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The atmosphere was filled with excitement on Oct. 17 as students gathered to support the CNU basketball teams. They participated in relay races, scavenger hunts, and t-shirt tosses as they awaited the players' arrival. Here, students cheer on their fellow students and members of the CNU basketball teams and grab for Midnight Madness T-shirts that Sigma Phi Epsilon distributed.

Festivities mark beginning of new season

Food, games and prizes encourage school spirit during Midnight Madness

By Katie Brackett
Staff Writer

The Freeman Center was full of activity as the students awaited the first practice of the 2003-2004 basketball season.

Student Life puts on Midnight Madness every fall to increase participation at the basketball games.

"It was exciting to see the students come out and support the teams," said Phi Mu sister Beverly Bartlett. "The

relay race was great and it was fun to watch until we waited for the main event of the evening, the basketball teams."

D.J. Chris Rice kicked off the night with some great tunes and the atmosphere was set as students arrived at the Freeman Center.

Students participated in several events and drawings throughout the evening. Groups such as the Student Government Executive Board, the Field Hockey team, Tau Delta Phi, Sigma

Phi Epsilon, Alpha Phi, and many others participated in several events.

Sigma Phi Epsilon threw out T-shirts that the local shirt making company Printables made. "It was fun throwing out shirts and contributing to the event," said Chad Lamb, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "The atmosphere was having fun. Everyone was having fun, and seeing the CNU community out supporting the basketball teams was amazing."

Alpha Phi sisters played

out pizza to students and faculty that attended. "We rallied together to support the teams," said Alpha Phi sister, junior Megan Ford. "I know our sisters had a blast handing out the pizza and getting to know everyone, we may not have won the relay race, but at least we had fun doing it."

Organizations came out in full force to be represented in the Freeman Center.

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Many college freshmen must play catch-up

By Amy Hetzner
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Even as the number of students taking upper-level math courses soars at high schools, a stubborn demographic continues to plague higher education: remedial enrollments.

In 1999-2000, 35.5 percent of all first- and second-year undergraduate students reported taking some sort of remedial college course, according to a study by the National Center for Education Statistics, an arm of the U.S. Department of Educa-

tion. And, for nearly three-fourths of those students, one of those classes was math, the study found.

In addition, only four in 10 high school seniors in the 2002-03 class who took the ACT received a score that indicated they were ready for college-level algebra, the college admissions test company reported this year.

Critics use such figures as an indictment of high school instruction, that the schools do such a poor job of preparing their graduates that the colleges are forced to take care of the problem.

But college officials are

not sure that's the case.

The dichotomy between increasing achievement levels in high school and the need for remediation in college shows a disconnect between the two systems, said Michael Kirst, a Stanford University education professor who co-authored a study on the issue earlier this year.

The problem is that colleges have different expectations for incoming freshmen than states have for their high school graduates, and most high school students don't know that, he said.

The results aren't seen in students who take Advanced

Placement courses, which are specifically geared to match college curricula. But they become apparent in the 80 percent of students who aren't in AP or honors-level classes and still might go to college, he said.

"You have two disconnected systems that proceed in their own way, and the kids are the losers," Kirst said. "What's in Algebra 2 in high school isn't what colleges want in Algebra 2."

Jana Plotkin, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, recently

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Class Council of 2007 elected with 332 votes; 1,200 eligible voters

Elected officers plan to gain recognition from SGA, and increase availability of WEB CT

By Regina Cerimelo
Staff Writer

Three hundred thirty two ballots were cast in last week's freshman class elections. With a class of more than 1,000 students, the newly elected Class Council members consider it a success.

The 2007 Class Council is made up of President Molly Buckley, Vice President Megan Murray, Secretary Jenn Strait, and Public Relations Chair Ashleigh Stacey.

Murray said her campaign went well, as she was "introduced to a bunch of people and got

myself out there."

Important agenda being dealt with by the newly elected council includes Homecoming Weekend events, as well as working as a group to become organized and recognized by the SGA, said Murray.

She said some of her own personal initiatives as Vice President include focusing on increasing availability of WEB CT for students, as well as enhancing the recycling program here on campus.

"I think I did well in my campaign," said Buckley. "I tried to introduce myself to as many people

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American Judaism explored in lecture

NYU professor speaks at CNU

By Quinton Sheppard
Staff Writer

Professor Elliot Wolfson of New York University was the featured speaker at the third annual Sue Anne and Bill Bangel Lecture series on American Judaism here at CNU. The lecture, held on Oct. 15, was titled, "The Quest of the Spiritual: Impact of Kabbalah, Buddhism, and New Age Mysticism on American Jewry."

Anne and Bangel donated a "large sum of money" to endow this lecture series and get it on its feet, said Dr. Graham Schweig, a professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

"These funds allow us to offer a respectable honorarium as well as provide for all travel expenses and room/board for each speaker," Schweig said.

Schweig also said that he is the faculty member in charge of the search to in-

vite scholars to participate in the annual lecture series.

"I work with a lecturer to develop a topic that is consonant with the theme of the series 'American Judaism,' a theme on which the lecturer can contribute from his or her expertise, and a theme I feel will stimulate the interests of CNU students," said Schweig.

Schweig said that he chose Wolfson for this lecture in particular because he is someone whom he has worked with at professional conferences in presenting papers and is familiar with his work.

"He is a leading thinker in the field, and I want to bring scholars of this caliber to CNU," said Schweig.

Wolfson is the Abraham Lieberman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and served as Director of the Program in Religious Studies at New York University from 1996 to 2002.

He has published many books on the subject

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Dining halls extend hours to better serve residential students

Due to increased demand, University offers Vegan, Vegetarian meals and a take-out option for greater variety

By Megan Tucker
Art, Arts & Entertainment Editor

Throughout the past year there have been changes at Regatta's and Harbor Lights.

Starting immediately, Mr. Kevin Ooski will take over the management of Harbor Lights in addition to overseeing Regatta's.

Ooski has 27 years of culinary experience.

He hopes to improve the quality of Harbor Lights as well as maintain the excellent facility at Regatta's.

"I would like to establish a harmonious

atmosphere for students to dine in," Ooski said.

Dining hours at Harbor Lights have been extended on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Brunch on Sundays has also been extended. There are now from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Harbor Lights will also be adding a new ID Checker at the front booth.

Due to high demand, a Vegan and Vegetarian menu will be added to both dining facilities.

The Open Grill will be available on weekends from 2:30 to 4 p.m. offering hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled cheese sandwiches and

French fries.

"Aside from the time changes, I've noticed a great improvement in the food at both dining halls. I find myself indulging more and more," said first year student, Tabitha Gassler.

An ice cream bar and potato bar will be added in Regatta's beginning the following week.

There has also been talk of a new take-out option that will start in the next few weeks.

Students will be able to pick up a take-out container, and proceed through the line and then head back to their rooms or to class.

"I am so glad that Regatta's has an ice cream bar. I'm surprised that they hadn't

thought of putting one in earlier this year," said Jennifer Frederick, a first-year student at CNU.

"Our dining staff has many years of experience in the culinary arts. They have built an excellent foundation for dining here at CNU," Ooski said about the staffs at both dining halls.

"I think so far the improvements are good, with a noticeable improvement in staff morale. I'm looking forward to continued improvements as a result of Mr. Ooski's efforts," said second year student Jordan Smith.

Homecoming Candidates

Find out who's running for Homecoming King and Queen. Voting will take place on Oct. 23-Oct. 24. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming football game on Oct. 25.

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World & Nation

Staten Island Ferry crash kills 10 and injures dozens of others, becoming the largest harbor accident in years.

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Santoro Hall reminds students what it is like to be a kid as they host CNU's 1st lawn day on Great Lawn.

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Sports

Men's soccer team remains on top of the USA South Athletic Conference, tying Greensboro in double overtime.

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Campus In Brief

Breast cancer awareness

Alpha Kappa Alpha will be in the Student Center, Brezewood Oct. 22-Oct. 24 from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Make a \$1 donation and get a pink ribbon to show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Open mic night

CAB is hosting Open Mic Night in Discovery Café Oct. 22 at 9 p.m. There will be one microphone available for performers.

Male a cappella group

The first meeting of CNU's first male a cappella group will be Oct. 23 at 9 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. This is a public meeting and all are invited to attend. For more information, contact Drew Collier.

Hall-O-Ween tour guides

Tour guides are needed for the Hall-O-Ween trick-or-treating event on Oct. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. The guides will cover York River East, West and Santoro.

Sign up at the front desk of these buildings. Meet at the building signed up for at 5 p.m. on Oct. 26 for touring assignments.

Coat week

Coat Week is Oct. 27 to Oct. 31. Drop off unneeded coats at drop boxes located in the Student Center, Santoro, James River, York River East and West. Coats will be donated to a local shelter. The event is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Great books Series

The Keith McLoughland Great Books Series will continue Oct. 22 to discuss Plato's Symposium, on the nature of love.

Professor Deborah Carter-Campbell will lead the discussion in Student Center room 214 at 7 p.m. Copies of the text are available in the bookstore and online.

For more information, contact Jeffery Carr at 594-7681.

Fall back one hour

Make sure to set your clocks back one hour at a.m. on Oct. 26.

Homecoming dance

The Homecoming dance, sponsored by CAB, is Oct. 25 at 9 p.m. in Regatta.

The theme is "Club CNU". Dress code is club attire.

Freshman Class elections successful

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as possible, to get them to know the kind of person I am and my easy-going personality."

To achieve that, she "put up a lot of posters, but I think maybe the best

Bangel Lecture Series

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of history of Jewish mysticism. One of these works includes, "Through the Speculum That Shines: Vision and Imagination in Medieval Jewish Mysticism." Along the Path: Studies in Kabbalistic Hermeneutics, Myth and Symbolism."

In this particular lecture, Wolfson discussed the idea of Buddhist ideas mixing with Jewish ideas. This is essentially the Kabbalist belief. Wolfson

College students play catch-up

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found herself caught in that divide. Plotkin took four years of math at Glendale, Wis., Nicolet High School, and received fairly good grades.

But when she took her math placement test at the university in May, she scored below what she needed to get into a one-credit math class. Instead, this fall, she enrolled in the university's Math 095 course, which combines lectures and online course work to help fill in the gaps in students' math skills.

Some of the difficulties that students like Plotkin have with college placement tests for math, however, may be just a need for review, college instructors say.

Many high schools require only three years of math, so it may be more than a year between a student's last math class and the placement test.

"After even about six weeks

Author of original pledge left out mention of God, United States

By Kate Santich

The Orlando Sentinel

So you think you know your Pledge of Allegiance? You think because you held your hand over your heart for 12 years of public school, launching each day with its recitation, that it was always a tribute to one nation under God?

Not so fast. The man who wrote the pledge in the late 1800s—a Baptist preacher turned socialist-turned advertising executive—never made any reference to God, Buddha, Vishnu, Zeus or any other deity. For that matter, he never even mentioned the United States of America.

Historians and even relatives of the pledge's author, the late Francis Bellamy, say he would turn over in his grave if he knew what had happened to his simple prose. He most certainly would have a few choice words of advice for the U.S. Supreme Court, which agreed Tuesday to decide whether the current version of the pledge is an illegal fusion of church and state.

The case, Elk Grove Unified School District vs. Newdow, was brought by California atheist who objects to having his 9-year-old daughter hear the pledge recited daily at her public elementary school. A federal appeals court heard the case last year, ruling that the pledge was indeed unconstitutional. It was the latest in a series of tugs of war over what, precisely, the forefathers intended with the First Amendment.

But there is little debate over what Francis Bellamy intended with his pledge.

"There's a little irony in the fact that his profession was a Baptist minister," says Francis Bellamy's great-grandson, 56-year-old Scott Bellamy, who runs a restaurant outside Memphis, Tenn. "You'd think immediately he would not have had bad feelings about having 'under God' in the pledge. But he was not even happy about them adding 'to the United States of America.'"

His version, penned in 1892 for what would now be a politically incorrect Columbus Day celebration, said simply, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

But in 1924, for Flag Day the pledge was amended to so immigrant children would not be confused about which country they were saluting. Francis Bellamy, who by this time had moved from York to Tampa, reportedly called it a "dumb redundancy" and "a mangling of the original."

John Bellamy, Francis' grandson, now 82 and living in northern Califor-

nia, says his grandfather's words were chosen with extraordinary care. The elder Bellamy once wrote him a letter outlining the pledge's creative process.

"He thought (the changes) spoiled the poetry of it," John Bellamy said. "He was a pretty stern guy. Everybody has some sense of humor, but I don't think he had much."

The pledge was introduced to public schools the same year it was written. In 1942, the federal government officially adopted it—while instructing people to put their hands over their hearts while reciting. Until then, most people did a stiff, right-armed salute, palm face up.

By the time Congress again tinkered with the pledge, in 1954, Francis Bellamy had been dead for more than two decades. That's when the "under God" clause was added—an attempt, experts say, to distinguish "God-fearing" Americans from the "godless" communists.

Accounts differ on how Francis felt about the state meddling in matters of religion. But then, the Rev. Bellamy, a staunch advocate for the working poor, was a tad on the radical side. Around 1890, while leading a church in Boston, he delivered a sermon dubbed "Jesus the Socialist." This did not go over well with the conservative businessmen who controlled the church's funding, Bellamy soon resigned.

"He really believed in economic equality, where everybody receives the same basic income," says John Baer, a Maryland historian and economist who has published a book on Bellamy. "That still would blow people's minds today."

Sally Wright, Bellamy's great-granddaughter, wrote a letter to The New York Times last year saying her ancestor was a strict believer in the separation of church and state, that he even opposed parochial schools on the grounds that the state should educate its children.

"As a regular churchgoer who has voted both Democratic and Republican, I believe that my great-grandfather got it right," she added. "A Pledge of Allegiance that does not include God invites the participation of more Americans."

But like the public at large, not all of Bellamy's descendants agree. Scott Bellamy, the restaurateur, thinks, "We should just leave it alone and let it be 'under God,'" he says. "As a Christian businessman, I think that's one thing we've done right."

There is further irony in Francis Bellamy's career path. After his preaching years, he wound up doing quite well for himself at a leading New York advertising agency, where he led the accounts of such corporations as Westinghouse and Allied Chemical. He moved to Tampa in 1922 and worked as advertising manager for the Tampa Electric Co. until a month before

he took those concerns to the SGA," said Murray. "We want people to feel comfortable coming to us, and we will inform students of what's going on campus through e-mail and posters."

The main goal for this year is establishing a freshman class constitution, and the Council "will go forward" in terms of this year's agenda, said Buckley.

Essentially, in the New Age Mysticism tradition, said Wolfson, everything becomes one including God and world.

"This belief forms a consciousness of non-differentiation," said Wolfson.

Wolfson concluded the lecture by addressing whether or not the Kabbalist belief can satisfy the "hunger" of some Jews. "A synthesis is occurring on American soil, which brings its own uniqueness," said Wolfson, adding that both the Jewish and Buddhist traditions are rigorous disciplines, and one is only enlightened through abrupt awakening.

There are many causes for that figure, he said. Some students don't test well, some haven't taken a math course in years and are returning to education after several years in the work world, and some took the state's minimum two-year math requirement in high school.

"There's a lot of reasons for this," Webb said. "A lot of people like to blame it on the high school. 'Oh, they're not teaching the students the right thing.' But I'm not sure that's true."

In the meantime, the Madison technical college also is looking to bridge that divide, which Kirst complained is keeping some students from achieving their college dream. Over the summer, the school co-hosted a daylong school-to-careers conference for high school teachers to explain the technical school's math expectations.

Judy Jones, a math instructor at the college who helped coordinate the conference, said she doesn't believe incoming college students are less prepared than they were in the past.

"I do feel we are getting a broader range of students today," she said.

his death, in August 1931, at age 76.

By then his pledge was well-established as a nationwide patriotic salute, which Bellamy had envisioned. But little did he know what a political football it would become.

In 1940, the federal government decided that school boards could expel any student who refused to say the pledge—a decision the U.S. Supreme Court reversed three years later. Baer says there were even lynchings of Jehovah's Witnesses, in part for their refusal to stand and profess their allegiance.

Up late as the 1980s presidential debate, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis got raked over the coals for his veto of a bill that would have fined teachers for not leading students in the pledge. Vice President George H.W. Bush claimed Dukakis was "not fit to hold the office" of president and campaigned by visiting a flag-manufacturing company.

Dukakis might as well have slapped his grandmother in church. The symbolism mattered more than the details—that the governor felt the proposed law was unconstitutional. Many experts think the same mentality is at work in the pledge flap.

"As a matter of principle, the people who object to the phrase 'under God' have a point," says Jeff Albert, a professor at the University at Buffalo Law School who spent two years clerking for Supreme Court Justice Byron White. "But I don't think the court is going to spend a great deal of its persuasive currency (to remove the phrase). It isn't worth the firestorm that would follow."

Never mind if kids recite the pledge so routinely they don't even think about the words. And never mind that they can bring a note from their parents saying they don't have to recite it at all. There is still a "coercive" force in a public classroom, says Ervin Chemerinsky, a professor of law and political science at the University of Southern California.

"It's clear kids do feel pressure," he says.

In the end, though, the debate is really a matter of whether or not the nation was intended to be a secular nation or one steeped in Judeo-Christian beliefs.

"We belong to the least common denominator-knowingness crowd who believe in nothing," argues John Paulson of the nondenominational advocacy group Focus on the Family. "We certainly don't want to force anybody to make a pledge to something they don't believe in, but at the same time it would be a shame for us to strip every reference to God from the public square."

Virginia In Brief

Richmond teacher hospitalized after student assault

LaVerne Hamlin, a Richmond high school teacher, was hospitalized on Oct. 17 after a 15-year-old student knocked her over and repeatedly kicked and hit her, said the Richmond Police Department.

According to the department, an ambulance rushed Hamlin to VCU Medical Center after the incident.

The student has been taken to the Richmond Juvenile Detention Center and is being charged with aggravated assault, the department said.

The incident occurred after Hamlin attempted to take a cell phone from the student multiple times, according to a police report.

Hamlin was treated and released. She has been teaching for 32 years.

Midtown Tunnel opened earlier than expected

The Midtown Tunnel, which was originally expected to reopen on Oct. 18 at noon, opened on Oct. 15 at 3 p.m., according to a press release from Hampton Roads District Media Relations, Erika Johnson.

Nearly 44 million gallons of water was dumped by Hurricane Isabel in mid-September, and has now been emptied from the tunnel, said Johnson.

Electrical and mechanical work was done as well. Structure and safety inspections were conducted. Minor work will continue at night to minimize inconvenience to motorists.

The cost of repairs to the tunnel came to less than \$1 million.

During the repairs, the floodgate was extensively tested to ensure its reliability, according to Johnson's release.

Gordon sweeps second Martinsville race

Jeff Gordon led the race for the majority of the 500 laps of the Subway 500 at the Martinsville track on Oct. 19, according to the NASCAR Web site.

Gordon took the lead early on, then later struggled to stay on top. As told by the NASCAR site, Gordon eventually pulled back into a strong lead and stayed that way for the final 205 laps. He was in the lead for a total of 311 out of the 500 laps at the Martinsville track.

According to NASCAR.com, behind Gordon was his teammate from Hendrick Motorsports, Jimmie Johnson. Johnson started out in the 26th position and later spun out. He eventually caught up to finish second overall. Johnson was behind Gordon by only 1.036 seconds, which is equating to a mere 0.001 miles per lap.

By Lindsey Simpson, Staff Writer

Homecoming Representatives 2003



Amanda Newkirk

Amanda is representing the Peer Advising Club. She is currently a Freshman with an undecided major, but a minor in leadership. Her interests include working with children, peer advising club, and the PLP program. Amanda's future plans are graduate school and a career in law or teaching.



Amy Todd

Amy is representing Alpha Phi Fraternity. She is currently a senior majoring in Psychology. Her interests include Panhellenic and Greek life, Residence Life, and Georgia Tech Football. Amy's future plans are to graduate in May 2004 and pursue a degree specializing in Family Ministry.



April Feciera

April is representing Circle K. She is currently a Sophomore majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies and the MAT in Education. Her interests include lacrosse, community service, church, taking photos and jump roping. April's future plans are to work at an abused children's shelter and travel abroad.



Audra Lancaster

Audra is representing the Multicultural Student Association. She is currently a Junior majoring in Social Work. Her interests include working closely with children, hanging out with friends, and reading. Audra's future plans are to work with families as a counselor.



Autumn Parker

Autumn is representing the Gay Straight Student Union. She is currently a Sophomore majoring in communications. Her interests include Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, Campus Carls Scouts, and playing bass. Autumn's future plans are to work in the radio or music industry.



Chris Weber

Chris is representing Phi Lambda Phi Fraternity. He is currently a senior/junior majoring in communications. His interests include disc golf, music, MacGyver, and controlling the pet population. Chris's future plans are to set small goals that might lead to bigger ones.



Chrissy Ogura

Chrissy is representing the Residence Hall Association. She is currently a Junior and is majoring in Biology. Her interests include accessing residential concerns with RHA, biology, and soccer. Chrissy's future plans are going to dental school, and becoming a wife and mother.



Jennifer Dobratz

Jennifer is representing Phi Mu Fraternity. She is currently a senior majoring in English. Her interests include Phi Mu, working with children, crafts, and loving the color pink. Jennifer's future plans are to get her masters degree in teaching and then her teaching license.



Juellisa Gadd

Juellisa is representing the Class of 2004. She is currently a Senior majoring in Biology. Her interests include on-campus Christian organizations. Juellisa's future plans are graduating in May 2003 and going to medical school.



Jonathan "House" Hedrick

House is representing Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He is currently a senior majoring in political science. His interests include hanging out with friends, watching TV, fishing, or visiting home. House's future plans are to enter a work environment where he is making a significant contribution to society.



Juli Allred

Juli is representing the Class of 2005. She is currently a Junior majoring in Elementary Education. Her interests include theatre, music, art, and playing the mariokart. Juli's future plans are to teach elementary school and make a difference in children's lives.



Matt Martin

Matt is representing the International Relations Organization. He is currently a junior majoring in business administration. His interests include football, weight lifting, and chilling. Matt's future plans are to own his own business and be the best at whatever he does.



Nicholas Clark

Nicholas is representing the Campus Activities Board. He is currently a senior majoring in psychology. His interests include psychology, leadership, movies, and sports. Nicholas's future plans are graduate school, marriage, and becoming director of Human Resources in a large company.



Rachael Harrell

Rachael is representing the Silver Storm Dance Team. She is currently a senior majoring in psychology. Her interests include dance, boys, and money. Rachael's future plans are to succeed.



Rebekah McGowan

Rebekah is representing Campus Girl Scouts. She is currently a freshmen majoring in psychology. Her interests include volunteering, outdoor activities, photography, and traveling. Rebekah's future plans are to become a high school counselor.



Samantha Rubin

Samantha is representing Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. She is currently a Junior with a majoring in communications. Her interests include sports, and being with her sisters. Samantha's future plans are to work with a TV station and become a news anchor.



Shannon Williamson

Shannon is representing Alpha Phi Omega. She is currently a Senior majoring in Psychology. Her interests include music, movies, sports, and being 22. Shannon's future plans are to become a teen counselor, a social work, and get her Masters' Degree.



Thomas Welch IV

Thomas is representing the Student Government Association. He is currently a Senior majoring in Political Science and History. His interests include cars, football, and international politics. Thomas's future plans are to attend grad school and work for the Air Force.



Tom Stormer

Tom is representing the Fine Arts Society. He is currently a Junior majoring in Fine Art. His interests include photography, journalism, theatre, the outdoors, promoting social justice and helping out the wonderful ladies of Alpha Phi. Tom's future plans are to be an entrepreneur in the media industry and he also aspires to be an art historian.



Parker Spencer Teel

Spencer is representing Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He is currently a Junior majoring in Business Management. His interests include sports, "social functions," and doing projects around the house. Spencer's future plans are to take over his fathers construction company.

Hazing at University of Michigan spurs bills to criminalize act

By Maryanne George
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The ordeal was referred to kindly as "introspective week."

During Sept. 10-12, the eight pledges to the Sigma Chi fraternity at the University of Michigan were taunted; they were ordered to crawl on bare hands and feet over a basement floor littered with shards of broken beer bottles; they had to do up to 1,000 push-ups.

And they were deprived of adequate amounts of sleep, water and food.

According to a police report obtained on Oct. 15 by the Free Press, one pledge, a 21-year-old junior from Ann Arbor, got sick the second day but refused to drop out because the pledges were told that if one gave up, they all failed.

"In the middle of the first night, I was so out of it," he told police. But he did not complain because "complaining got you nowhere other than more push-ups," according to the report.

A few days later the exhausted student, Evan Loomis, was hospitalized for life-threatening kidney failure.

Still, what happened to Loomis was not a crime under Michigan law, Ann Arbor police concluded this week, because the victim consented.

"It's a hurdle we couldn't get over," Ann Arbor Police Chief Dan Oates said. "It looks like a classic hazing to me."

Legislation is to be introduced today in Lansing to close the loophole that forced police to drop the case.

The two bills, to be introduced

by Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, would define hazing as a crime and assess penalties of up to 20 years in prison if the hazing results in a death.

The consent of the victim would not be a factor under the proposed law.

Michigan is among just eight states without an anti-hazing law. "This is a major void in our law," McManus said Wednesday.

U-M's Sigma Chi chapter, established in 1877, was expelled from campus as a result of the recent incident.

The chapter had been on probation with U-M's Interfraternity Council for a March hazing incident where two pledges reported being injured.

Last month's hazing ended around 4 a.m. on a Friday morning when fraternity members played

"The End" by the Doors and gave the pledges sandwiches and milk shakes.

Loomis told police he was too sick to eat and struggled upstairs to his room, where he slept on his futon because he was too weak to climb into his loft bunk. By Sept. 15, he had been admitted to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township with acute kidney failure caused by muscle breakdown. He received medical dialysis for several weeks as an outpatient after being discharged Sept. 19, but is no longer receiving the treatment, said his attorney, Dick Soble.

The seven other pledges were given blood tests to check their kidney functions but were not injured, according to the report.

Some pledges talked to police, but the fraternity president refused to be interviewed.

State Sen. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, said she is cosponsoring McManus' bill and will introduce a bill of her own next week to subject fraternity chapters to up to \$50,000 in civil penalties in hazing incidents.

"There is very little accountability," she said. "These chapters are licensing these houses, and they should be keeping an eye on them. We need to get the adults more involved."

U-M spokeswoman Julie Peterson said U-M officials would support anti-hazing legislation.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy on hazing," she said.

News of the pending legislation was welcome to James Petz of Gaylord, whose son, Stephen, died in March 2000 after drinking 27 shots of alcohol during a fraternity hazing at Ferris State University.

"It's about time," he said.

'We're thriving,' black college's new chief says

By Toya Lynn Stewart
The Dallas Morning News

When Paul Quinn College moved from Waco to Dallas in 1990, it was deep in debt and in danger of losing its accreditation.

Its new home on the abandoned southeast Oak Cliff campus of defunct Bishop College badly needed a face-lift.

But almost 14 years later, supporters proudly say that Paul Quinn is thriving.

The small, private, historically black college will celebrate its 132nd anniversary in April.

"The past doesn't really affect us now. We're in a new day," said Dwight J. Fennell, who is being inaugurated Friday as the college's 32nd president. "We choose not to live in the past, but to strategize for the future."

"We're alive, we're thriving, and we have vision and community support," he said.

Enrollment has grown, and more degree programs are being offered, Fennell said. And the surrounding community has embraced the college, which is making

it financially, he said.

Paul Quinn has been fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1997.

Enrollment stands at 858 students, almost 100 more than in 2000.

About 500 students live on campus in recently improved residence halls.

"Our goal is to have a minimum head count of 1,000 students, and we're on track for that," Fennell said. "We're finding that we have some stability in the retention here. It's at 65 percent, and across the nation it's a 70 percent average."

The college's endowment is up from \$3.2 million a few years ago to \$5.5 million.

Planning for a \$25 million capital campaign is well under way. New outreach programs to bring the community to the campus are in place.

The school boasts a diverse international faculty, more than half of whom have earned doctoral degrees, Fennell said.

Cosmetic changes have refreshed the once dilapidated cam-

pus. Buildings have been painted. The commons areas, game rooms and cafeteria have undergone improvements.

Landscape and artwork have been added.

Air-conditioned classrooms and working elevators have enhanced campus life, as have the computer labs and advanced technology.

The college also created a 60-member marching band this year. A new honors program is in place. Men's and women's golf teams have been added.

Even so, challenges remain. College officials and supporters say the school's most important task is to identify and secure new sources of funding to fuel its \$10 million operating budget. And they say they also must find new ways to tell the Paul Quinn story in order to attract students.

Backers say the problems of retention and attrition are accentuated at Paul Quinn because it enrolls so many first-generation college students.

The college is seeking ways to expand programs to make sure it is offering the kinds of degrees

that students need to get jobs after graduation.

There's also a need for continued campus improvements.

"The biggest challenge now is to keep the momentum," said Raymond Reed, executive director of the Paul Quinn Community Development Corp.

Senior Delonte Harrod, 23, has been enrolled since 2000.

At one point, the Maryland native wondered whether he'd made the right decision to attend Paul Quinn.

"It seemed like it wasn't going anywhere," said Harrod, a communications major. "The college wasn't moving forward in terms of enrollment, teachers were leaving, and the buildings didn't look like they were ever going to get renovated."

By the end of his sophomore year, Harrod seriously considered transferring.

"It was through the grace of God that I changed my mind," he said. "It was my ambition to do well, and I thought that this was the place."

Another senior, Natasha Jones, 21, watched the school's progress

from the sidelines long before she enrolled. Jones, a business administrator major, grew up in Dallas and lived near the campus.

She liked that it was a small, local school. She also liked that it was a black college.

Jones has lived on campus since her freshman year and has watched with pride as the campus improved.

"We're getting better technology, better housing, a better computer lab and the library is growing and is updated," she said. "The outdated books are gone, and we have more items there that we can use."

"It's getting better for the students. When I graduate in December 2004, it will look like a new school. There will be more classes; it will be more well known and respected."

Charles Humphrey, chairman of the division of professional studies, said the college and its backers want to make sure the school grows and changes to meet the needs of its students and the community.

"I think Paul Quinn has a very bright future in Dallas," he said.

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World and Nation

Frail Pope beatifies Mother Teresa of Calcutta

By David O'Reilly
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Under brilliant skies and before an enormous, international crowd that overflowed St. Peter's Square, Pope John Paul II on Oct. 19 declared Mother Teresa of Calcutta to be "blessed."

The two-and-a-half hour ceremony and liturgy included sari-clad dancers bearing flowers and incense from India, where she devoted most of her life to nursing the sick and dying poor.

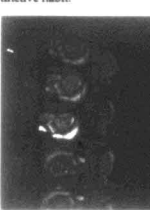
Sunday's beatification, which was marked by the unveiling of her portrait on the high frieze of St. Peter's Basilica, means that the diminutive nun may now be referred to as "Blessed Mother Teresa."

Beatification is the final step before canonization, or sainthood, and there seems little doubt that Mother Teresa, who died in 1997, will be wearing a halo soon.

Revered in her lifetime as a "living saint," she was praised at Sunday's service as a "luminous messenger of God's love...a soul filled with the light of Christ."

The crowd, estimated in excess of 300,000, included many members of the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity.

Some Australian boys and girls in the crowd had painted in their foreheads blue and white stripes, in imitation of the order's—and Mother Teresa's—distinctive habit.



On Via del Conciliazione in Rome, the street that leads to Vatican City, Mother Teresa postcards are displayed for sale on Oct. 18. The dome of St. Peter's Basilica is at right. Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Teresa of Calcutta on Oct. 19 in St. Peter's Square.

If there was any tinge of sadness on this sunlit, joyous day, it was the sight of Pope John Paul's profound physical weakness.

The 83-year-old pontiff, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his pontificate here Thursday, was wheeled before the outdoor altar in a special chair, and sat virtually motionless for most of the service.

Wearing what seemed

to be a brace under his gold vestments, he read none of the homily and only a few, short portions of the beatification rite and long Liturgy of the Word. A priest had to put the communion host in his hand for the consecration, which he spoke.

John Paul II nevertheless took a tour of St. Peter's Square in his famous "popemobile" at the close of the service, lifting his hand in stiff blessings and waves that delighted the applauding crowd.

Although John Paul II has canonized more than 450 men and women as saints of the Catholic church, most remain unknown outside the countries where they lived.

Not so Mother Teresa, born Gorncha Agnes Bojaxhiu in 1910, the daughter of Albanian parents, in the Macedonian city of Skopje.

In 1928 she joined the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland, and took the name Sister Mary Teresa after the popular French St. Therese of Lisieux.

In September 1946, however, she had a transformative religious experience in which she said, Jesus instructed her to serve the poor with a new religious community, which she officially established in Calcutta in 1950.

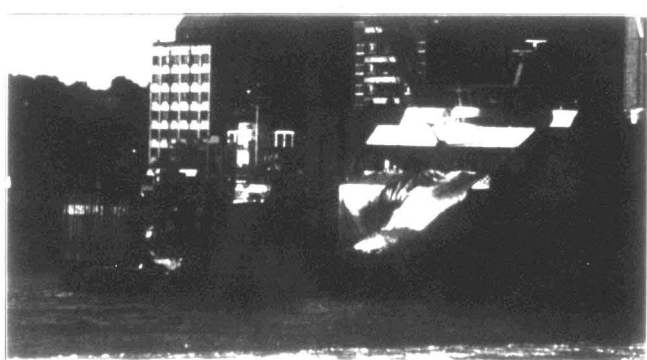
She created hospices and hospitals there and in other cities across India, and by the 1970s had become famous for extraordinary energy and devotion to sick and dying.



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By the time of her death, the Missionaries of Charity numbered more than 4,000 sisters in 123 nations, and a religious order of brothers. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

"She represents love, particularly to the people who don't want to be," said Nigerian-born Bernadette Ewuh, who had come from London. "That's the love of Christ."



A view of the Staten Island Ferry on Oct. 18, a day after the crash that killed 10 passengers and injured many more.

Pilot passes out and captain leaves post as Staten Island Ferry crashes, officials say

By Michele McPhee
and Corky Siemaszko
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The pilot of the Staten Island ferry that plowed into a concrete pier was passed out at the wheel, slumped on the throttle.

His boss, the skipper, who should have been nearby to grab the controls at a second's notice, apparently had abandoned his post.

And on a windy Oct. 15 afternoon, the Andrew J. Barberi was set on a course for disaster.

Relatives of the 10 passengers who died when the ferry was pierced by pilings that sliced through the 3,335-ton craft demanded answers on Oct. 16.

"This shouldn't have happened," said Eusebio Santana of Staten Island, whose half-brother, Louis Robinson, was killed. "Someone is going to pay for my brother's death. How could this have happened?"

Keith Canini, who lost his father, Pio, said he has no sympathy for pilot Richard Smith, who jumped ship after the crash and tried to kill himself in the bathroom of his Staten Island home.

"He couldn't face the music," Canini said. Dozens of people—some of whom lost limbs—remained hospitalized Thursday as the National Transportation Safety Board began a probe of the deadliest New York maritime disaster in decades.

The feds quickly focused on Smith—and ferry Capt. Michael Ganas, who said he was on the bridge and tried to take the controls after the pilot passed out, sources said.

Thursday

Investigators said Ganas was dead wrong.

"Ganas was below deck somewhere," a city official told the New York Daily News. "He definitely was not where he was supposed to be."

The official said Ganas was 310 feet away, at the other end of the ferry, and did not realize Smith was not in control of the boat until he tried to raise the pilot on the radio.

"It doesn't sound like he was standing right next to the guy, the way he tells the story," the official said.

In interviews with police, Ganas, 38, insisted he was where he was supposed to be—and said he yelled at Smith when they were about to crash. But the pilot was slumped over in the control chair, leaning on the throttle.

Ganas said "he tried to take control, but it was too late, the ferry crashed," the official said. "He claims he ran to the rear and turned the boat around."

That maneuver led some officials to the apparently mistaken initial conclusion that Ganas was a hero who somehow had prevented a bigger tragedy.

The city Transportation Department, which runs the ferries, requires two people on the bridge at all times while the boat is moving.

Smith, 55, who could face charges of leaving the scene of an accident, told paramedics that he "remembered leaving Manhattan, passed out and did not remember the accident," sources said.

"He told police he had high blood pressure and took his high blood pressure medication," one official

said. "They asked him if he had been drinking, and he said he had not been drinking."

But investigators have found nothing to indicate that Smith suffers from high blood pressure.

"It does not come up in his medical history," said a source close to the investigation.

Transportation Department spokesman Tom Corolla said Smith would have undergone a routine physical and drug and alcohol tests every five years before being certified by the Coast Guard.

Blood tests taken after the crash showed no signs of alcohol or drugs in Smith's system, sources said.

Smith, who tried to kill himself by slashing his wrists and shooting himself in the head and heart with a pellet gun, remained in critical condition on Oct. 16 at St. Vincent's Medical Center on Staten Island.

He has not been questioned by the National Transportation Safety Board, which began talking to crew members and passengers yesterday.

Smith's lawyer released a two-sentence statement yesterday after meeting with the pilot's family.

"The family and all concerned hope that people will not rush to judgment," said Alan Abramson, who has yet to meet with his client. "Their prayers go out to all the victims."

Ganas could not be reached for comment at his Hazlet, N.J., home Thursday night.

Meanwhile, commuters who rely on the ferries to get to jobs in Manhattan stifled

their fears and returned to the terminal in their usual numbers—a day after nine men and a woman were killed.

"I've got to take it every day, so I've got to get it over with," said Jack Pappalardo, 45, who for his life when the Barberi crashed.

The 3 p.m. ferry out of Manhattan's Whitehall terminal sailed off on time with 1,500 passengers on board on a gusty Wednesday afternoon. Twenty minutes later, the boat was moving at its normal cruising speed of 19 mph when it narrowly missed colliding with a tugboat—and crashed into a dock under construction.

For those on board, the next few seconds unfolded with a sickening soundtrack of screams and churning metal as the pilings peeled open the side of the boat like a can opener. Several victims were decapitated, several more lost limbs and the deck was awash with blood and body parts.

Most of the dead were near the ferry's windows on the side of the impact. The last four bodies recovered were toward the front of the boat, where a large pile of seats and metal were smashed together, said City Councilman Michael McMahon, who surveyed the wreckage.

"It took out all the steel and the seats," said FDNY Deputy Chief James Leonard, commander of Division 8 on Staten Island. "I'm talking steel I-beams. I'll tell you, I've been on this job for 24 years. I've been to the World Trade Center, the plane crash in the Rockaways. Never ever have I seen anything as gruesome as this. Never."

Bush meets with Schwarzenegger during visit to California

As the president seeks Republican votes in California, Gov.-elect wants economic aid from Washington D.C.

By Ron Hutschesson
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The president who bench-presses 185 pounds came face to face Thursday with the governor-elect who bench-presses 300 in a matchup that both men hoped would pump them up with voters.

Standing before a cheering California crowd, President Bush said he has a lot in common with Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"We both married well. Some accuse us both of not being able to speak the language. We both have big biceps," Bush said to laughter and applause. "Well, two out of three isn't bad."

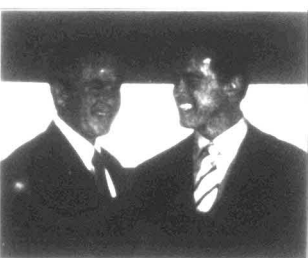
Bush, who steered clear of Schwarzenegger's gubernatorial campaign, embraced the newly elected actor during a California stopover at

the start of a weeklong trip to Asia and Australia.

The two met privately for about 30 minutes at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside, Calif., and shared a 15-minute limo ride before taking the stage at the San Bernardino, Calif., convention center.

A White House aide said they had a "friendly" meeting but didn't know each other well. "I never imagined that I would be standing in front of you here as the governor-elect of California introducing the president of the United States. But then again, California is the place of great dreams," Schwarzenegger said. "It's the place where dreams come true."

Although Bush and Schwarzenegger disagree on abortion, gay rights and other social issues, the former Hollywood actor more liberal on such ques-



California Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger introduces President George W. Bush to a crowd of Republican supporters in San Bernardino, Calif., on Oct. 18.

with California's economic problems. Bush is hoping the newly elected Republican governor will help him carry

California in next year's presidential election.

Their visit came as Schwarzenegger is about to make the difficult transition from movie star to governor, and as Bush is struggling to reverse his slide in the polls.

"Bush gets glitz. Schwarzenegger gets legitimacy," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif. "Bush gets a bit of glamour and excitement at a time when he has hit a rough patch. Schwarzenegger, by getting a presidential embrace, convinces people that he's really going to become governor and he's not just a movie star."

Both men lavished praise on each other. Bush predicted that Schwarzenegger would be "a fine and strong leader."

Schwarzenegger said California has "no greater

ally" in Washington than Bush.

Despite the warm tone of the meeting, Schwarzenegger isn't likely to get much financial help from Washington.

The state's projected \$8 billion deficit for next year is minuscule compared with a federal deficit that is likely to top \$450 billion.

Any attempt by Bush to bail out California would open the door to similar pleas for help from other cash-strapped states.

Schwarzenegger said he didn't make any specific requests or get any firm commitments from Bush.

"I did not go in to present any kind of detailed request, any laundry list of things," he told reporters after the meeting. "I'll tell you the right time to do that. The important thing today was to create a relationship."

Opinions

Where We Stand

Being apathetic is pathetic

A voter turnout of 332 from a class of about 1,200 is not good enough.

Maybe freshmen were not adequately informed about the election process, or maybe they chose to be apathetic about the outcome of their leaders.

Regardless of the reason, these kinds of problems do not fall solely on the Class of 2007; they are also evident in the number of voters in statewide and national elections.

Still, the low voter turnout in the recent elections at this university is unacceptable, especially when there seems to be such a high volume of complaints concerning activities on campus.

It must not bother people too much if few efforts are made to change the way things are.

There are students who work tirelessly to offer events for this community.

It cannot be said that nothing happens on this campus, as there are countless events going on every week. Should a student be bored one night and want something to do, s/he need only to look at the events calendar by the Office of Student Life.

This is an area where a large amount of student fees are going, and when few students embrace these events, people lose confidence.

Those in leadership positions lose heart; there is no motivation to put on great programs for a student body that won't go.

Why should there be complaints from the very people who do not seek participation or opportunities such as voting?

If it's bad enough to complain incessantly, do something about it.

Get involved.

Vote.

The U.S. Constitution says it is not one's privilege, but one's duty to vote.

If citizens do not fulfill their duty, then they have no grounds to complain.

The same should apply for CNU because, if it doesn't, campus life will be indefinitely hindered.

Apathy, unfortunately, is contagious.

Maybe CNU doesn't offer every event known to man, but why should it when students don't attend the ones that do exist?

All that is lacking aside, it's interesting that campus activities persist.

Perhaps that just goes to show that a select few students care about their campus and the students.

Major changes are being made this semester.

The SGA is restructuring. The Student Media Board has been formed. A marching band is in the works.

But is this enough? Can a handful of students carry the heavy weight that is campus life?

The number of voters in the freshman class elections provides a glimpse of the indifference that the student body as a whole has presented.

This can suggest that others do not care about the future of student life. As CNU is becoming more and more residential, this mindset needs to change if campus activities plan to survive.

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NOW? No Thank You.

Women's organization lost sight of what women want

By Lauren Scott
Contributing Writer

Considering myself a fervent believer in women's rights and an advocate of the equal treatment of women in society, I am appalled and completely embarrassed by our current ambassador of the female voice. That's right, I am, as a woman at odds with most of the rhetoric associated with the National Organization for Women (NOW). I feel as if I think most women do, that the organization has gone too far on many issues and no longer accurately represents women as a whole. Republican, Moderate and Christian women are cast aside and even mocked by an organization that claims to be for the equal treatment of all women.

The National NOW Times, the official newspaper for the organization, has become nothing more than a mouthpiece for the Democratic Party. Senator Mosley Braun, NOW's elected candidate for president in 2004, stated in the Times, "I can direct our country toward its rebuilding, freeing it from the grip of fear and the clutches of the extreme right wing." Sure, the NOW organization is for the advancement of women in politics, but what women? Women who will be faithful to their liberal philosophies, while at the same time escaping the oppression of society and entering the oppression of a feminist group that doesn't want women to have their own ideas. If this is untrue why do they refuse to endorse a female republican candidate? It seems as if the organization is furthering the advancement of a political party in society, not women. Conservative radio commentators, Dr. Laura Schlesinger, and republican book author,

Ann Coulter, receive criticism from the organization instead of support for their accomplishments.

A rather hot topic for the organization is the "Save Women's Lives" campaign, the title for their pro-choice stance on abortion, ironically enough. They claim the woman's right to choose should not be denied them, and they even stand in favor of partial birth abortions, abortions done after the first trimester. Being the National Organization for Women, one of their concerns should be the unborn female child's rights, after

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all they are the future leaders of the organization. Women across the nation should be infuriated by an organization of any kind that rallies for the legal murders of their children's generation, let alone an organization for women's rights. Not all women are pro-choice. The organization now is working to make it possible for federal employees to choose healthcare plans that cover abortions, never thinking that there may be women out there who do not want their tax dollars to pay for it. NOW currently sells bumper stickers with the saying "Just

say no to pro-lifers" on them. What exactly is this advocating? What kind of message is this sending to the female youth of America? It's OK to get pregnant, as long as it's with a pro-choice male who will allow you to abort the child? I personally don't want these ideas to appear as if they are reflective of all women's thoughts. Susan B. Anthony, one of the leaders of the women's progressive movement in the nineteenth hundreds, and promoter for women's right to vote, wrote in her publication, "The Revolution": "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them." Not all feminists are pro-choice. We, as a people group, are being falsely represented.

With slogans like, "Born again Pagan," "Don't Pray in My School and I Won't Think in Your Church," and "Forced Pregnancy Increases Church Membership," it is impossible for most female Christians to embrace the organization. Yet again another female group is disparaged by the very people who are "for" their better treatment. Out of these mouths fundamentalists are called extremists, strangely enough.

The point is the National Organization for Women, is not for all women; in fact, it opposes conservatives, moderates, pro-lifers and Christians.

All I ask of the organization is to be better heard for the diverse woman we are, not the woman they want us to be. If this can never happen, maybe they should become the National Organization for Liberal Women. I ask them to change their name and stop slandering ours.

Ending domestic violence

By Judith Sierra-Poisson
Progressive Media Project

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we must address the issue of domestic violence as a caring community.

The stark reality is that one in three women in the United States experiences at least one physical assault by her partner during adulthood, according to the American Psychological Association.

Domestic abuse violates the most basic of human rights—to be safe within your own body and your home. It's a real danger that many females face each day.

On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Nearly 20 percent of teenagers girls report that they had been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner, according to a 2001 report in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Forty percent of girls age 14 to 17 report knowing someone in their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.

It is appalling that in 2003, the human rights of women and girls are still

so compromised. We must come together and defuse this issue before the physical violence escalates.

First, talk openly about equal and healthy relationships with your own children—both boys and girls. Teach them that they deserve to be treated with respect. Teach them that it is their responsibility to ensure that they do not abuse the person they got involved with.

Fathers and other caretaking men can and should take the lead here. Show them, by example, how to be nonviolent in a relationship. Have them

"Domestic abuse affects everyone. It's time to end this epidemic of violence."

pledge to be nonviolent in their own relationships.

Second, reach out to those you believe may be in an abusive relationship. Offer support and assistance and break the isolation that the abuser has most likely used to control her. Offer

your home as a secure place to come to, whether day or night. Suggest that she keep copies of important documents, such as a driver's license, birth certificates and prescriptions, as well as extra sets of keys at your home for safekeeping.

Third, advocate at local, state and national levels for systemic change to support adult and child victims of domestic violence. Research what services are available to victims and survivors in your municipality and lobby your city and county councilmembers to fund those resources.

Find out if your state has a mandatory arrest law, or whether domestic violence is considered as a factor in child custody cases. Contact your congressional delegation to urge that they address this issue and fund solutions to it.

Finally, contact your local domestic abuse program and ask how you can help. There are many ways you can donate your time, talents or other resources. If you are not sure what agency serves your area, you can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7282).

Domestic abuse affects everyone. It's time to end this epidemic of violence.

Correction

The Captain's Log made an editing error ["Candidates For Freshman Class Office," Oct. 8]. The biography of freshman Alicia Imbody, a presidential candidate, was misplaced with the picture of freshman Meghan Farooq, who was also a presidential candidate. Farooq's biography should have printed with her photograph, but it didn't.

Also, the biography of freshman Laura Dunlap, a candidate for vice president, did not match the photograph with which it was placed.

Arts and Entertainment



Participants of Field Day had a wide variety of events to choose from, including three-legged races, balloon tosses, relay races and Tug-of-War. On the right, Daniel Wood leads off with his friends.

Santoro Hall RAs host Field Day

Memories of middle school provide ideas for on-campus event

By Abbie Tang
Staff Writer

A beautiful October sky allowed students from all over the campus to relive a favorite middle school past-time this past Sunday. Residence assistants from Santoro Hall sponsored "Field Day" on the Great Lawn from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

Students competed in three-legged races, balloon tosses, egg races, relay races, and tug-o-war for cash prizes totaling \$200. Finishing up

the day's events, participants could "pie the RAs face."

Students could only participate in this event if they brought a canned good which would be donated to the Salvation Army.

"Field Day was a great success," said junior Josh Blakely, a RA for Santoro Hall. "We had about 100 people here."

Blakely was the "point man" for Field Day. It was a functional assignment; a required activity which all RAs must fulfill, but had to be campus wide.

After brainstorming with the staff, the RAs found that memories sparked when the idea of a field day arose.

"We threw a few water balloons around and made a mess," said Blakely. "But we enjoyed doing it."

The 12 RAs from Santoro, along with their hall director, Kate Griffin, have been planning the event for the past month.

"I have the best group [of RAs] I could ask for," Griffin said. "They're absolutely amazing."

Santoro Hall, in conjunction with Residence Life, has a fund which allowed it \$500 for Sunday's activities. \$200 went to the cash prize, while another \$100 went to other prizes. The rest was spent on supplies for the games.

"Everyone who came out had a lot of fun," said sophomore Tom Liveness. "The RAs had a really good idea here and it's good that they went through with it all and it turned out so nicely."

Liveness is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He and his fraternity brothers were able to win both cash prizes.

"Half of it will go to our charity and half will go to our chapter," said Liveness.

Residence Life always has on-campus plans for their students.

In the near future, however, Santoro Hall Council will be conducting an art festival on the walkway between Santoro Hall and James River Hall. Adam Maurer, a RA of Santoro Hall, will be displaying the art work of his first year students who learned different art forms from CNU art professors. The exhibit will be on display on October 29-30, 2003.

Observational Humor: IKE

That one student in every class...

By Taryn Cornelius
Staff Writer

You know which one I'm talking about. Maybe it's you. Maybe it's the kid three seats over. Maybe it's the kid that you draw pictures of instead of copying down those 14 pages of lecture notes.

Regardless, IKE is there. IKE is that student in every class that seems to know Everything (I.K.E. = I Know Everything, get it?).

I have nothing against a student getting their money's worth, but this kid is getting everyone's money's worth.

Professors have these great things called participation points. For some Profs, these are points they give you just for showing up to class. Other Profs require that you at least nod your head as though you're paying attention.

Then really hardcore ones require that you show up, nod your head, and get in some sort of argument, preferably related to last night's reading) with the twenty-four other people in your class. Regardless of the Prof's expectations though, IKE always overdoes them. IKE not only shows up to every class AND nods his head, but he also has an argument for everything the Prof says. I had a Prof tell me to shut up once; it was the best day all semester.

IKE has two types of arguments. This first one buys him brownie points with the Prof for the first few weeks of the semester. He proves that he not only did the reading, but also checked the SparkNotes, Cliff Notes, and the opinions of three people who have previously taken the class.

By this time most of IKE's classmates have given up being able to talk in class, and are instead poking little

pencils into the IKE voodoo doll sold at the underground bookstore: mechanical pencils work best.

The second argument is the one where IKE is talking only because he likes the sound of his own voice. Brownie points earned = zero. This argument basically repeats everything that the Prof just spent half a class lecturing on. Lucky for us students who can no longer dream of participation points, IKE dumbs the Prof's lecture down so that we can at least scribble a few words into our note-less notebooks to not use when not studying for the midterm.

The midterm is usually what makes or breaks IKE.

Most Profs don't do oral midterms, so poor IKE has to spend an entire class period not talking. You and your twenty-four classmates will get silence for the first ten or so minutes, but then start watching IKE every minute or two.

You can tell the silence is getting to him. He starts twitching, tries erasing a hole through the desk, and changing his position every few seconds. About fifteen minutes into the exam, IKE's hand will shoot up as though the Prof just asked for hear arguments on keeping the squirrels from taking over the Student Center.

What do fifteen minutes of silence do to IKE? He usually gives some brilliant question. Like "How many of these essays are we writing?", when it says so four times on the paper.

IKE will be a different person after the midterm. He will start doodling instead of taking notes, and not talking so much. One day he might even skip a whole class, but only because he met another IKE, and decided one person's full attention is much better than the twenty five people who don't really care.

Fashion Update: Pink trends for a great cause

By Amber Lester
Contributing Writer

An expected 39,800 women will die from breast cancer this year, while 267,000 more will be infected with either invasive or in situ breast cancer according to the American Cancer Society's website. As the month draws to a close, those interested may do their part to help by purchasing items produced for the sole purpose of donating portions of their proceeds to research.

Organizations benefiting include the Avon Crusade Mission, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Ralph Lauren's Pink Pony Fund, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Act now, however, because most of these products will

be gone by the end of the month, or until supplies last.

Polo Ralph Lauren makes products emblazoned with a pink polo label ranging from women's tees and handbags to men's polos and baseball caps. The Pink Pony Fund will receive 10% of the proceeds from each purchase. For those of you willing to spend a lot, the slim-fit women's t-shirt is \$52.00, while the men's polo is fifty cents more.

Ford Motor Company and designer Lilly Pulitzer have teamed up for a flowered green and pink scarf. This adorable product would be a perfect gift for your mother or grandmother, unless you could not part with it yourself. The \$30.00 scarf is available at all

Bloomingdale's stores, at www.bloomingdales.com or at www.lillypultizer.com. All the proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

If you don't want to spend as much, make-up companies give tons of options in every spending range. Cosmetics companies ranging from Avon to Estee Lauder have products benefiting breast cancer research.

One of the best deals out there is the Clinique Lip Palette for \$20.00. This palette, available at Dillard's, contains their ten most popular lipsticks and one lip brush. All proceeds will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, founded by Estee Lauder

in 1993. Stila also makes a lip palette (with four shades of pink) for \$38.00, available at www.sephora.com. That palette benefits the Breast Cancer Research Foundation also.

Other companies peddling pink lipstick include Avon, Estee Lauder, and Prescriptives. Estee Lauder is also selling a gorgeous gold and pink rhinestone compact for \$45.00, available at Hecht's. Need a perfect pink nail polish? Essie, one of the best nail polish brands around, has Pink Ribbon nail polish for \$8.00 on their website, www.essie.com.

For those of you looking for bath and body products, one of the best deals is the Philosophy "Remember" gel. This fruity gel can be used as shampoo or bath and body wash, all for \$20.00 on the

Philosophy website or at Sephora. Best of all, their website states that 100% of the profits will go to Cedars-Sinai's Research for Women's Cancers.

Indigo Wild, a dedication to an employee who is a survivor, manufactures lavender-scented Betsy Body Lotion, available at www.indigowild.com for \$16.00. Finally, Tweezerman, maker of possibly the world's best tweezers, is selling pink ribbon tweezers for \$18.00 at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Walgreen's that will benefit CancerCare.

The cheapest option of them all is buying Yoplait yogurt or Nouriche yogurt drinks and sending in the pink lids. For each lid Yoplait receives, a ten-cent do-

nation is made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The company hopes to raise \$2 million, but has already guaranteed a contribution of \$830,000, according to www.yoplait.com. The lids can be sent to the address underneath them.

With just a few dollars, you can do your part to save a life. Many CNU students know strong women who are affected by this disease. Imagine how it would feel to lose your mother or grandmother to breast cancer. These items will contribute to more research to find a cure. Pink may not be your favorite color, but this is a cause that could use your support.

Restaurant Review: Nara of Japan

While the food may be pricey, the experience is well worth the money

By Channell Layman
Art, Layout and Design Editor

Maybe you'll stop by after this weekend's homecoming game, or perhaps you'll visit while out with that special someone.

Whatever the occasion, the Nara of Japan is the perfect place. As you approach the restaurant, distinct spices hit your nose, preparing you for the awaiting dinner.

Within a few moments

of being inside the doors, your eyes adjust to the dim lighting and you take your seats around a large grill.

On the menu, you'll find every variety of Japanese food: chicken, steak, and seafood.

What makes the food at this restaurant distinctive is watching the cook prepare it before your eyes.

With meals such as the "Special Dinner," the expert chef walks you through seven courses, beginning with soup and salad, and ending after several combinations of meat and vegetables.

As he cooks, the chef describes each of the ingredients in terms familiar to any group of customers. Long vegetables become "Japanese French fries" and soy sauce is defined as "Japanese Coca-Cola."

Also among the highlights

of the cooking performance is the onion volcano spewing a stream of fire. Be impressed once again when the chef creates whales and rabbits out of shrimp and when he spins and tosses an egg multiple times before cracking it.

While the Nara of Japan offers an experience like no other restaurant in the area, the meal certainly comes at a high price. Averaging nearly twenty dollars a plate, the Nara falls out of the typical dinner-in-type restaurant.

For the chef's expertise and great amount of food, the Nara of Japan can't be beat. However, before you grab a friend and head down the street, be warned that the Nara of Japan is only open for dinner.

As a result, the small restaurant tends to be packed, and each meal takes easily

an hour after it has been prepared and you have had time to eat it all.

So, for those with a few extra dollars (and then some more after that), the Nara of Japan provides an appealing environment, great food, and a pleasant night out.

Make reservations by calling 565-7399, or plan on dinner from Sunday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Friday, the Nara of Japan is open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, it is open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Nara of Japan is located at 10608 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, 23601.

On the finger-lickin' good scale, the Nara of Japan receives 4 1/2 out of 5 fingers.



Chefs at Nara of Japan display their high flying capabilities by flipping eggs, shrimp and meats in the air.

Movie Review: 'Kill Bill' keeps audience alive



In "Kill Bill," Uma Thurman plays The Bride, a woman whose sole purpose in life is to avenge the loss of four years of her life, and the loss of her unborn child.

Kill Bill gives viewers great fights and cool characters

By Annie Ferenbach
Contributing Writer

In the last few minutes of Kill Bill Vol. 1, I kept ex-

The cast is absolutely mind-blowing in their performances. I can't even imagine the training they must've gone through to deliver such quality sword-fighting, knife-fighting, kung-fu and classic butt kicking.

Uma Thurman plays a beautiful, deadly and pregnant woman known only as The Bride (her name is spoken, but is always beeped out and distorted). She is gunned down (along with her entire wedding party) in a small chapel in El Paso, Texas by her former boss and co-workers.

Her former place of work? The Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, wherein The Bride was known as Black Mamba.

Bill, the head of the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, makes the mistake of assuming she dies when he puts that last bullet into her head.

The Bride lays in a coma for four years in a small hospital in El Paso. When she wakes up, she has several more-than-distressing realizations: she's lost her

baby, she has very little money (as is bound to happen when one is in a coma for four years), and she has been raped and sexually assaulted many times by a male nurse and some of his friends.

Not one to squander time, The Bride quickly starts her revenge. And that's where the fun begins.

As is the norm for a Tarantino film, the movie is presented in a number of episodes (or "Chapters," in this case) that aren't necessarily in chronological order. This not only keeps the viewers more on the edge of their seats, but it allows the film to begin with a stunningly cool knife fight.

Uma Thurman is absolutely phenomenal as The Bride. She began filming only three months after giving birth to her son Rocco, which is mightily impressive considering not only her physique but her physical abilities in this movie.

Thurman gives The Bride an amazing sense of determination, strength, and a bit of humanity, even

through all the hardness. Halfway through the movie, I found myself thinking that no other female performance in the last five years has deserved an Oscar more.

Daryl Hannah is only briefly seen in this movie, but it's a great glimpse of what's to come for her character in Volume 2. Vivica A. Fox also doesn't have as much screen time in this volume as I'd thought, but we may see her again in Volume 2.

The two women Volume 1 most focuses on are The Bride and O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu). Liu is absolutely fabulous as O-Ren, delivering one of the film's most classic moments in a scene involving a hilarious and shocking beheading.

O-Ren has found unexpected success in the violent Tokyo underground, and carries with her an entourage of wonderful characters, including Go-Go (her personal bodyguard who happens to be a 17-year-old schoolgirl).

For moviegoers who love Tarantino's work, kung-fu movies, sword fighting, ultraviolence, and a sick

sense of humor, this is a must-see.

However, it's definitely not for everybody. Not only is it incredibly violent and bloody, but it also has disturbing themes such as violence to and by women, children in jeopardy, violence toward children, and violence caused by children.

If any of the above makes you squeamish, avoid this movie like the plague.

"Kill Bill" is a cinematic wonder. It's everything that makes going to the movies a great time in a sick, slick, bloody package.

Kill Bill: Volume 1 (2003)

Directed by Quentin Tarantino

Starring Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu, Vivica A. Fox, Daryl Hannah, Sonny Chiba, Chiaki Kuriyama, Julie Dreyfus, Michael Madsen, and David Carradine as Bill

Rated R for extreme violence, gore, language, some sexual content, and children in jeopardy/violent situations
Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Movie Review: 'Kill Bill' should be put to death

Tarantino's fourth film disappoints, fails at 120 mph

By Paul Frensch
Captain's Log Intern

It's been 10 years since Quentin Tarantino slapped around American cinema with his modern-day classic "Pulp Fiction." The edgy and witty dialogue and the non-linear flow of the movie

is still copied and used today. Now with his first original screenplay since "Pulp Fiction," Tarantino sets out to once again flip movie-making upside down. With "Kill Bill," Tarantino fails to say anything new or exciting, but in true Tarantino fashion he fails at about 120 mph.

The wafer-thin plot follows a character simply known as The Bride (Uma Thurman) as she seeks revenge on her former teammates from the hit-man team known as the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad and the leader, the title character, Bill (David Carradine). Bill and the four member squad attacked The Bride on her wedding day, killing The Groom, the entire wedding

party, her unborn child, and putting her in a coma. After waking up in a hospital five years later, The Bride does what any wronged movie anti-hero would do: she goes on a massive killing spree to get revenge. In this first part of the two-part series, "The Bride squares up against Viper Assassins Vernita Green (Vivica A. Fox) and O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu).

The plot is simple and stupid but that's not the biggest problem I had with the movie. "Kill Bill" is basically supposed to be a bunch of "holy crap!" moments intermingling with trite Japanese philosophy. The moments failed to make me say "holy crap!" and the philosophy failed to peak my interest.

I take that back. I did say "holy crap!" when I looked at my watch after the movie and realized that Tarantino squeezed 111 minutes out of the plot and the movie is only half over.

Where Tarantino has succeeded in his previous three directorial efforts ("Reservoir Dogs," "Pulp Fiction," "Jackie Brown") was in the plot and whip smart dialogue. He makes the audience genuinely care about the characters that he creates and the situations that he puts them in.

With "Kill Bill," Tarantino focuses on a series of bloody moments instead of the movie as a whole. The plot should never take a backseat to the action and

Tarantino should know this more than anyone. I expect better from him. I understand that he purposely placed the action on the back burner and he knows exactly what he is doing, but I feel that it is a grave misstep on his part.

Even more problematic to the plot is the fact that this is only "Volume One" of a two part movie, so we know that The Bride will at least succeed in this half. When she faces 88 sword wielding, screaming masked enemies, we know that she will survive because she has three more people on her revenge list waiting in "Volume Two."

Unfortunately, I can not recommend this movie to the general public. Tarantino has described this film as being directly influenced by Japanese cinema, so fans of this genre should check it out, but everyone else should go ahead and keep away from this overly campy, unnecessarily violent film.

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Poquoson holds Seafood Festival in spite of Isabel

By Chantelle Layman
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Clutching their sweaters and jackets close to their bodies, local residents braved the cold to experience the wide variety of seafood and survey the arts and crafts at the Poquoson Seafood Festival. Nestled in the woods behind Poquoson High School, festival participants set up displays of their best hand-crafted merchandise and local seafood restaurants set up vendors for the public to get a taste of Poquoson's best.

Although the festivities functioned as normal, this year's twenty-third festival was almost cancelled due to Hurricane Isabel. Suffering from some of the worst damage in the area, Poquoson endured extensive flooding and destruction. As a result, the grounds that normally host the Poquoson Seafood Festival were devastated. Sheila Buchanan, volunteer from the Poquoson

DMV, said "The grounds were a tremendous mess; it took three to four weekends of volunteer crews cleaning to have the grounds ready for the festival."

Despite the effort needed to prepare, the city decided to continue the festival anyway. Buchanan said that it was something different for the community to do after all that had happened.

Also, after considering the money invested into entertainment, it was decided that canceling the event would create even more loss in a time where many were already suffering. As part of the effort to help those in need, donations were taken at several booths throughout the festival. For all those who donated, they were given a free jar of apple butter. Although the Poquoson Seafood Festival had the potential to fall short of previous years success (due to

the hurricane), the festival was pulled off with tremendous success, according to local attendees.

In addition to arts and crafts and the namesake seafood vendors, the festival is also host to a juried exhibition of the Poquoson Art League.

Judged by CNU's Betty Anglin, Director of the Art Department, the Poquoson Art League members set up displays of their best works. The Art League also hosted a People's Choice Award for the public audience passing through.

In addition, the Poquoson Seafood Festival was host to several groups including the Platters and a jazz band combo. There was also a children's stage featuring presentations by Nautilus and David Vandever. All in all, attendees considered the Poquoson Seafood Festival as much a quality event as any other year.



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Bonita Diego holds the hand of her daughter Sarah, as she rides a pony. Pony rides are offered at the Seafood festival as entertainment for the younger crowd, which, like Sarah, may be experiencing their first Seafood festival.

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Sara Warrick, sophomore, presents an untitled poem at the Poetry Slam.

Vibes slams Einstein's

By Michael Combs
Staff Writer

The sounds of angst, love, anger, and life's general confusions filled the ears, while the smell of coffee hit the noses and touched the tips of tongues. The lights were bright and almost every seat was occupied, forcing some to stand in the background entrance.

The reader's words expressed their emotions and feelings while captivating the audience, putting the listeners into the reader's world.

Thursday night, Vibes of Vernacular hosted its first of a monthly series of poetry slams in Einstein's Cafe. Vibes of Vernacular, a poetry and writing club, put together the poetry slam to spread word of their club

and to let members, and many non-members, share their poetry in front of a large audience.

Vibes has conducted many other slams in past years, but were amazed for this first slam of the year by the turn out of listeners and readers alike.

Comparing this slam to years past, Vibes president Josh Neighbors, junior, said, "There is a bigger turnout and more people willing to read their poetry."

"While there is more participation and crowd growth, people's styles also grow," said Kristina Rose, Slam Incorporated. Similarly, Liu Keith, junior, said, "Previously I knew everyone in the crowd, but I'm seeing new faces, along with people's genres spreading their borders."

A combination for success

ACM, Altered Xpressionz host night of entertainment

By Michael Combs
Staff Writer

To many students the idea of combining two completely different clubs for one activity may strike them as strange. However, for the Association for Computer Machinery (ACM) and Altered Xpressionz, the idea came naturally.

ACM is a professional and public organization that focuses on aspects of computing that include computer science, computer engineering and information science. ACM also is a nationally recognized club that has chapters in universities all across America.

Altered Xpressionz is a break dance club that "teaches the basics of break dancing and educates about the Hip-Hop culture," said Altered Xpressionz president, Dennis Diones.

At 10 p.m. Saturday night in Anderson Auditorium ACM and Altered Xpressionz worked together to host a night of fun to anyone who wanted to go. While

ACM provided a big screen Play Station 2 Madden tournament, Altered Xpressionz provided alternate entertainment of break dance lessons in the lobby.

While the tournament was supposed to begin at 7pm the scheduling office accidentally double booked Anderson Auditorium, forcing the clubs to begin their event at 10 p.m. instead of the originally publicized time.

The clubs could join together Saturday night with greater ease due to that Dennis Diones is President of Altered Xpressionz and Secretary of ACM and that Chamarra Paul is the treasurer of both clubs.

Furthermore, by working together Dennis Diones believes that "It enables us to have more man power and work to host an activity."

The night cost five dollars for those who paid early and seven dollars at the door, but all ACM events are for free for the ACM members. This money went towards drinks, chips and a small meal for all those who participated in the event.

While the clubs were there to promote themselves and what they do, they were primarily there trying to give some people a fun time," said ACM president Michael

Hedderly.

The prizes that were rewarded to the winners of the tournament included \$60 for first place, \$40 for second place, \$35 for third place, and gift certificates to Game Crazy for the top three winners too. The first place winner was Patrick Stanislas, second place was P.J. Perera, and third place was Jamie Massey.

Due to the success of having about 60 people present that evening, both clubs have made future plans to work together and improve on what they found to be a good combination.

In the future the clubs want to host many video game tournaments that include Halo, other sports games and fighting games. ACM is going to listen and try to provide what their audience and members request for tournaments.

Furthermore, the clubs might host the next tournament along with the Campus Activities Board (CAB), allowing even more money for prizes and more publicity for a better turn out.

Also, the ACM will be helping with the Counter Strike computer game tournament on Nov. 2.2003 that will probably have over a hundred people present.

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Weekly Horoscope
For October 20-26

By Lasha Senik

Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20). Deep romantic thoughts and sudden realizations are accentuated this week. Recent regrets need to be carefully examined and dispelled. Let old disappointments fade over the next few days. A new era of passionate communications with loved ones will soon arrive. After Wednesday, watch also for unexpected financial announcements. Business reversals and late cancellations are highlighted. Take extra time with legal documents. Redefinition is needed.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Before midweek, others will be drawn to your personal style. Some Taurans may be presented with a complex romantic decision. Predictable relationships versus temporary excitement may be at issue. Trust your first instinct and accept all immediate consequences. Emotional risk will prove worthwhile. Late Friday, family members or trusted friends may ask probing questions. Offer detailed answers. Your needs, ideals and expectations are valid.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Rental agreements, leases or complicated property decisions are highlighted early this week. Older relatives or key authority figures may expect concrete promises or firmly defined time schedules. Refuse to be rushed. Financial or family pressure will eventually fade. Later this week, social and romantic invitations increase. Potential friends and lovers will offer reliable statements and proposals. Accept all new overtures and plan unique group events. Passions will be high.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Sibling relationships and long-term friendships begin a short phase of honest communications. After Tuesday, expect unresolved family or social disputes to dramatically fade. Refuse to linger over old details or outdated ideas. Worthwhile progress will soon strengthen key relationships. Later this week, business relations may be temporarily strained. Thursday through Saturday avoid financial negotiations, if possible. Inaccurate numbers will prove costly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Roommates or close relatives may request greater involvement in your personal life. For many Leos a brief period of emotional withdrawal is ending. Use this time to outline new boundaries between loved ones, revise home rules or clarify family expectations. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated. After Friday, workplace differences are more easily resolved. Remain patient and watch for close colleagues to offer creative solutions. Fresh ideas will be helpful.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Romantic messages may be misleading over the next four days. Coy flirtations and suggestive invitations are best left temporarily unexplored. Although enthusiastic, potential lovers may avoid direct questions or purposely feign disinterest. Remain diplomatic. Obvious emotional signals will soon be presented. After Thursday, authority figures may announce improved workplace methods or revised daily schedules. React quickly. Your group confidence will be noticed and rewarded.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Early this week, younger colleagues may be unusually thoughtful or unresponsive. Perceptions of disapproval and low self-esteem are key issues. Before Friday, suggest group discussions or newly defined team assignments. At present, new colleagues may be waiting for subtle invitations. Thursday through Sunday, accept unexpected romantic flirtations. Last-minute social or group events will quickly lead to reliable attraction and new proposals. Don't hesitate to join in.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Sensuality and unique flirtations are difficult to resist this week. Before Friday, expect previously ignored attractions to be publicly addressed. Pay special attention to shy invitations or last-minute changes to social plans. Remain flexible and expect potential lovers to ask for new schedules or revised commitments. After Saturday, older relatives and authority figures may be unusually moody. Don't probe for quick answers; private family conflicts may be at issue.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Loved ones press for fast financial or employment decisions. Over the next few days, expect home routines or daily budgets to be strong concerns. Temporarily delay important changes, if possible. Before next week, lost records or faulty paperwork will prove bothersome. Early Saturday, a unique social or group invitation arrives. Private romantic attractions and new love affairs are accented. Go slow and wait for valid and decisive responses. Pace is important.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Vivid impressions and sudden glimpses of the future are accentuated before midweek. Areas affected may be complex family patterns, romantic promises or long-term loyalties. Many Capricorns will dispel past restrictions and firmly commit to the present. Stay alert and expect loved ones to offer bold opinions. Later this week, social triangles in the workplace may cause delays. Avoid public discussion, if possible, and ask for new instructions.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Work routines may be briefly interrupted early this week. Before Wednesday, key officials will feel strongly motivated to return to outdated business methods. Be diplomatic and avoid public comment. At present, older colleagues may find it difficult to admit procedural mistakes. After midweek, intimate relationships will experience a new wave of honesty, optimism and sensuality. Plan unique encounters. Private time between loved ones will help resolve past differences.

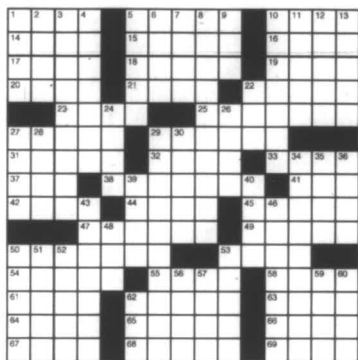
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Group discussions may bring unexpected revelations this week. After Tuesday, friends or colleagues describe private events, rare romantic invitations or new attractions. Remain cautious, however, and expect dramatic exaggeration. By midweek, reliable information concerning social triangles or family expectations will arrive. Friday through Monday, avoid detailed discussions with loved ones. Misunderstandings or minor tensions may briefly escalate.

If your birthday is this week — Pay special attention to small hints from friends, lovers and long-term business partners. Over the next 18 weeks, financial expectations between loved ones and established commitments may steadily change. Areas most strongly affected are home planning, family expansions, romantic promises and long-term job aspirations. Ironically, much of this will prove invaluable throughout 2004. Stay focused and let close friends and lovers express their wishes, no matter how extreme. After mid-March, ask for private agreements and expect quick progress. Family, romantic and business security will increase over the next three months.

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ballad
- 5 Neapolitan noodles
- 10 Exchange
- 14 Stench
- 15 PC operators
- 16 Bindle stiff
- 17 Chomp
- 18 Chart again
- 19 Important times
- 20 Witnessed
- 21 Increase
- 22 Esthetic judgment
- 23 Like Mother Hubbard's cupboard
- 25 More clever
- 27 Rock full of crystals
- 29 Seek to attain
- 31 African succulents
- 32 Espy
- 33 Whiskey shot
- 37 Wapiti
- 38 Came to a point
- 41 The Greatest
- 42 Highland miss
- 44 Concavity
- 45 Leaves out
- 47 Periods of readiness
- 49 North Dakota city
- 50 Gestures
- 53 Tear apart
- 54 Bids first
- 55 "la Douce"
- 58 Not very colorful at all
- 61 Part of USDA
- 62 Talked to doves
- 63 Nursing a grudge
- 64 HOMES part
- 65 Opening bars
- 66 Type of foil
- 67 Alan of "Shane"
- 68 White with shock
- 69 Russian ruler



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- 5 Purify
6 Out of port
7 Big rig
8 Conveys
9 Cleo's killer
10 Did some wool gathering?
11 Supremely bad
12 Slacken
13 Perplexing problem
22 Old sealer
24 Remainder
26 Tiny arachnid
27 Scottish Highlander
28 Singer Fitzgerald
29 Standerous remarks
30 Exhausted
34 Keep Falling on My Head

- DOWN
1 Weeps
2 Garfield's pal
3 Some computers
4 Lobbed missile
46 Fixed attitude
48 Alamos
50 Exemplar
51 "Norma" or "Louise"
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Sports

Intramural football: bigger and better than before

Pi Kappa Phi leads the way as it continues its hunt for a third straight title

By Brittany Lambert
Captain's Log Intern

Intramural flag football is back again only bigger and better than ever before. Every week over 200 dedicated flag football players take the field in hopes of a Victory. "Playing releases stress and gives us a nice brake during the week to be competitive yet have a good time with friends," said Pi Kappa Phi quarterback, Mike Caddy.

Over 24 teams meet every Monday and Wednesday from 5-7pm on the intramural football fields behind James River. Teams are made up of CNU organization, students, faculty or staff. Each team plays seven on seven with no pads and only flags around their waist. Each game runs for thirty minutes with no half time, breaks or time outs.

The teams are broke up into four divisions, North, South, East and West. Each team plays everyone in their division and the most successful teams in each division move on to the playoffs where they battle each other for the champion title.

Every year, flag football intramural grows. They have doubled the amount of teams and players in the past two years from only fifteen teams and one field to 24 teams and two fields. With more teams, the competition gets harder and teamwork becomes more important.

Within the divisions, two teams stand out with undefeated records. Pi Kappa Phi and The Regulators.

Pi Kappa Phi has had an outstanding record with in the past years and hope to take it all the way and become champions as they did two years prior to this season. Not only do they play well on the field, but they also attract a large crowd of spectators. The Pi Kappa team is so interesting to watch. "Not only are they a very talented team, but they appreciate their fans," said Samantha Rubin.

Director of intramural, and CNU's baseball coach John Harvell puts together these great activities every week and gets many students involved in intramural athletics. Even the referees of the games are a part of the student body.

As the flag football season proceeds, competition gets tuff. When playoffs start the best teams from each division, North, South, East, and West will battle each other knocking the defeated teams out of the competition until only one team is left standing. Victory or defeat, these teams are heart to have a good time and release stress with friends.

On Friday afternoon the Lady Captain's took on Virginia Wesleyan. The game was marked by accurate passes by Wesleyan while CNU struggled to gain possession



Katie Brackett/The Captain's Log

Freehman Simon Blecher heads the ball towards the goal off of corner kick during CNU's game against Shenandoah. The Captains continue to dominate the USA South Conference as they rise in rankings.

Men's Soccer team ties rival opponent Greensboro in double overtime 0-0

CNU Ranked fifth in NSCAA south region poll

By Tom Geary
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team seemed pretty satisfied after scoring no goals against their biggest rival, Junior goalkeeper Brian Shume believes they have a good reason to feel this way after ending a seven-year streak of futility in Greensboro, N.C. "I think it's a victory in itself to go down there and tie - a shutout. It puts us in the driver's seat," Shume said.

"I think it was a moral victory for us because we knew we either had to win or tie to stay first in the conference. A loss there would've been very, very tough to overcome."

The Captains held conference rival Greensboro to a scoreless draw on Saturday to stay in first place in the USA South.

CNU (9-3-2, 4-0-1 conf.) is now a half-game ahead of nationally-ranked Greensboro (10-1-3, 3-0-2 conf.) with two conference games remaining.

The Captains had not beaten or tied the Pride in Greensboro, N.C., since 1996. Even the players couldn't remember the last time it had happened.

"It's been that long!" junior defender Justin Chezan said.

Shume made six saves during 110 minutes of play, including two that coach Steve Shaw described as "big time saves."

Greensboro's Matt Brown made five saves.

"Shu(mate) had some incredible saves that kept us in the game and gave us the confidence we needed to finish it off," freshman forward Steve Keller said.

Junior forward Nick Yannitello led the Captains with five shots, two on goal. Freshman forward Derek Shaw also had two shots on goal.

Coach Shaw credits Keller with shutting down the Pride's leading goal-scorer, Ben Maxwell. He also praised Chezan, and defenders Matt Mertz and Justin Ayotte for picking up their defensive assignments and shutting down the 10th ranked team in the nation.

The 0-0 draw was the third time in the past five games that the Captains, averaging 3.23 goals per game, have failed to score.

Still, the tie gives CNU an edge in the USA South. The Captains have conference games against Methodist and N.C. Wesleyan, both at Captains Field, remaining, and can win the conference outright with two victories.

"Our destiny's in our own hands," Shume said. "It's about time. It's been a while since we had the (NCAA) tournament here and we've never won the tournament, so I think this is the year we're gonna do it."

The Captains travel to Salisbury (9-2-2) on Wed., Oct. 22, before returning home to host Methodist (7-4-1) on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Salisbury is currently ranked third in the South region and 23rd in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

The final four games will help decide whether CNU hosts the con-

ference tournament or makes the postseason this year.

"Really, it's getting down to crunch time," coach Shaw said. "This is when everybody is sorting out the conference championships, and now we're going to find out who's hot and who has a good chance going into the playoffs."

"It's up to us to take care of business."

INJURY REPORT. Although the Captains seem to have momentum on their side in the latter part of the season, injuries have started to take their toll.

With junior Billy Lucas already sidelined with an ankle injury, two others are now nursing injuries.

Junior Rob Leadbetter left the Greensboro game early in the second half with an ankle injury. Sophomore Justin Ayotte is going to get x-rays on an injured ankle as well.

"We're doing well, but I think that the injuries that we've had have inhibited us from really taking off," coach Shaw said.

To accommodate the loss of Leadbetter in the Greensboro game, the Captains switched the way they were playing, from two forwards to three. This put more pressure on the Pride's stingy defense.

"For the most part, it worked pretty well," coach Shaw said.

QUOTABLE. "I couldn't have asked for a better situation. If you had told me at the beginning of the year that without any seniors and with all the freshmen that we would be doing as well as we are, I'd probably laugh. But I'm so confident right now that I think we can do a lot of great things like win the conference tournament." - junior Justin Chezan.

CNU Dominates Mason-Dixon Conference Championship

By Katie Brackett
Sports Editor

CNU cross country team continued its season with another dominating match. In the Mason Dixon Conference Championship, Aimee Gibbs and Brandon Miles earned individual conference titles. Aimee Gibbs also took home the Outstanding Female Athlete Award for 2003 season. "The course was really muddy and that obviously slowed times down," said Brandon Miles. "It was a different strategy for this race, you weren't competing against your own time, you were competing for placement."

It was the women's race. Gibbs came in first with a time of 22:41. The closest runner on her tail was Sophomore Emily Low who was about a minute behind Gibbs. Low finished with a time of 23:29, just seconds ahead of Megan Fogarty and Ashley Ezell. Fogarty finished with a time of 23:33, Ezell 23:37. Senior Alicia Burns stepped up her pace and took sixth place with a time of 24:25 in her final Mason-Dixon race.

CNU swept all other colleges taking four top five spots. 50 percent of the top ten was CNU.

It was intense training for us as we thought Salisbury would present more of a challenge, that challenge just never materialized," said Miles.

Taking five of the first six spots, the women's team was near perfect with 16 points and finished well in front of the second place Mary Washington squad.

The CNU men also dominated as speculation mounted around the talent coming from Salisbury runners. The battle never happened as the men had seven runners earn All-Conference honors. Leading the Captains were freshmen Brandon Miles and Chaffie Chaffee who took the one-two finish. Miles finished with a time of 26:32. Chaffie took second just 13 seconds behind Miles with a time of 26:49. At the four-mile mark Miles took the lead and never looked back. Chaffie kept a close watch on Miles just seconds behind him. "Its just really exciting as a freshman, to place this well and I'm really looking forward to the NCAA races," said Miles.

"Chaffie and I are in the top two spots as contenders in this region and district." Head Coach Keith Maurer relayed the 2003 Men's Coach of the Year Award.

Next week the men's and women's cross country teams compete in the USA South Conference Championship in North Carolina. "This competition will be a little less difficult and we hope to come out on top again," said Miles.

The third goal of the game was scored by Wesleyan midfielder Summer Foster off a penalty corner. Griffin grabbed the assists. Immediately after this goal CNU coach Mour called a timeout.

The Lady Captains were outshot 18-14. Werbitski had 12 saves in goal.

Field hockey team falls to Virginia Wesleyan 4-0

The Lady Captains take a tough loss to nationally ranked VA Wesleyan

By Katie Brackett
Sports Editor

On Friday afternoon the Lady Captain's took on Virginia Wesleyan.

This was the fourth meeting between these two teams. In each of these contests the home team was the victor, this was not true for this Friday afternoon. CNU entered the game with a 5-5 record; they defeated St. Mary's 3-2 on October 11. Wesleyan entered the game with an 11-0 record they were ranked 20th in the nation in Division III play.

The Lady Captains dropped to the Lady Marline 4-0. Virginia Wesleyan came out with an aggressive attitude in the first half they scored twice. The first goal came from senior

midfielder Jackie Griffin With just over 20 minutes left in the first half they put a goal in past senior CNU goalie Elizabeth Werbitski.

The Lady Captains had a chance to put one in when senior Katherine Swisher had a penalty shot against Wesleyan's goalie junior Margie Baker. She was unable to convert this shot; she was also without her personal field hockey stick, the team remarked.

The game was marked by accurate passes by Wesleyan while CNU struggled to gain possession

of the ball.

Early in the second half CNU had an offensive run but several breakaways by Ashley Robertson were marked with interceptions or turnovers to the dominating Wesleyan defense. The goalie had a good view of the field and was able to communicate well with her team as an offensive effort was fueled by CNU.

CNU midfielder Jennifer Byrum suffered from a hand injury midway through the second half. Her hand was previously smashed

at a contest in Lynchburg. "They were a tough competitor they came into the game as 20th in the nation," said Ashley Crickenberger. "However that didn't mean we couldn't play with them."

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The Captain's Log

Weekly Sports Wrap-Up

Football

CNU defeated Chowan 31-7 this Saturday. Mario Marin had three touchdowns. Thomas Thornton, grabbed one on an 11 yard scamper. Thornton had 60 yards on 13 carries. George Jones caught five balls for 79 yards. Marin had 59 yards on 12 carries. The Captains are 3-0 in the USA South and 5-1 overall. They are now 14th in the nation.

Volleyball

The Lady Captains lost two matches in the Frostburg St. Tri-Match. The Lady Captains fell to Penn State in their first game 3-1. The match scores were 28-30, 30-27, 30-20. Against Frostburg CNU fell in three games. The match scores were 30-13, 30-15, 30-28. The Lady Captains are now 11-17.

Field Hockey

CNU field hockey dropped to ninth ranked Mary Washington on Sunday afternoon. Goalie Samantha Peiringer made 24 saves. CNU was out shot 28-4. The Lady Captains is now 5-7.

Men's Soccer

In a double overtime game about Greensboro CNU ended up taking a tie. Goalie Brian Shumate had six saves in a game that lasted 110 minutes. The Captains are now 4-0-1 in the USA South and 9-3-2 overall. CNU takes on Salisbury this Wednesday in Maryland.

Women's Soccer

The Lady Captains destroyed Averett 8-1 this Sunday Afternoon. Goals were scored by Shannon Crane, Paniz Asgari, Heather Dennee, Liz Thuma, Lindsey Baskin, and Kristen Machonchic. The Lady Captains improve to 9-5 overall and 4-1 in the USA South.

Sailing

The CNU Sailing team qualifies for the District Championship. CNU placed fifth in the Washington College Open held October 18-19. CNU's team is made up by Justin Allesworth, Mark Stevens, Will Summers, Pete Foystick, Paula Davis, and Kate O'Connor.

Cross Country

Almee Gibbs and Brandon Miles took home individual conference titles. Gibbs finished with a time of 22:41. Sophomore Emily Low took second. Miles took first place with a time of 26:36.

Flag Football Results

Tri Pi	19
Dirty South	6
Gata	19
Jallowepee-	13
Pi Lambda Phi	6
Pi Kappa Phi	26
Gangsta	0
Jerkfaces	19
Bonedidies	0
Woodson	28
Black Panthers	13
Generation	26
Snatch	14
Green Team	0



Freshman Roland Hillard runs for yardage during Saturday's game against Chowan. CNU continues to rise in national rankings; this week they improved to 14th place.

CNU defeats Chowan Braves; Captains 14th in the Nation

CNU remains undefeated in USA South

By Erick Hellwig
Contributing Writer

Captains football articles have been highlighted with new records almost every week this season. This week is no different as CNU followed up a 42-10 road slaughtering of Greensboro with an equally dominating 31-7 home triumph over Chowan.

The 5-1 Captains never gave Chowan a chance, scoring on three of their first four possessions on route to a 21-7 halftime lead. CNU got three scores from Mario Marin and a fourth from Thomas Thornton, and place-kicker

Jason Broskie drilled a 22 yard field goal to cap the onslaught.

Statistically, the score of the game doesn't even represent the level of domination. CNU out gained Chowan 412-110. Philip Jones had the best game of his college career, going 15-21 for 214 yards and scrambling for 32 more. His passing numbers shattered his own record set previously this year. Thornton and Marin combined on 25 carried for 119 yards, and George Jones grabbed 5 receptions for 79 yards. Marcus Parrott also had a game-breaking reception of 49 yards.

The Captains played relentless defense the entire game, including throwaway time in the fourth quarter. On their 13 fourth quarter plays, the Chowan offense

gained four yards. "We're playing for the playoffs, for that home game," said senior defensive back Hosh Weekes. "We can't afford to beat Chowan 10-7." Weekes said "When we get on the field, we have one objective, to get them off the field."

Head Coach Matt Kelnher summed up the Captains mindset after the game, saying, "We have to be ready each week, because every game from here on out is a championship game for this team. We can't let up."

Running back Jones was diagnosed with a broken leg after a hit he took late in the first half, and he is likely to miss the remainder of the season. Quarterback Philip Jones commented "When something serious like that happens, you're emotions as a player fly."

Yankees establish team unity during ALCS

By Adrian Wojanowski
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)
Knight Ridder-Campus

These Yankees had nothing that had bonded them as a team, a feeling that even with 101 regular-season victories, they were still missing a transcendent moment to consider themselves a cohesive and hardened team.

After Aaron Boone crossed the plate in the 11th inning Thursday night, this thought crossed the mind of Jason Giambi. These had been the old Yankees elevating themselves in the amazing comeback against the Red Sox, contributions big and small on the way to Game 1 of the World Series on Saturday night.

"It felt the most like a balldub as it did all year long," Giambi said. "Because of the revolving door around here trying to find the pieces, the way it happened makes a difference. Everybody had a part in that one some way or another."

There had been a clear disconnect within these Yankees, a gulf growing deeper and deeper with every struggle in these playoffs. There were the old Yankees and the new Yankees, the past champions—Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, and Bernie Williams—and the uninitiated—Giambi, Mike Mussina, and Aaron Boone.

In the minds of the Yankees largely responsible for the four championships since 1996, they

wondered the truth about these high-priced players brought to bridge one championship era to a presumed next.

As much as they had stumbled in the most major of sports on the way to Game 7 of the ALCS, Giambi, Mussina, and Boone left immense imprints on the 6-5 victory over the Sox, transforming themselves in the eyes of teammates.

"Everybody had a hand in it," Giambi said. "That's what made those Yankees teams in the past—with (Paul) O'Neill, Tino (Martinez), and Luis Sojo. It wasn't just one guy that made those teams. That's what made them so tough to beat. You knew they were going to make a difference some way or another by moving a guy over, hitting a sacrifice fly. That's what made them so tough to beat. You knew there were going to be nine tough outs."

And the Yankees knew they could count on each other. Rivera was remembering his old teammate, Orlando Hernandez, for his penchant of delivering clutch performances in telltale starts. For all his struggles in the regular season—all his tantrums and injuries—El Duque had a way of making everyone forget come the postseason.

"You don't find that quality in every player," Rivera said. "You either have it or not. Special players like that have it. Not every player has that."

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The CNU basketball team looks forward to the upcoming season with several new and young players. The season looks promising especially with a kick off like this. "The CNU community is just really united, and it's exciting to see them out in full force like they were tonight," said Wenzel.




The CNU Basketball teams kicked off the season with CNU's annual Midnight Madness, sponsored by student life. Over 500 students attended to participate in the festivities. The basketball teams are introduced to the students under spotlights as the Cheerleaders led the students in applause. Several organizations participated to help with the event.

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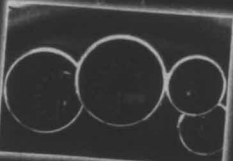
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