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Rutgers Univ. to add 700 dorm video cameras

BY PATRICIA ALEX THE RECORD/KRT .

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Rhonda Harris.

Rutgers University will spend \$2.5 million this summer to install nearly 700 video surveillance cameras in student housing on its New Brunswick-Piscataway,

The cameras will be in and around all 146 dormitories at the flagship campus and should be in place by September, university officials said

Rutgers already has a pilot program using 100 cameras in place at some dorms. The system was credited this month with the arrest of a student who was filmed wrap-ping his hands around his girlfriend's neck at Rockoff Hall in New

Additionally, security cameras are in place in other campus areas, such as remote park-

ing lots, said Rutgers

University Police Chief

She said the response

to the pilot program has

been good, and there

haven't been any com-

plaints that Big Brother

is watching. She said

signs will be posted to

inform people they may

live in dormitories in

New Brunswick-Piscat-

technology to provide a

greater level of security

with existing funds,'

Harris said. Student

housing fees are being

used for the system.

CLOG BLOG

Welcome

Class of 2010

Welcome to the Summer

Edition of The Captain's Log!

For this issue we've aimed

to write stories and capture

images that would provide you with useful information

about living and learning in

hope you find our information

the CNU Community. We

on local activities, current

issues, and school services

to be helpful as you become

Look for the Captain's Log on

stands this fall as you begin

your undergraduate careers.

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about all the great news you

will be making for us.

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New additions in the Village



The CNU Village continues to grow as Panera Bread, Sushi and Spice, Ben and Jerry's, and Tropical Smoothle prepare to open.

NICK MIRABAL/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Over the last month, the long vacant spots in CNU Village began quickly to fill with equipment and construction materials, attracting many a curious eye to the various windows.

The fast progress of Panera, Tropical Smoothie, Virginia **Educators Credit Union and** Subway means students haven't much longer to wait for a full array of food and other services on campus.

It was almost four weeks ago that the Panera storefront first received its sign. Although the projected opening date was planned for this past Monday, management instead reserved Monday and Tuesday to train their new

They have brought on about 60 employees to service students and the community. according to Douglas Hornsby from CNU Real Estate. Panera's grand opening took place this past Wednesday.

"With a company like Panera, there is the usual aggressive schedule for start dates," Hornsby said this Monday. "It's pretty amazing that Panera will be opening as close to their projected date as they are set to, given the myriad of inspections and

regulations that are required prior to opening."

Fellow heavy-hitter in the restaurant world, Tropical Smoothie Café has also made speedy gains in the past few weeks, artificial palm trees and all. The staff is optimistic about a start date for this Friday, though there are certain components, which may cause a delay, according to store administrator/owner Heiyoung Yi.

"We have one more mechanical inspection and need to obtain the certificate of occupancy," said Yi. "But besides that, I am pretty sure that we will be opening this week and if not, definitely next week."

Subway will also be making its return to CNU campus since its removal from Warwick Boulevard at the end of the 2003-2004 academic year.

Virginia Educators Credit Union is set to eventually be moving in next to the newly opened Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream at the beginning of this August, according to President Sharon Conti.

"We're pleased with our location in the CNU Village because it gives us a chance to reach CNU while simultaneously being able to correspond with the local community," said Conti. "We will continue to offer our services to students as far as loans, savings,

checking: IRA accounts as well as our new promotion: a five percent decrease in loan rate for any student with a degree."

The opening of Bottoms Up Pizza, long delayed, has not officially disclosed a start date but are expected to begin operation by the end of August, according to Horn-

"Because it is located on the south end of the Village, it will have to use the new transformer located there to power the restaurant," said Hornsby. "We've had to bring in additional electrical services which has caused some delay."

Turning tassels and tossing caps

commencement | The graduation ceremony honored 582 students and bestowed the honor of Professor Ameritus to Professors Bostick and Durell.

BY NICK MIRABAL NICK.MIRABAL.04@CNU.EDU

582 CNU students walked the stage at the spring 2006 Commencement ceremony at Pomoco stadium May 13, concluding their undergraduate careers with a handshake from President Trible. The ceremony featured a variety of speakers, ABC News White House Correspondent Ann

Compton among them. As temperatures gradually rose to about 80 degrees. the stadium swelled with hundreds of friends, family, and well-wishers as Trible delivered the opening speech. Expressing a substantial amount of pride in CNU students' "intellectual firepower," he awarded the Gregory P. Klich Academic Achievement Award to Melissa Elliott for

earning the highest GPA. Extending his personal congratulations to the graduates, Trible handed the crowd over to Bill Heath, president of the

Board of Visitors. Heath spoke shortly, sharing Trible's pride in the class

"We will continue to support you. Just make sure to work hard, maintain a positive outlook and have fun."

Compton delivered her commencement address after a short introduction from President Trible. As a member of the news team that received an Emmy award for their coverage of the 9/11 attacks, she gave a unique account of her experience. Compton was flying on Air Force One when news of the attacks broke.

"All of us remember that feeling of vulnerability and from that, we as individuals have a responsibility to draw new strength," said Compton.

 Continuing on from a less personal perspective, Compton impressed upon the students how CNU has taken its place among "the great educational icons in Virginia's commonwealth."

As she continued, her message shifted to the importance of strong leadership and responsibility.

"The world is in need of some serious change and we need new leaders," said Compton in reference to

"dreadful turns" in human rights, family values and pop

Before closing with a prayer, Compton communicated words of encouragement to the newly graduated class before sending them off on their life missions.

"Allow yourselves to believe in what you have accomplished here at Christopher Newport University," said Compton.

"You now go forth as ambassadors of this school and this place lives on as a new breed of university through you."

Provost Richard M. Summerville found his place at the podium after Compton's speech in order to bid a fond farewell to Professors Robert **Durell and Theodora Bostick** and bestow upon them the honor of Professor Ameritus.

"They receive this honor because their fervor for teaching has touched the lives of millions of students and shaped them for the better." said Summerville.

The final words given to the class of 2006 were those of a fellow student: Senior class President Tiffany Slaughter.

Briefly, she recounted the way in which CNU has metamorphosed. She cited the immense changes on campus given erection of the new residence buildings and the



RYAN BURKE/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Graduates Jennifer Goodgame and Sam Hanks pass by friends and congratulate each other.

successful debut of the Fergu-

the podium over to Trible, son Center for the Arts. who awarded the Gregory P. After a string of gracious Klich Academic Achievement words to students and fac-Award to Melissa Elliott, for ulty who have helped bring earning the highest grade about change, Slaughter gave point average.

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On campus

TUITION AND ROOM AND BOARD INCREASE

BY NICK MIRABAL

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CNU tuition and housing expenses are set to increase for the 2006-2007 academic year. This will support new student opportunities as well as the operations of new facilities on campus, according to Executive Vice President Bill Brauer.

"We're bringing new buildings online and so we have to pay for debt services, like campus utilities and operations," said Brauer. "This is what the comprehensive fee pays for."

The coming fall 2006 semester is going to be a benchmark in CNU's history given the opening of the brand new Student Union and the eventual completion of the long-awaited Captain John Smith Library

Since 2002, CNU has erected three residence halls—the Village, Potomac River North and South, and York River East and West. These new fixtures of campus have helped the school grow approximately a third in size. This is excluding the new academic buildings under construction and the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

"A lot of schools are now following suit and are building new residence halls, and as a younger school the opportunities available to us are much greater,"

Now that nearly all students seeking housing on campus have been accommodated, the annual room-and-board is now about \$8,200 for the new-year and the price of the yearly housing deposit will be upped from

This puts tuition and housing in tandem to a total of \$13,326 for in-state and \$20,398 for out-of-state. The combination of full-time in-state tuition and room and board make CNU the fourth highest university in terms of

DINING SERVICES UPDATE

BY REGINA CERIMELE REGINA.CERIMELE.04@CNU.EDU

While most students were at home recovering from exam week on May 15, the three-month review of CNU's Dining Services was finally concluded, as the Dining Services Advisory Committee recommended to President Paul Trible Ir, that Dining Services remain self operated at CNU. The administration decided to see whether a new dining service option would be better for the

"I am pleased to report that the president has accepted the committee's recommendation and that this process has now concluded," said the Advisory Committee Chairman and CNU Executive Vice President Bill Brauer.

This decision comes after the University had already received contract proposals of pre-selected vendors during the month of April, and as previously announced by Brauer, should the decision have been made to contract out CNU's Dining Services, the University would then have chosen a contractor from those selected vendors.

Under the direction of Brauer, the committee conducted its own personal review of CNU's self-operated Dining Services in hopes of determining whether contracting out those services would be more in keeping with the needs of the university, said Brauer in his first e-mail announcement to the University regarding the issue.

Speaking on behalf of the Advisory Committee's members, Brauer stated that the decision to keep Dining Services self-operated was reflective of a strong performance by Dining Services during the review and the positive feedback from by CNU students and staff.

"It is evident from the work of the committee that our Dining Services is one of the best in the state and our people are exceptional," said Brauer in closing his E-mail announcement to the University.



CNU Police 101

FAST FACTS ABOUT UNIVERSITY POLICE SERVICES

University Police officers are available 24-7 for escorting students around campus if you don't feel safe walking alone.

Call boxes are located around campus to contact the University Police for an escort or in case of an emergency.

University Police are located at 340 Prince Drew Road.

The emergency telephone number is (757) 594-7777, and the non-emergency number is (757)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



CNU crew leader Jake Hull and Setting Sail freshmen spread their wings in honor of the Saunder's Plaza geese.

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Names in the news

'KILL BILL' ACTRESS PROTESTS WAREHOUSE

Police Tuesday forcibly removed "Kill Bill" star Daryl Hannah from sitting in a tree on the grounds of the 14-acre inner city L.A. urban farm that capitalist landowner Ralph Horowitz wants

to turn into a warehouse. All sorts of celebrities have voiced outrage and solidarity about the situation. (Joan Baez took a tree seat there recently.)

Tuesday's protest featured dozens of chanting protesters, who've been squatting on the land to prevent its conversion, and 120 protest-busting deputies. It yielded 39 arrests _ it's not clear whether Hannah was one of them.

"I'm very confident this is the morally right thing to do, to take a principled stand in solidarity with the farmers," Hannah told the Associated

Press by cell phone before the fire truck raised police into her tree.

BARBRA STREISAND **UPSETS CONCERT GOERS**

According to the New York Daily News, now that Barbra Streisand has announced a surprise comeback/farewell tour, some fans who saw Babs' last farewell/retirement tour are mulling over filing a class action lawsuit on the grounds that they shelled out green (tickets this time around go for up to \$750) to see the singer for the "very last time" the very last time she toured.

ANALYZING **BRANGELINETTE'S TEE**

USA Today is running an in-depth analysis of the T-shirt that Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt wore for her \$7 million People magazine cover

photo. It's a "trendy vintagewashed, raw-seamed gray T-shirt," which "bears the images of a skull and cross spoons, pots and pans, and the words 'The Pots & Pans Band' scrawled over a pair of angel wings."

It was designed by Kingsley Aarons, who will now be famous. The shirt's gray color, the magazine says, suggests Brangelina "refuses to buy into traditional pink vs. blue gender stereotyping."

SLIM SHADY BACK ON THE BIG SCREEN

Motor City rapper Eminem is going silver screen again. but this time, he's leaving the "8 Mile" musical bildungsroman behind to play a bad-boy hunter in an adaptation of the '50s boob-tube western, "Have Gun-Will Travel," Variety says. The show, which starred Richard Boone, was about this

smooth-guy, oddly literate San Francisco pro gunfighter for hire.

JAY-Z NO LONGER A CRISTAL FAN

It's crystal clear to Jay-Z that his love affair with Cristal has been poisoned. Beyonce's beau has taken offense at comments Frederic Rouzaud, managing director of Louis Roederer, which produces the \$500-plus-a-bottle swill, made to The Economist about hip-hop stars' lust for

the bubbly brand. "That's a good question, but what can we do? We can't forbid people from buying it," Rouzaud said when asked how he felt about the Cristal and rap common-law marriage.

racist," Jay-Z said.

"I view his comments as

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Mystic Stars June 19-25

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IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK: Career expansion will be an ongoing theme for the next few months. After almost two years of slow progress, financial delays or employment mistakes, key officials will now accept past applications or offer permanent permissions. Over the summer months, loved ones will also provide new levels of acceptance: expect key relationships, both romantic and social, to dramatically expand between August and late October. Marital status,

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daily obligations and housing agreements may also change. Early in 2007, an important series of financial or business decisions will demand attention. Make sure outstanding agreements are finalized no later than March 11th, and expect progress to continue throughout much of the following 18 months.



ARIES (March 21- April 20) Renewed confidence will soon be a continuing theme. After a brief but intense phase of strained work relations, business and social disappointments will no longer trigger delays or restrictions. Carefully examine past mistakes and move on: this is not the right time to linger over yesterday's wounds, broken promises or conflicts. Late Friday, a close friend or lover may offer a unique compliment. Respond honestly: deep feelings of isolation or mistrust now need to be clarified.



TAURUS (April 21- May 20) Over the next few days, a reluctant friend or lover will explain their recent social or romantic hesitation. Listen closely for subtle indications of fear, restlessness or doubt. Someone close may need to thoroughly examine their past family patterns or social history. Provide encouragement and expect loved ones to soon adopt an improved attitude. Thursday through Sunday, older relatives will expect extra social loyalty and devotion. Plan enjoyable family gatherings: all is well.



GEMINI (May 21- June 21) Private romantic encounters will this week prove emotionally rewarding. After several weeks of insecurity or vague responses from loved ones, complex passions will now rise quickly to the surface. After Tuesday, expect obvious displays of affection and sudden overtures. Stay alert: in the coming weeks serious decisions may be needed. Wednesday through Saturday highlight fast business invitations and new job offers. Remain cautious: financial details may require discussion.



CANCER (June 22- July 22) Large purchases or property agreements will this week require careful planning. Although all is well, pay special attention to hidden expenses, timed payments or long-term contracts. Study new documents before committing extra resources. After mid-week, social activities will increase: ask loved ones for concrete dates, times or promises. For many Cancerians, a four-month phase of social or romantic disappointment is now ending. Don't hesitate to press for reliable decisions.



LEO (July 23- Aug. 22) Relationships that are intended to leave your life will now begin almost five days of émotional negotiation or family dispute. Minor conflicts may include factual details, written numbers or small calculations. Wait, however, before offering final decisions or bold opinions. After Thursday, gathered information or private comments will prove revealing: remain dedicated to yesterday's promises and all will be well. Late Saturday, a key financial decision is needed: be flexible.



VIRGO (Aug. 23- Sept. 22) Potential lovers or new friends may this week reveal deep feelings of attraction. After Tuesday, intimate relationships will progress rapidly: expect fast invitations, sudden proposals or unique overtures. Some Virgos may also be asked to witness a private family event. All is well: accept new invitations as an indication of increasing trust. Late Saturday, a younger relative may be sensitive to newly revealed public information. Avoid gossip: low confidence may be at issue.



LIBRA (Sept. 23- Oct. 23) Workplace relationships and business contracts may now bring new friendships into your life. This week, some Librans will expand their daily activities or adopt a renewed appreciation of group events. Friends and lovers will boldly ask for your opinions: use this time to explore unique encounters and accept social compliments. Thursday through Sunday, a close relative may be unusually nostalgic. Old memories and past friendships are accented: offer meaningful support.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24- Nov. 22) Optimism and physical vitality will now dramatically increase. After several weeks of sluggish responses and lagging confidence, expect both business and social relationships to improve. In the coming weeks, verbal promises will no longer be misleading: opt for fresh attitudes, rekindled affections and revised expectations. Friday through Sunday, an older relative may ask for delicate social advice. Family triangles and strained parent/child relationships are highlighted: stay calm.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23- Dec. 21) Long-term commitments will this week need to be publicly affirmed or repeated. Loved ones now expect added devotion and new social loyalty concerning recent family disagreements or home disputes. Over the next 16 days, tensions may be unavoidable: find positive ways to increase group harmony and wait for new emotional rules to be established. Thursday through Sunday, romantic and social invitations will increase. Stay open: fresh options will soon be presented.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20) News from distant friends or past colleagues now requires a fast response. Group invitations, family celebrations or unique reunions may be on the agenda. Time schedules and special promises are essential: after Wednesday, demand reliable promises from romantic partners or relatives. Late Thursday, finances need review. Remain dedicated to original agreements: this is not the right time to ask for special favors, challenge long-term contracts or renegotiate loans.

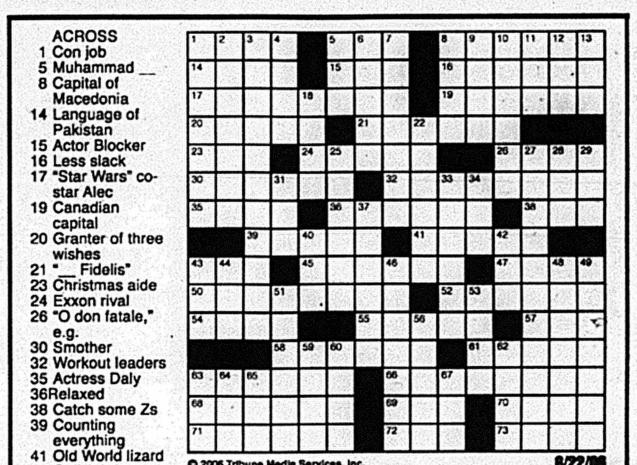


AQUARIUS (Jan. 21- Feb. 19) Chronic health problems, unexpected family disputes or dental ailments are accented over the next three days. Rest, pamper the body and avoid complex decisions, if possible. For some Aquarians, this brief period of irritability indicates a subtle but meaningful emotional clearing. Study dreams closely for valuable clues. After Thursday, romantic attraction is unavoidable. A friend or colleague may wish to move a relationship to a deeper level. New overtures will prove exciting: stay open.



PISCES (Feb. 20- March 20) Before mid-week, love affairs are emotionally compelling but mildly unethical. Enjoy unique flirtations but avoid complex social decisions. Some Pisceans, especially those born late in February, may also experience the dramatic return of a past lover. If so, expect little to have changed and remain dedicated to positive present day goals. Late Friday, daily habits and business routines need to be revised. Stay focused: loved ones will expect continued devotion.

Crossword



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A College Girl Named Joe

BY AARON WARNER











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"New Creative Voices"
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through June 30.

MUSIC

Dashboard Confessional releases new CD
"Dusk and Summer"
June 26.

ART

Art-Cade Gallery hosts "Hollywood Film as Fine Art" through the month of June.







ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT | THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006



Fergusial performers scheduled for the

SEASON PREVIEW | A brief glimpse of the varied performers scheduled for the upcoming 2006-2007 season at the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

BY CHANELLE LAYMAN
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Whoopi Goldberg, the Joffrey Ballet and the Glenn Miller Orchestra may not seem to have anything in common at first glance. However, these artists and dozens more will join the list of performers scheduled for the 2006-2007 season at the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

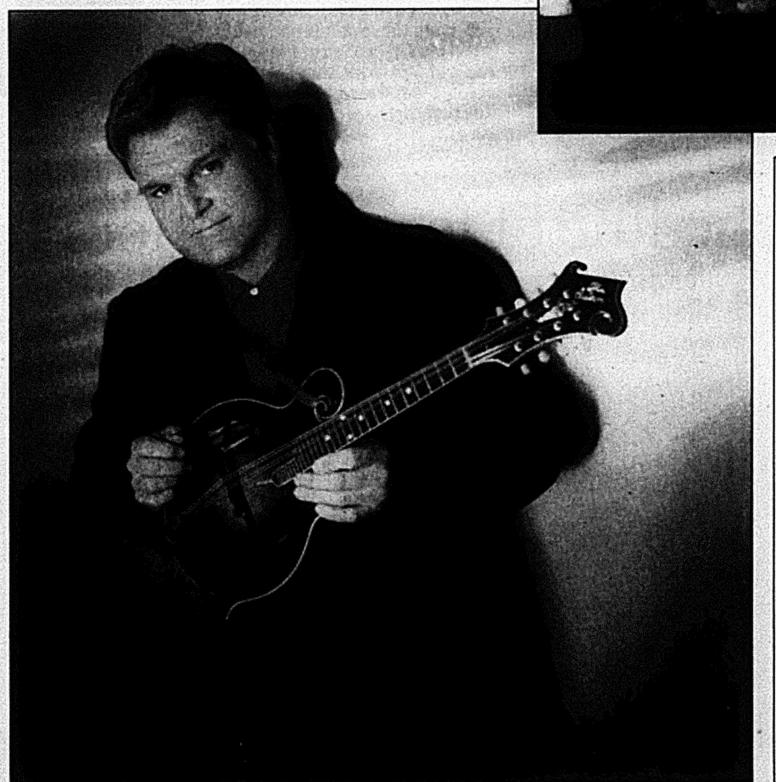
With last year's season drawing in over 100,000 patrons and \$3.5 million, the Ferguson Center for the Arts established itself as a respected venue. According to executive director Bill Biddle, "The goal is to create a world-class center by offering different things for different people.

To achieve this goal, next year's line-up boasts several international artists, including the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, the Bulgarian State Opera, the Kodo Drummers of Japan and the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, among others. "We're building an international reputation," said Biddle.

The international community is not the only one to benefit from the upcoming season. Students experience an opportunity called "only at CNU," said Biddle. "They have the opportunity to attend workshops with these famous artists. Even if you attended Julliard or

CNU can."
A detailed schedule can be found online at www.fergu soncenter.org and tickets will be available in August.

Northwestern, you wouldn't experience what students at COURTEST OF WWW.SOWETOGOSPELCHOIR.COM, WWW.THEBEACHBOYS.COM, WWW.SKAGGSFAMILYRECORDS.COM Above: The Soweto Gospel Choir. Right: The Beach Boys. Below: Ricky Skaggs.



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Cute is What We Aim For, 7 p.m., The NorVA

July 3

Lifehouse, 730 p.m., The NorVa

July 10

Houston Calls, 7 p.m., The NorVa

July 27 MxPx and Reel Big Fish, 630 p.m.,

The NorVa

Bouling For Soup, 730 p.m., The NorVa

July 29

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The Format, 7 p.m, The NorVa

August 6 The Rentals, 8 p.m., The NorVa

August 12

Dashboard Confession

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August 18 Paramore, 7 p.m., The NorVa

August 25 Hells Bells, 7 p.m., The NorVa

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June 23

"Click," "Waist Deep," "The Great New Wonderful"

June 28 ~ "Superman Returns,""Strangers

with Candy*

June 30

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"Pirates of the Caribbean 2,""A

Scanner Darkly"

July 23

"Monster House," "My Super Ex-Girlfriend"

Girlfrier

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Tucker Must Die,""Flicka"

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"The Baryard," "The Night Listener"

August 11 "Zoom," "World Trade Center,"

"Step Up,""Accepted"
August 18

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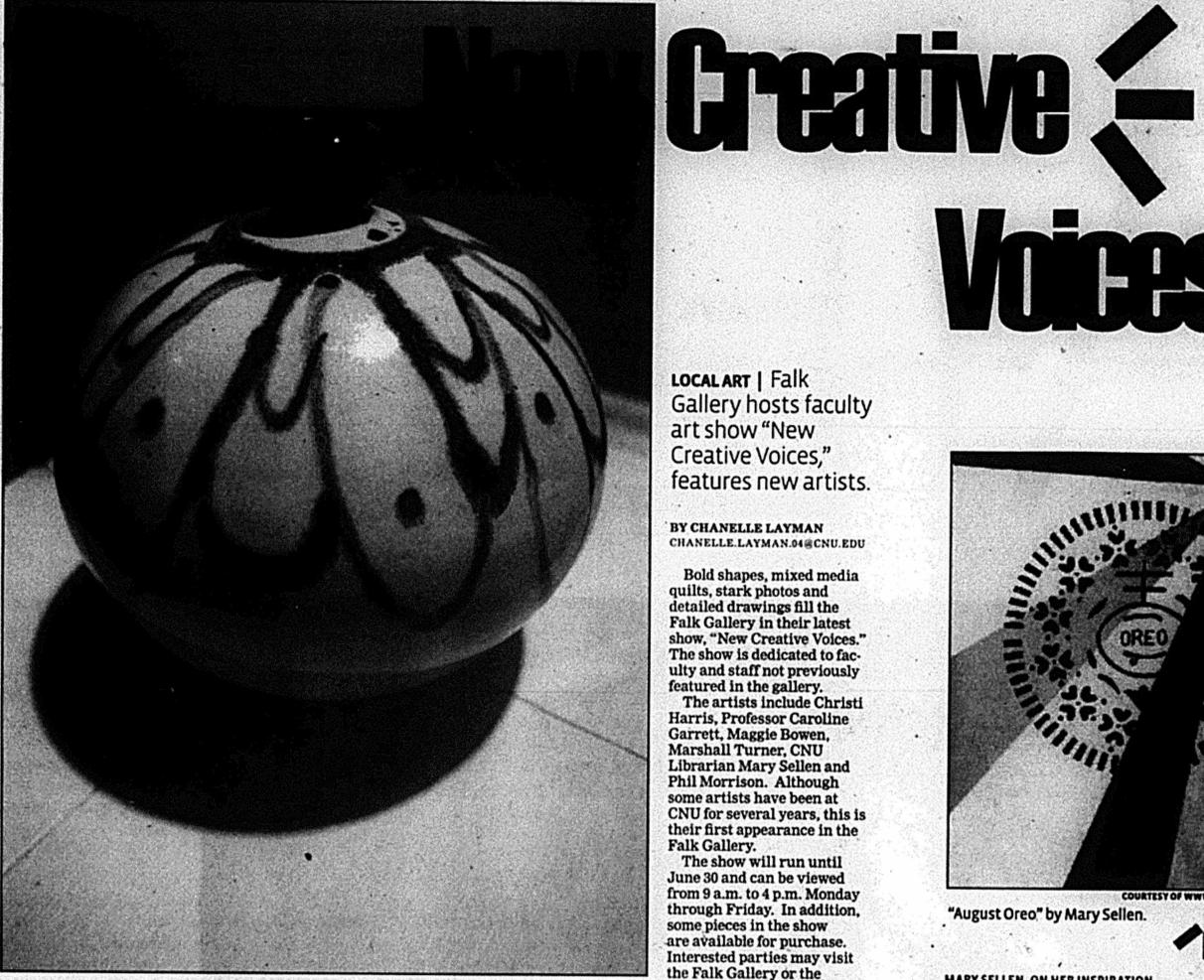
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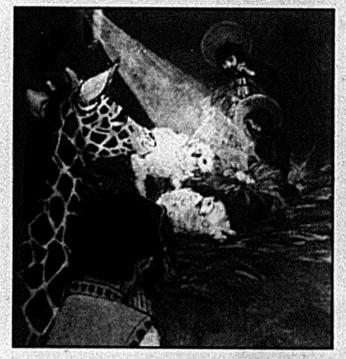
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footwear slogan "just do it" to heart



CHANELLE LAYMAN/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Above: "Small bottle/browns" by Marshall Turner. Below: "Illustrations from Jeremiah" by Caroline Garrett.



MAGGIE BOWEN, ON HER FAVORITE ARTIST

I don't have one favorite artist. It depends on my mood or interest at the moment this question is posed. I will admit that I am inspired by the strength and dedication of Georgia O'Keeffe, the guts and endurance of Frida Kahlo, the technical skills and innovations of quilters Michael James and Nancy Crow and the linear definition of Albrecht Durer. And last but not least, I am inspired daily by my students; whether they are in the initial stages of skill development and having an "Ah ha" moment or in full recognition of their skills and finding their voice to make a statement though this form of visual literacy we call art.





"Barrier Reef" by Maggie Bowen.

CHRISTI HARRIS, ON HER INSPIRATION

LOCAL ART | Falk

art show "New

Creative Voices,"

BY CHANELLE LAYMAN CHANELLE.LAYMAN.04@CNU.EDU

Gallery hosts faculty

features new artists.

Bold shapes, mixed media quilts, stark photos and detailed drawings fill the Falk Gallery in their latest show, "New Creative Voices."

ulty and staff not previously

The show will run until

Department of Fine Art's for

more information.

The artists include Christi

To combine the beautiful and appetizing with the grotesque. The Brobdingnagian scaled icing refers to a beauty that at a certain scale becomes grotesque due to imperfections and air-pockets in the material. The process of making the supports and images drew upon traditionally female roles, those of sewing and cooking. Although these paintings have been photographed in the style of a 3d work, they hang flat against the wall. Some of the paintings are painted on all 5 faces.





CHANELLE LAYMAN/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG "Lavender Icing" by Christi Harris.

Summer schedule of festivals offers free fun



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Sand takes shape in the Annual American Sandsculpting Competition held Sept. 29 to Oct. 1.

FESTIVAL FUN | Summer guide to local weekend fun for all.

BY CHANELLE LAYMAN CHANELLE LAYMAN.04@CNU.EDU

From the well-known hot spots to the best-kept secrets, this is your guide to this season's free, fun, and nearby festivals.

June 24

Mid-Atlantic Wakeboard Series: Oak Grove Lake Park. near Volvo Parkway and Byron, Chesapeake, VA 23320; Registration from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

July 15

15th Annual Ocean View Crab & Seafood Festival; Oceanview Beach Park, 100 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503; 12 p.m. to

July 22

Chalk the Walk ARTsplosion!; Virginia Beach Boardwalk, 24th St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451; 4X4 chalk drawings

July 29-30

Virginia Caribbean Carnival; Chesapeake City Park, 500 Greenbrier Parkway. Chesapeake, VA 23322: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunrise to Sunset Acoustic Music Festival; Town Point Park, Waterside Drive. Norfolk, VA 23510; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

August 4-5

24th Annual Norfolk Jazz Fest; Town Point Park, 1 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

6th Annual Norfolk Latino Music Festival: Town Point Park, 1 Waterside Dr., Norfolk, VA 23510; 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

August 25

Soul Music Beachfest; 24th Street Stage, 24th St. Virginia Beach, VA 23451

September 1-4

Verizon Wireless American Music Festival; Virginia Beach Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

September 8-10

Hampton Bay Days; Downtown Hampton, Hampton, VA 23669; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

September 16-17

Umojo Festival; nTelos Pavilion at Harbor Center; 901 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704

Top spots for those dog days of summer

GETAWAYS | TOP 10 best bets to get away from it all.

BY ALIYA ALTAFULLAH ALIYA.ALTAFULLAH.04@CNU.EDU

1. Miniature Golf

There are a number of different mini-golf courses in Newport News, Williamsburg, Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Putting is a great activity for a large group or just a couple. Not only is it affordable, but it's tons of fun. Visit www.miniaturegolfer.com/us_courses for more information.

2. Sandy Bottom Nature Park

Only a ten-minute drive from campus, Sandy Bottom Nature Park is a great place to spend a relaxing afternoon with friends or loved ones. In addition to the two lakes and wooded trails, the park has exhibits, classroom programs and tours. There are paths for hiking and cycling; a fishing pier; bicycle, boat, paddle boat and canoe rentals; sheltered picnic area by reservation; open camping sites as well as tent cabins with cots; gardens and a gift shop. Go to www.hampton. gov/sandybottom and check out their calendar of events for more information.

3. Beaches

One of the greatest things about CNU is it's location to the water. We are surrounded by great beaches for any activity-whether it be fishing, swimming or just. sunning. Huntington, Yorktown and Buckroe beach are the closest, all within 20 minutes of campus. For beach treats, nightlife and wave jumping you'll have to head out a little further to Virginia Beach. And if true relaxation is what you're looking for, most don't know that the Outer Banks are only an hour and a half away. If the drive is too much. pack up a tent and a couple of sleeping bags to crash on

the beach for the night. Most campsites at the outer banks are only about \$10-20 per tent

4. Jillian's in Waterside

Waterside is a town center located about 40 minutes away in downtown Norfolk. Situated right on the bay. Waterside offers a handful of bars, restaurants and night clubs. Jillian's is basically a Chuck-e-Cheese for adults. You can enjoy Skeeball, arcade games and even win prizes. By night, Jillian's turns into a dance club with occasional live music. Check it out at www.watersidebars.

5. Colonial Williamsburg

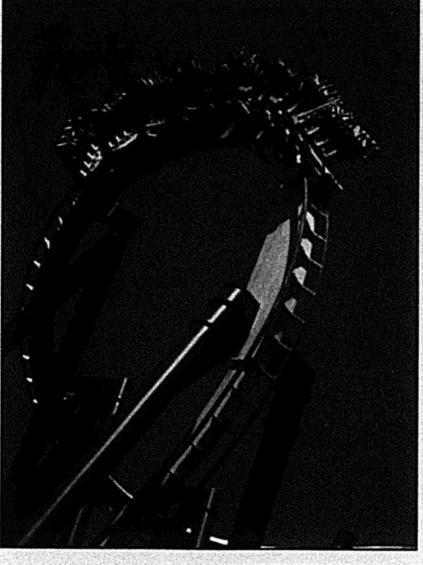
Only a 20-30 minute drive away, Colonial Williamsburg offers a number of enjoyable activities. Grab a gourmet sandwich at The Cheese Shop, or catch a walking tour to explore downtown. If you're in the mood to shop. The Williamsburg Outlet Mall offers over 40 stores with discount prices. Learn more at www.colonialwilliamsburg.com.

6. SPCA/Petting Zoo

The Peninsula SPCA is a five-minute drive from campus, located on J Clyde Morris Boulevard. If you want to adopt a pet, the SPCA is the place to go. However, they also have a small exotic animal sanctuary and petting zoo for only \$3 a person. Visit with llamas. kangaroos, goats and more. You can also walk through the main building and visit with the puppies and kitties up for adoption. For more details, go to their website at www.peninsulaspca.com.

7. Mariner's Museum & Park

Most people don't know that the largest Maritime museum in North America is practically in our backyard. Their calendar of events features a number of activi-



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Apollo's Chariot at Busch Gardens Williamsburg takes passengers a total of 825 feet over nine camelback humps.

ties including movies, tours and free concerts. Admission is \$8, but they always have coupons on their website for discounted rates. If you just want to enjoy the scenery, go for a walk on the Noland Trail. The area is quiet. peaceful and a beautiful location to picnic a sunny afternoon. More information can be found at www. mariner.org.

Busch Gardens

This well-known theme park is located right outside of Newport News, and is only a 30-minute drive from campus. Although singlevisit tickets tend to get a little pricey, they do have specials every now and then if you keep an eye out. If you can make it out to Busch Gardens more than once. however, Virginia residents are eligible for a terrific deal. A fun pass, which costs about \$60 (nearly the price of a single day pass) will grant you unlimited visits for the rest of the summer. They also have summer concerts, festivals and a water park. Go to their Web-site for more information: www.buschgar dens.com.

9. AMF Bowling

If you're on campus without transportation, you may feel doomed never to enjoy what Newport News has to offer. Not true. AMF Bowling lanes are walking distance to campus, and even closer than some of the on-campus housing!

If you want to add even more excitement, go on the weekends at 10pm for Xtreme (or Cosmic) Bowling. If you're trying to save even more cash, stop in on Mondays and Wednesdays when they offer a CNU Student discount. Check out their website at www.amf. com/hidenwoodlanes for details.

10. Virginia Zoo

Located in Norfolk, the Virginia Zoo offers a great weekend of fun. A \$7 admission ticket allows you to walk through the labyrinth of exotic animals including elephants, African lions, a number of primates and more. They also have beautiful rose and butterfly gardens as well as fountains to sit and enjoy. Visit www. virginiazoo.com.

More bang for your buck with your student ID

MONEY SAVER | Keep those hard-earned or well-begged dollars with your student discount.

BY ALIYA ALTAFULLAH ALJYA.ALTAFULLAH.04@CNU.EDU

These days, being a college student on a budget is no easy task. Luckily for us, our small city tries to cater to CNU students. In fact, many establishments in the area will gladly offer a student discount if you just flash that handy ID of yours.

Whether it be at a restaurant, movie theatre or one of many other businesses in the area, you're sure to find an affordable way enjoy the frivolities you might have thought out of reach.

Subway Station is a fantastic sandwich shop located directly on the other side of Warwick Boulevard. Order any six inch sub and your CNU ID will get you a free soft

drink. Order a foot long sub, and you get a free bag of chips, too.

Plaza Azteca is another CNU

favorite. Located on Warwick Boulevard, Plaza offers delicious and authentic Mexican food at an extremely affordable price. They make it even more affordable when they offer a 10% CNU discount with ID.

Now, the deal is not available everyday, so make sure you keep an eye out for the black and white marquee out front of the building to see exactly when you'll be able to save that extra cash.

If food isn't what you're looking for, there are still a number of other affordable options in the Hampton Roads area. The AMC 24 is one of the nicest movie theatre chains in the Hampton Roads area and with 24 different screening rooms, you're sure to find a movie that fits your

mood. Tickets are \$7.50 with a student ID, and if you want to save even more, you can always catch a matinee show.

If your stomach craves more than just popcorn at the theatre, check out The Cinema Café. Located in Hampton, the Cinema Café is a different way to enjoy a movie. It offers a full menu including burgers, sandwiches, pastas and more. Order your food and eat it while you watch the latest big flick. The best part is, the student discount price is only \$4.

There are also a variety of other places that your student status will come in handy. Tiki Mon Nail & Tan offers a CNU price list tailored to students. Body & Sol Tanning near Oyster Point Road also offers discounted prices with a student ID.

Many establishments in the area have "Student Nights" regularly, where all college students can benefit. AMF Bowling is right next to campus and offers great deals

on Mondays and Wednesdays for CNU students. For night

owls. most of the clubs in Waterside

(a hopping portion of Norfolk just 40 minutes away) have college nights with free admission.

For example, you don't need a dime to hang at Have a Nice Day Café on Tuesdays if you make it before 11 p.m. Also, Bar of Norfolk has a college night on Wednesdays. Managing your money

during college doesn't have to be difficult. Just keep your eyes peeled for opportunities where a student discount might be redeemed. Many places that offer discounts don't broadcast it.

If you're ever in doubt, don't hesitate to ask. There are plenty of opportunities in and around Newport News where you can save a buck or two-and these days, every penny counts!

Cliches, forced acting make for a bad 'Omen'

MOVIE REVIEW Predictable plot, poor acting prove less than ominous.

BY ERIN ROLL ERIN.ROLL.04@CNU.EDU

It's common knowledge in the film business that sequels and remakes rarely live up to the original.

However, 'The Omen,' John Moore's remake of the 1976 film of the same name. sets new standards for both horrible sequels and horrible films in general.

Ominous billboards promoted the June 6, 2006 release of the film, reading "666," creepily mimicking the satanic number.

the ads, it comes across as a kind of sick joke on screen.

The story begins with the usual scenario. A comet appears in the night sky over the Vatican, and it is promptly deemed the latest in the series of events, which are supposed to preclude the Apocalypse.

Some time later, Robert Thorne (Liev Schrieber), the deputy U.S. ambassador to Italy and his wife Kate (Julia Stiles) have just become the proud parents of a baby boy.

However, the child mysteriously dies right after the birth, and a priest who just so happens to be in the maternity ward begs Schrieber to secretly adopt another baby boy, whose mother has just died.

Against all common sense,

baby and raise him as his own son. Even at this stage the audience knows that's a really bad idea.

Schrieber and Stiles name the lad Damien, and life goes on ordinarily enough for five years, and then all hell breaks loose, so to speak. Damien is the foretold son of Satan.

The film pretty much goes down the tubes after the first 20 minutes.

What follows is nothing more than a succession of occult booby traps that would be much more at home in a Goosebumps book.

Buried beneath the clichés and the wretched acting is a storyline in which Schrieber takes a journey back to Italy and to Israel to figure out why his son seems so evil.

I don't know why he both-

ered taking the trip.

He learns exactly why (that his son is the spawn of Lucifer) at least 45 minutes earlier, but that wouldn't make for a suitably dramatic film, now would it?

Schrieber and Stiles deliver a performance that is so forced and wooden that it is laughable. When Schrieber receives any sort of bad, heartbreaking news, the supposed look of anguish on his face is more indicative of constipation.

In all other scenes, he shows no facial expression other than a slightly menacing poker face.

Stiles, for her part, puts on a marginally better show, but her emotions seem to alternate between spaced-out and just barely seething, with precious little else in between.

It is also impossible to believe that the parents have been letting their child's bizarre behavior go unnoticed.

Even after Damien goes berserk and attacks his mother, causing her to bleed from the forehead, the parents act like it's nothing more than a routine temper

tantrum. "The Omen" suffers from an overdose of horror/occult movie plot devices forcibly ripped from other films and inserted chockablock into

this movie. Here, you will find the mandatory fresh-faced young child possessed by the devil. the stereotyped nervous priest who goes off his head at the first glimpse of Armageddon, the vicious black dog who's tired of fetching

slippers in hell (in The Omen there are no less than four such beasts)-the list goes on

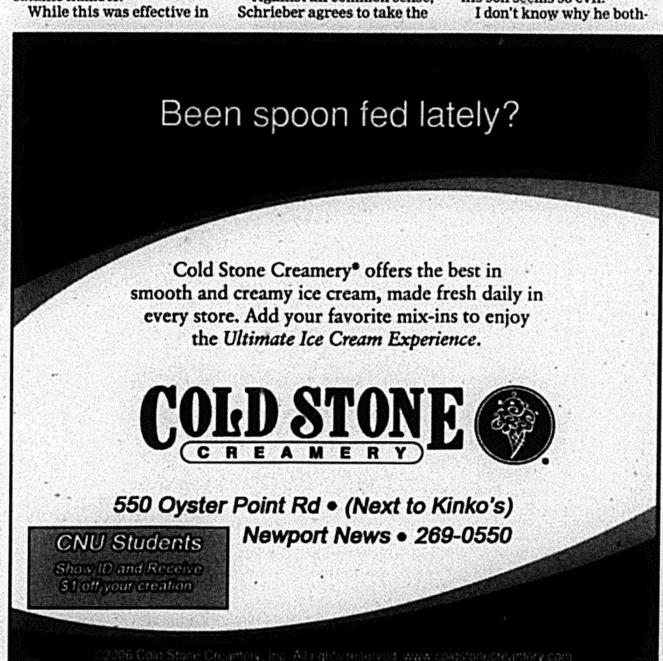
Many of the plot devices aren't even properly integrated into the movie.

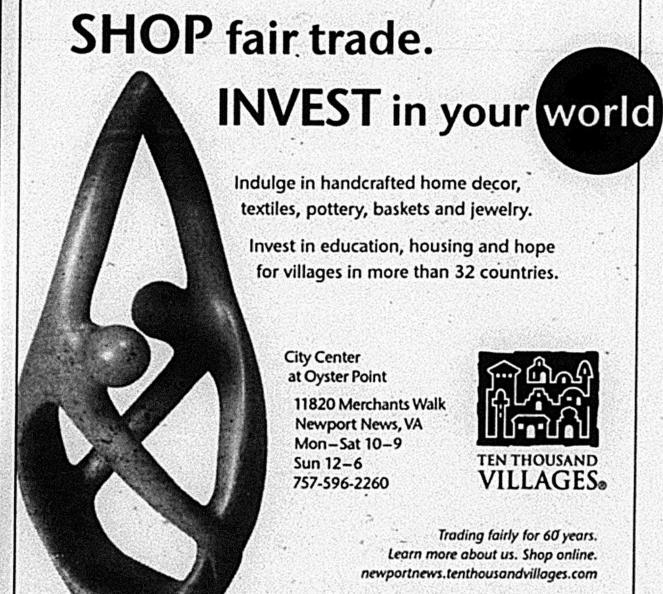
It is almost as if the filmmakers sat down and said, "Okay, we'll put in a black dog here, a flash of lightning there, an upside-down crucifix here, and a grave-robbing here."

This film is chocked with more clichés and cheap scare tactics than you could shake a crucifix at.

There is only one, truly scary thing about "The Omen"—the prospect that this remake could ever be remade.

From all abysmal horror movies, may the Lord deliver





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SPORTS SCORES

baseball

(19-20, 9-9)

Finals:

4/30 York 5, CNU 1 4/30 York 5, CNU 1

1	Methodist	13-6	20-17
2.	N.C. Wesleyar	11.7	31-19
3.	Ferrum	10-8	31-11-1
4.	Greensboro	10-8	27-16
5	CNU	9-9	19-20
6.	Shenandoah	7:11	25:18
7.	Averett	3-15	13:27

softball

(23-17,6-8)

4/16 Shenandoah 4, CNU 3

Rankings		
1. Methodist	13-1	39-5
2. Greensboro	11-3	29.15
3. Ferrum	8-6	23-21
4. N.C. Wesleyan	6-8	20-18
S. CNU	6-8	23.17
6. Peace	5-9	23:17
7. Averett	4-10	11-29
8. Shenandoah	3-11	15-28

women's lacrosse (11-8, 5-1)

Finals:

Washington & Lee 19, CNU 9

Rankings

1.	Greensboro	6-0	10-6
2	CNU	5-1	11-8
3.	Methodist	4.2	11-4
4.	Averett	3-3	9.7
5.	Shenandoah	2-4	6-8
6.	N.C. Wesleyan	1-5	3.12
7.	Ferrum	0-6	3-9

women's tennis (16-1, 6-1)

Finals:

4/15 CNU 6, Methodist 1

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1.	Methodist	7-0	16-5
2	CNU	6-1	16-1
3.	Shenandoah	5.2	8-5
4.	Peace	4-3	7:12
5.	Greensboro	3.4	7.10
6.	Ferrum	2.5	4.10
7.	N.C. Wesleyan	1-6	2-12
8.	Averett	0.7	0-13

men's tennis (14-6, 6-0)

Finals:

4/15: CNU 4, Methodist 2

Rankings		
1. CNU	6-0	14-6
2. Methodist	5.1	17-6
3. Averett	4-2	8-12
4. Ferrum	3-3	12-7
5 Greensboro	2-4	4-11
6. Shenandoah	1-5	3-13
7. N.C. Wesleyan	0-6	2:12

track&field

(14-6, 6-0)

Finals:

4/22: CNU 4 way invitational Women's 800 m Dash M.Fogharty-2nd Place Women's 4x400 Relay M. Winters-2nd Place D. Alston T. Jones K Simon Women's Pole Vault S. Prakken-1st Place K. Schreiner- 2nd Place Women's Shot Put R.Clark-1st Place C.Rollins-4th Place Men's 200 m Dash G. Jones-1st Place M. Griffis-2nd Place Men's 1500 m Run K.Oakes-1st Place C.Scott-3rd Place J. Hutchenson-4th Place Men's 400 m Hurdles D.Swale-3rd Place Men's High Jump J.Owens-1st Place Men's Pole Vault LJustin-1st Place Men's Long Jump R.Rodriguez-2nd Place N.Robinson-3rd Place I.Bell-4th Place Men's Triple Jump I.Bell-2nd Place

Men's Discus Throw

K.Boggs-1st Place

Women's Shot Put

R.Clark-4th Place

5/25-27: NCAA Championship

Team Rankings

Mens-ard

Womens-3rd

Fresh start for new coaches

SUMMER BREAK | In preparation for the upcoming seasons, most coaches have spent their time hiring additional staff. The biggest new addition has been the hiring of Tyler Wingard, the new Track and Field Head coach.

BY BRIAN BENISON BBENISON@CNU.EDU

Track & Field

Director of Athletics CJ Woollum announced the hiring of Tyler Wingard as the school's track and field head coach this past Wednesday.

Wingard replaces interim head coach Louis Johnson, whose short-lived tenure was marked by a Coach of the Year title and a number of successful awarded athletes.

Johnson led the team to numerous first-place marks at meets in both the indoor and outdoor track season.

Wingard brings strong credentials to his new post having originally coached track and field at a Division 1 school, Valparaiso University.

During his tenure his athletes broke 44 records and 81 earned all Mid-Continent Conference honors which include 13 conference titles and two championship relays.

The track team completed their season with several athletes attending the NCAA National Championship.

The event was highlighted by freshman Rachel Clark earning fourth in the nation for the Women's shotput.

In addition, junior Rob Rodriguez earned South Region Field Athlete of the Football

Head Coach Matt Kelchner

Tommy Fitzgerald, the first tight ends Coach.

Joshua Lustig, a recent

Chris Tolbert will serve

Finally, Leon Taylor will be ber 2nd versus Rowan.

Men's Lacrosse

Head Coach Chris Swanen-Lacrosse team.

Prior to his hiring, Sinclair served as an offensive coordinator for the Lynchburg Hor-

The team will begin their first season in Spring 2007.

The softball team had three players named to the First Team All-State; second baseman freshman Katie

announced the addition of four new assistant coaches for the 2006 season.

All-American in CNU Football history, was hired as a

graduate and former team captain from William and Mary, will take a position as wide receivers Coach.

in two positions, a recruiting coordinator and a special teams coach.

joining the staff as a running backs coach. The football season will open on Septem-

burg announced the hiring of Andy Sinclair as assistant head coach of the Men's

Softball

Runners take their marks at a track meet. Interim head coach of the track team Louis Johnson helped prepare the team for meets this year.

McQueen and utility player senior Andrea Rohde. They had a batting average

of .381, .351 and .378 respectively. In addition to being named

all state, Moyers was also named 2006 USA South Rookie of the Year.

Women's Lacrosse

For the first time in history, the lacrosse team has produced two All-Region players, junior midfielder Kristyn Hankins and junior attacker

Moyers, shortstop senior C.J. Kristen Conques.

Hankins earned second team all region and Conques earned first team.

In addition, both were named to first team All State. The women's lacrosse team went 11-8, 5-1 in the USA South

and won the Conference. They were defeated by Washington & Lee 19-9 in the

Baseball

first round of NCAA play.

Four athlete from the baseball team were named to the All-State team.

One earned first team all state recognition and the other three earned second team recognition.

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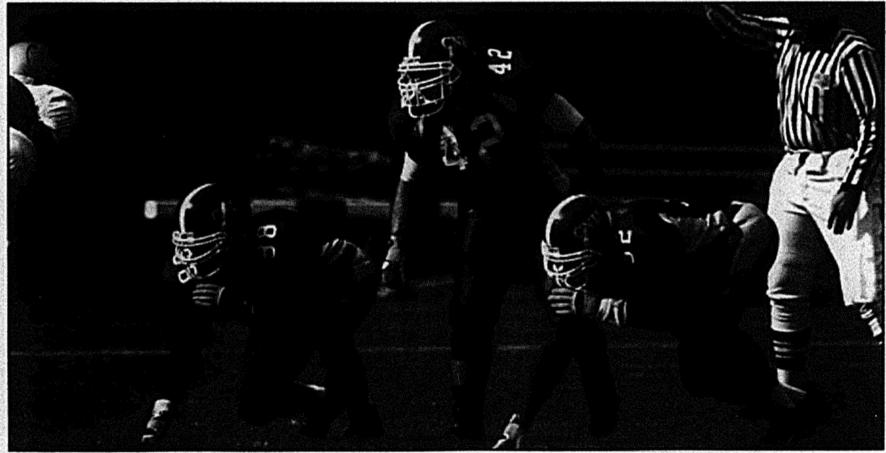
Senior John Corbin was named the First Team as a first baseman.

The other three named were shortstop freshman Trae Bailey, outfielder freshman Mike Giarrizzi, and pitcher sophomore Kenny Moreland. Giarrizzi was also named

2006 Rookie of the Year.

Information from http://athletics.cnu.edu

Football All American Justin Wood graduates with big future plans



Number 42 Justin Wood lines up a few steps off the line of scrimmage. Wood led the football team in tackles for four years and made 1st team for the All USA South for three years.

PLAYER PROFILE | CNU Alumnus Justin Wood has developed many things over the past four years including a degree in history. But his biggest development was probably a greater love for football.

BY BRIAN BENISON BBENISON&CNU.EDU

He's a four-time All conference champion. He's led the team in tackles all four years for the Captains football team. He's made 1st team for the USA South for three years and is an All American player. He even had the opportunity to

play in the Aztec bowl. This student-athlete is Senior Justin Wood who is just about at the end of his college career; a career that marks him as one of the most accomplished athletes in school history.

"I've had a great time here," said Wood. "When I came in coaches told me I had a chance

to be an All-American. I've worked hard for what I got."

Head coach of the football team Matt Kelchner was one of the coaches who saw that potential.

"He's been a pleasure to have," said Kelchner. "He's an outstanding citizen and a tremendous player. It's been truly a pleasure to have him." Wood started his football

career at a very young age. inspired by the tradition of football in his family.

"My whole family are football fans. I've been playing since I was five year old. My whole life has been about football," said Wood. "I still remember when I was a kid playing out there after dark.

Everyone had already gone inside and I was still out there throwing the football to myself." When Kelchner was recruit-

ing athletes he saw Wood as an athlete with a very large work ethic. "He's a very quiet individ-

ual. I guess I would call him quietly intense," said Kelchner. "He made a lot of plays. We knew he had an outstanding work ethic."

Now that his college career is coming to a close, Wood is looking ahead to the future. Despite majoring in history. football has always been Wood's first passion and he'd like to continue his career as an athlete.

"[My future has] kind of a plan A and a plan B," said Wood. "I want to continue playing football. We had a Pro-day here and we had a guy from the Eagles come down. There's also going to be doesn't work I'm going to try

and play in the Canadian football leagues. Arena football, it doesn't matter so long as I'm still playing football." Wood has also planned

ahead in case his career in football does not pan out and it involves a return to college. "If that doesn't work out I'm

going to be here at grad school and coaching," said Wood.

As a kid, Wood grew up rooting for his family's team

the Washington Redskins. He

now has a possibility to play for their conference rivals, the Philadelphia Eagles. Despite this, Wood has been informed that his family's loyalty to the Redskins won't

change. "My favorite team and my family's favorite team is the Washington Redskins," said Wood: "[If I get taken by the Eagles] they've said 'We'll root for you, but we're still Skins fans."

Overall, Wood is just gratea Houston Texans guy. If that ful to get the opportunity to do what he loves.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Wood holds both the record for most tackles in a seasoh and most career tackles for the school

Wood has participated in and helped the Captains earn 29 wins since coming to the team in 2002

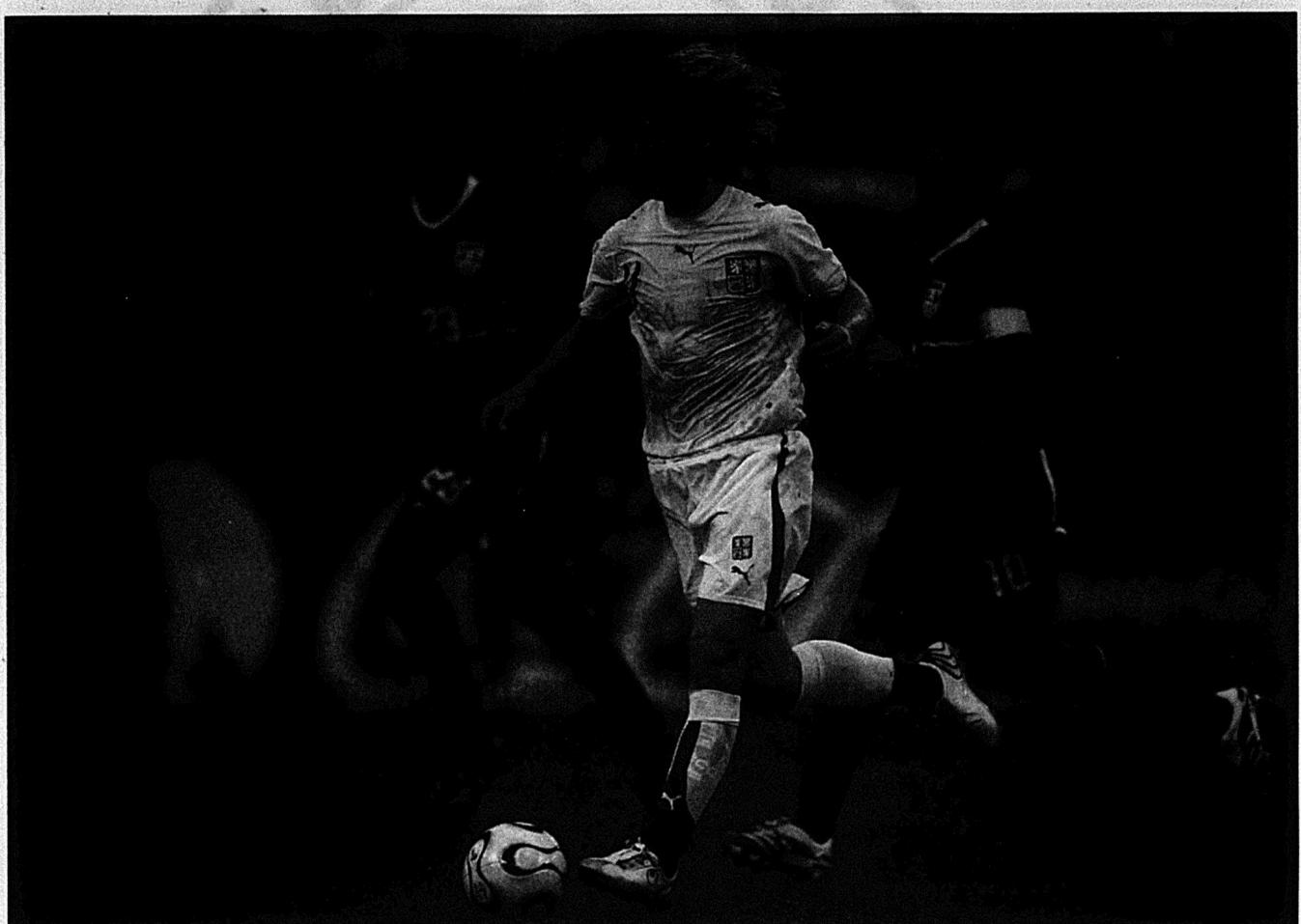
Despite not starting Freshman year, Wood still managed to lead the team in tackles with 65

Wood has 325 career tackles in the category in 2004 with 11

Wood has exactly three forced fumbles garnered from his first three years and three fumbles recovered from his last year.

Wood completed his last season with a perfect record on starts, never missing a

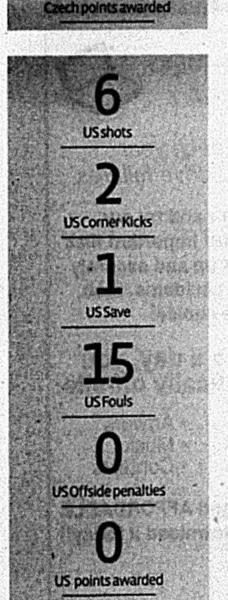
World Cup fever spreads



LIONEL HAHN/ABACA PRESS/KRT

Czech Republic's Pavel Nedved (11) with the ball as USA's Claudio Reyna (10) and Eddie Pope trail as Czech Republic defeats USA 3-0 June 12, in the first round of the World Cup, Group E game in Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

Czech goals Czech corner kicks Czech fouls Czech offside penalties



Despite fan showing, USA loses to Czechs

BY STEVE DAVIS THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

The U.S. lost in the first round to the Czech Republic.

GELSENKIRCHEN, Germany - The cruel reality of a World Cup is in its potential

Nations hope, toil and pray to participate for almost four years. But when the tournament finally arrives, the nation's actual stay, minus the build-up hoopla, can be stunningly brief if things go wrong.

On a dreadful and sweaty afternoon in the German forest town of Gelsenkirchen, things unhinged spectacularly for manager Bruce Arena's team.

The Czechs had their loud section of the stadium bouncing-literally, with impressive syncopation —early as they roared and sang approval en route to the 3-0 win.

The United States is suddenly staring at the possibility of a most abbreviated World Cup. It's pretty simple now: conjure something special Saturday against the powerful Italians, or that final first-round match will be meaningless.

Just like that, the relevant portion of the United States' time at Germany 2006 could

"We expect more from ourselves," midfielder John O'Brien said of Monday's poor display. "The coach expects more from us, too. I think that's reasonable."

Jan Koller's early goal provided the Czech Republic exactly what it needed _ an excuse to sit back, defend and make the Americans invent attacking ideas. That's not close to a U.S. strength.

The American attack depends on a certain lack of respect. At the last World Cup, they got things going so well because they got after Portugal, stunning their foe by having the audacity to attack the attackers. -

So the Czech's early goal was a huge advantage.

"They were very comfortable absorbing the pressure and waiting to counterattack,"

Arena said. That strike was a colossal breakdown in the U.S. defense: Kasey Keller choosing to punt a ball with no

"They were very comfortable absorbing the pressure and waiting to counterattack."

BRUCE ARENA, MANAGER

apparent target; Pablo Mastroeni failing to cover for left back Eddie Lewis, who was hurrying forward to support Keller's aimless launch; poor Eddie Pope, 32, whose fading athleticism was exposed.

Koller, racing to meet the unchallenged cross, took a step toward the near post. Pope bought the feint, then couldn't get his hips turned fast enough to adjust as Koller gave him a little nudge and changed direction, back to the middle of the goal.

Koller — whose World Cup looks finished because of a hamstring pull later in the match _ smashed the ball by Keller with authority.

"I'm very disappointed," Arena said. "I can't explain why things like that happen.

"We expect more from ourselves. The coach expects more from us, too. I think that's reasonable."

JOHN O'BRIEN, MIDFIELDER

Give them credit. They punished us for every mistake we made tonight."

After that, the Americans were slow to see what was happening. They needed to drive their offense faster, move the ball quicker out of the back and find the lanes before the Czechs got set defensively.

That's on Claudio Reyna. He dictates the pace but neglected his duty Monday.



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American fans at the USA vs. Czech Republic game, June 12.

Reyna is no Pavel Nedved. Even at 33, the Czech engine was clearly his team's top player. He buzzed about, winning "second balls," which come off headers or squirt

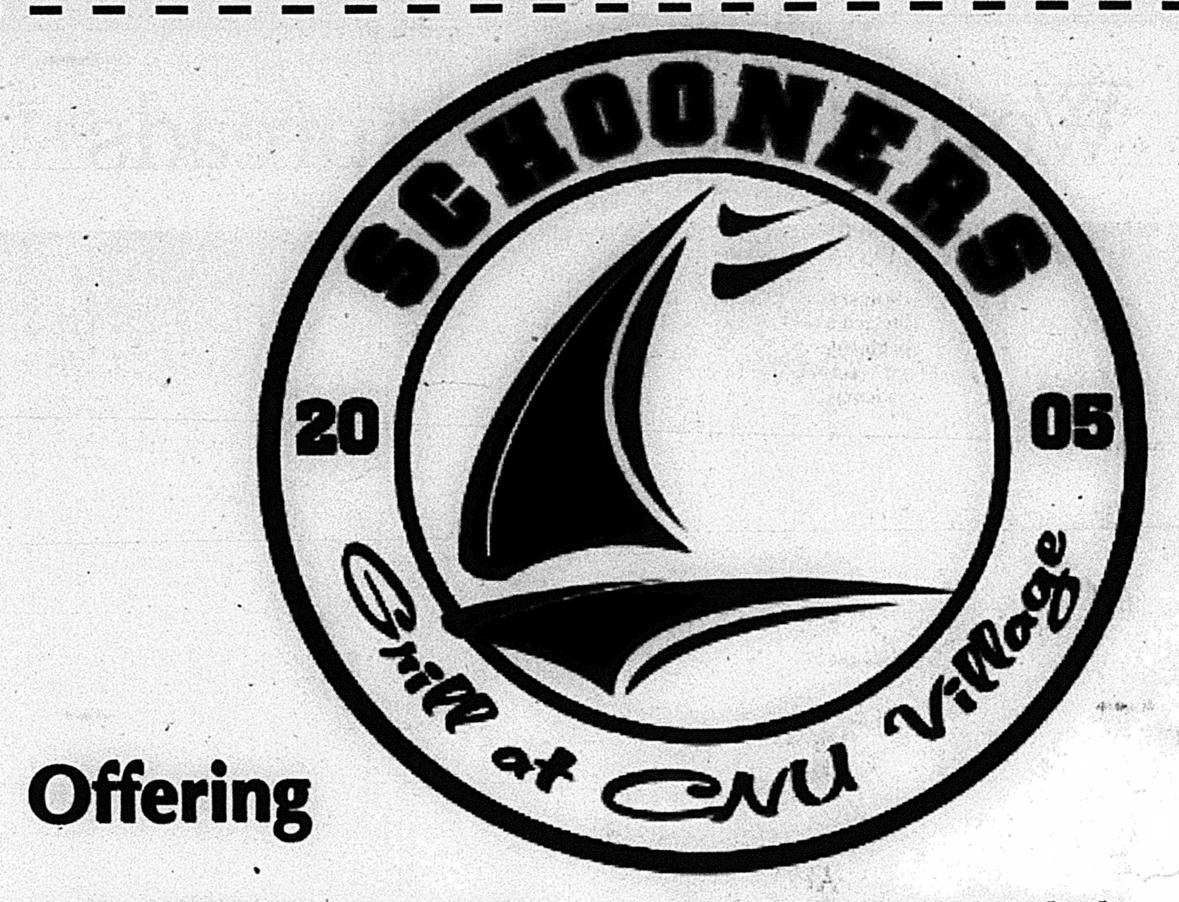
free from tackles. No U.S. player comes close

to owning Nedved's sophisticated sense of when to press the attack, how to recognize moments of defensive vulnerability. Nedved knows how to wait. And wait. And wait.

Then go. Such a burst created the

second goal, which finished the game.

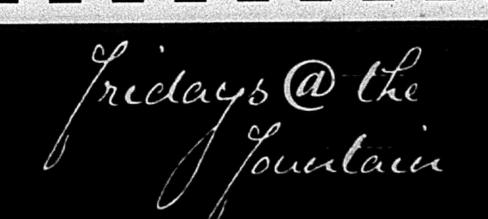
Still, a bunch that can't conjure ideas can stay in the fight with speed, athleticism and want-to. The United States unfortunately didn't offer that.



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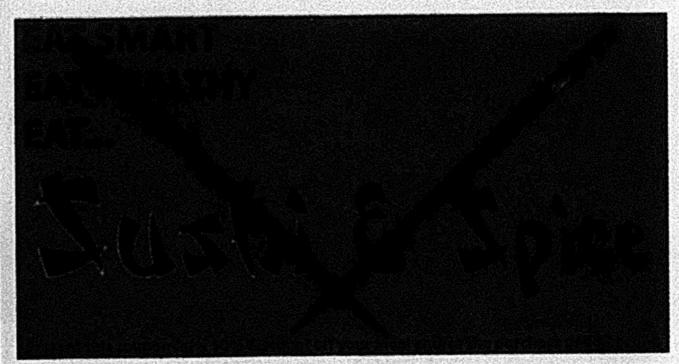


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