1 within the USA South Conference.

The Captains return to action this Saturday at home against USA South rival Greensboro. Game time is 1 p.m.

### Women's soccer

The Lady Captains defeated Ferrum 5-0 and tied Lynchburg 1-1 over the weekend to up their record to 8-2-3 and 3-0 within the USA South.

The game against Ferrum was delayed for an hour and half due to inclement weather.

Once it began, CNU dominated the game, out shooting the Lady Panthers 23-2. Emily Renkin scored three times in

the victory. Freshman Michelle Brockman and sophomore Leah Leavitt each scored a goal.

Leavitt also had two assists while Brockman added one.

Senior Carola Reigner had one save in goal for the Lady Captains.

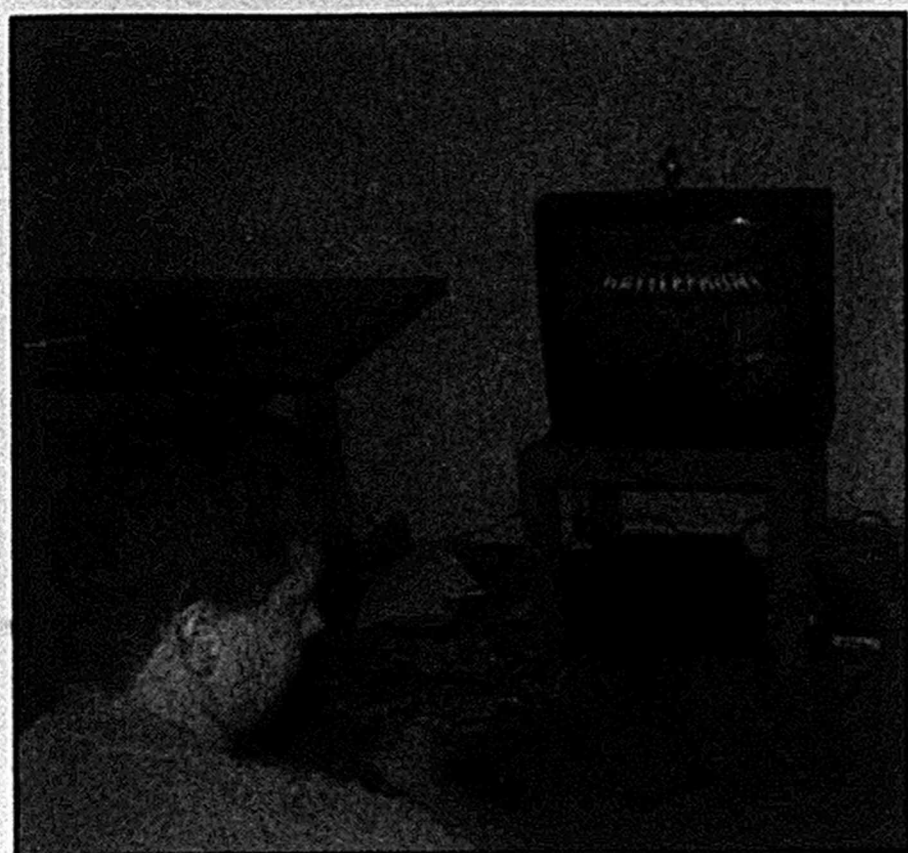
Against Lynchburg, the Lady Captains played through two overtime periods but could only come away with a 1-1 tie.

Lynchburg took the lead in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute when Taryn Wyckoff scored off of a header.

Leavitt scored CNU's only goal in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute to tie the game. The Lady Captains now are on a 7-0-1 unbeaten streak.

The team returns to action Saturday when they travel to Methodist with game time set for 1 p.m.

# The world wonders: is Cyber-Gaming a sport?



Sean Kennedy/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Senior Brett Pickett enjoys a game of Star Wars: Battlefront.

By Dave Fairbank  
Daily Press (KRT)

The best players on the planet will gather in San Francisco this week to determine world champions. Thousands will attend, and tens of thousands more will watch and monitor results over the Internet.

The fourth World Cyber Games will attract an estimated 700 video gamers from 63 countries.

Total prize money is \$400,000. Champions will be crowned in eight games, among them: "StarCraft: Brood War," "Counter-Strike: Condition Zero," "Halo," and "FIFA Soccer 2004" - the only game involving a so-called "traditional" sport.

The others are racing or combat-type games that feature warriors, aliens, cars, weapons - the staples of video games.

"Counter-Strike" is a tactical, 5-on-5 team game pitting terrorists against counter-terrorists in various settings.

Are cyber games sports? The short answer is, "No, but..." Or maybe that's the long answer.

Cynics - and you know who you are - will point out that the World Cyber Games are little more than a ploy for electronics giant Samsung, the primary sponsor, to get its name out and sell product under the guise of competition.

The commercialization argument is a dead-end alley, as is the notion that gamers don't put in the same time and preparation as athletes from traditional sports.

Biljeskovic practices about four hours a day, five days a week. Kyle Miller, a member of the U.S. "Counter-Strike" team that finished second at last year's World Games, said his team practices three to four hours a night, four nights a week.

The team is sponsored by graphics giant NVidia and computer outfit HP/Compaq, which provides monthly salaries and expenses.

"When I first started, I didn't intend to be a professional. I was just doing it for fun," said Miller, a 20-year-old Vienna, Va., resident, who played basketball and tennis and practiced karate when he was younger.

"But when we started winning tournaments and making money, when I got back from a tournament in Texas one week-end after winning \$5,000, my parents were like, 'If this is what you like and what you want to do, we'll support you.'"

Overseas, particularly in the Far East, champion gamers are treated like rock stars and elite athletes.

That said, don't start looking in the sports pages here for results of "Madden 2004" or "War Craft III: The Frozen Throne" tournaments any time soon.

Or maybe ever.

At the same time, do not dismiss cyber games as the fringes and the realm of the lost, either.

"I found something that I was interested in and I became really good at it," Miller said.

Isn't that what everyone looks for?

Mattija "Matt" Biljeskovic, a 20-year-old electrical engineering student at Northern Illinois University, is the U.S. champion of "FIFA Soccer 2004" and will compete for the world title next week.

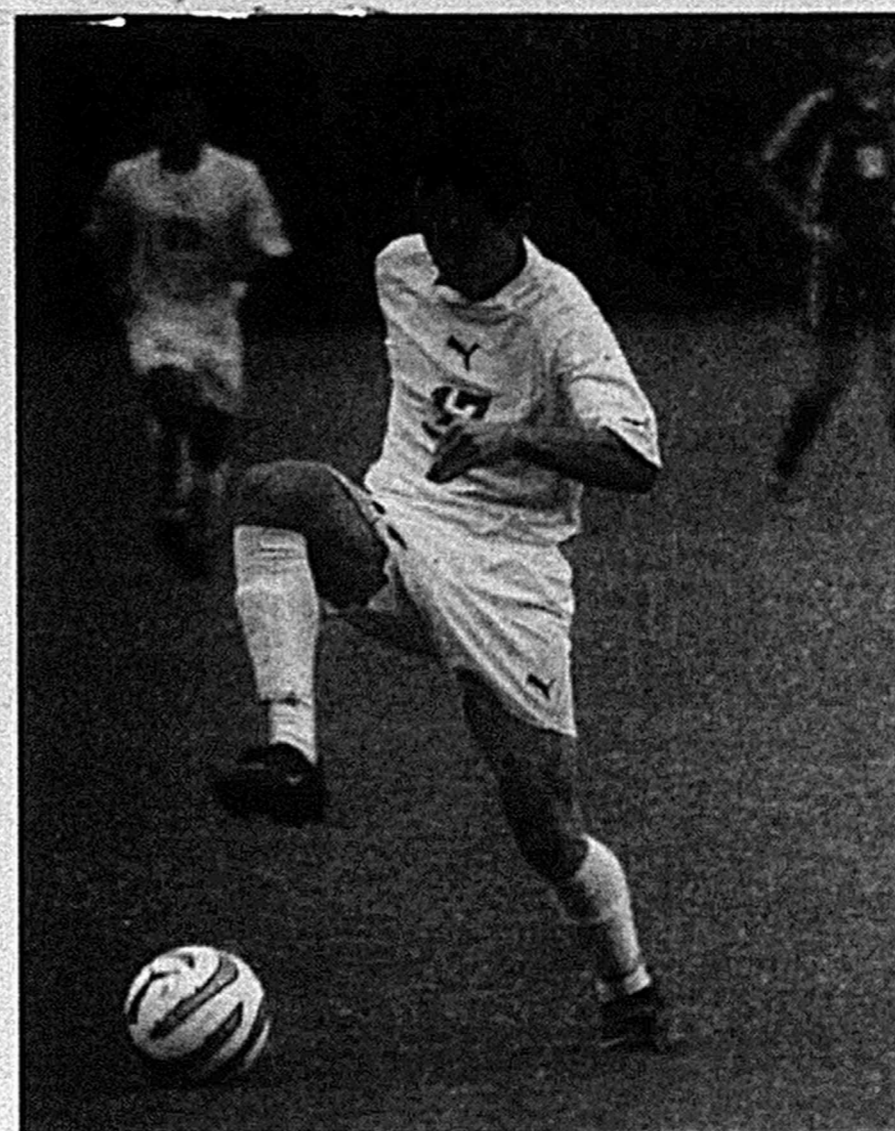
He played soccer and other sports as a young boy growing up in the former Yugoslavia, as well as here when his family moved to the United States.

"I don't know if it's a sport, but it certainly does have the same feeling as sports," he said. "Scoring big goals in the U.S. cyber finals gave me the same feeling as on the pitch scoring goals in real soccer. It seems to bring out the same chemicals in the body."

A quick confession: I am a video games dinosaur who wouldn't know "Halo" from J-Lo.

But when computers increasingly become a necessity and not a luxury, when NASCAR drivers use video games as a learning tool, when coaches and pro athletes are hired consultants to boost the authenticity of games...

In other words, dismiss events such as the World Cyber Games at your own risk.



Craig Whisenand/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Sophomore Michael Caro dribbles the ball upfield in a game over the weekend.

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also out shot the other team by 32-2.

"Obviously we're happy," Coach Steve Shaw said of the game.

"We feel bad that the other team had bad luck but we'll take the win."

Against Ferrum, the Captains again scored nine goals, four in the first half.

Lucas, Shaw and freshman Rocky Mullenax each scored two goals.

Yannitello, senior Stefan Veldhuis, and freshman John Fitzhugh each had one goal.

Fitzhugh's goal was scored on a corner kick and was unassisted.

CNU out shot Ferrum 35-5. Shumate recorded three saves in goal.

The Captains travel to Shenandoah today with game time set for 4 p.m.

The next home game is Oct. 16 when CNU hosts Greensboro with game time set for 7 p.m.

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Yes, I'll say it - Gibbs is part of the problem. He needs to do a better job with the offense.

In the game two weeks ago against the Cowboys, the offense finally began clicking when the Skins started throwing downfield to Rod Gardner.

What did the Redskins do against the Browns the very next week?

That's right, dink and dunk passes to another inconsistent offensive performance. Why didn't they go back to him?

They didn't start throwing the ball downfield until it was too late in the fourth quarter. Luckily, the defense has allowed the offense to be so inept.

Speaking of the defense, wow, what a turnaround.

Gregg Williams was beyond a doubt the best pickup of the off-season. I love blitz-style defenses. I love defenses that

don't sit back on third-and-long in the fourth quarter and watch an offense complete a pass that allows them back in the game.

The second best pickup was probably linebacker Marcus Washington.

The guy has just been everywhere this season. He's leading the team in tackles and always seems to be around the ball.

He might be able to overtake LaVar Arrington as the most important defensive player on the team by the end of the season.

Speaking of Arrington, he's been recovering from an injury the past few weeks and will be out of the lineup at least for another two weeks.

His absence, to my surprise, hasn't been felt as much as I would have thought. The defense seems to be as good with him as without him.

Safety Matt Bowen is having a great season, being used

in a mostly pass rushing fashion. He's got two sacks so far and doesn't seem to be slowing his blitzes down.

The team is 1-3 heading into a showdown against Baltimore next Sunday night. That ain't bad, but the Redskins should and could be better.

They're heading into the toughest part of their schedule, with games against the Ravens and Green Bay coming up, and the Eagles looming in the future.

One thing I love about the team this season is the fact that they don't ever seem to give up like they have in recent seasons.

Sure, I'm not as up on them as some others are, but I'm not as down on them as most people are either.

All it takes is a little offensive magic by Gibbs and this team will be a playoff one.

They're tough, and I think they'll come through and eventually start winning - hopefully on Sunday.

## Records and Statistics

Current team records and statistics (as of Oct. 4):

**Football:** 2-2 overall, 0-1 USA South Conference

Passing: Hudson Bryant, 429 yards passing, 4 TDs, 3 INTs

Rushing: George Jones, 289 yards rushing, 3 TDs, 4.1 YPC

Receiving: Curfew Speight, 14 catches, 140 yards

**Men's soccer:** 7-3-1, 2-0

Goals: Billy Lucas, 7

Assists: Galen Small, 5

Points (tie): Billy Lucas, Nick Yannitello, 15

**Women's soccer:** 8-2-3, 1-0

Goals: Emily Renkin, 7

Assists: Ashleigh Dota, 7

Points: Emily Renkin, 16

**Field hockey:** 8-2 overall

Goals: Megan McCreedy, 9

Assists: Megan McCreedy, 7

Points: Megan McCreedy, 25

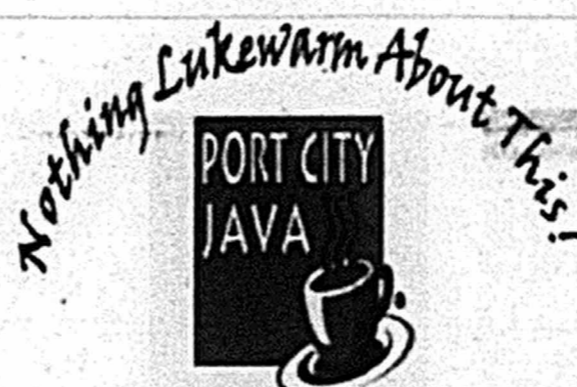
**Volleyball:** 17-3, 6-0

Kills: Tricia Nelson, 299; 4.21 kills/game

Assists: Brittany Collins, 716; 10.08 assists/game

Digs: Amber Bradshaw, 288; 4.06 digs/game

Blocks: Jessica O'Neal, 25; 1.15 blocks/game



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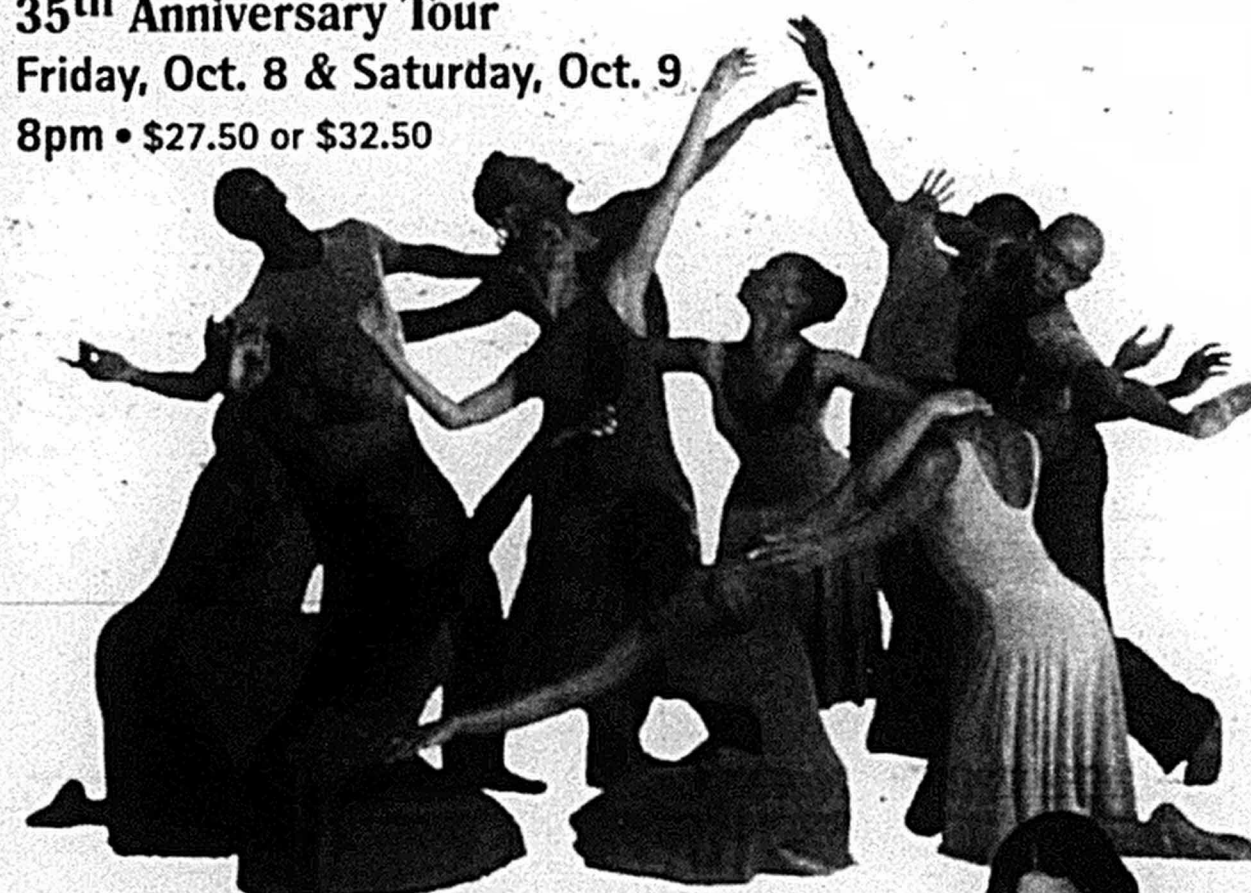
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