

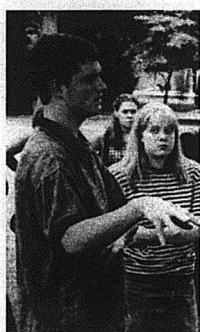
# THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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## Students voice concerns over parking situation

By Jesi Owens  
Staff Writer

A protest meeting was held Thursday, September 21, on the Great Lawn to give students an opportunity to organize their complaints on the CNU parking situation and its faults.



Several students, including Dave Hamrick (above), voiced their opinion.

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Junior Greg Copeland organized the meeting after he realized how many problems parking has caused this semester. Around twenty people arrived at the meeting, with more spectators joining in as Copeland's speech started. Many of the onlookers were vocal about their concerns and complaints with the situation.

Although there was not a multitude of people on the Great Lawn, enough were there voicing their concerns to further organize the protest. The gathering, attended by students as well as a few faculty (including a campus police-woman), addressed complaints as well as proposed plans for solutions.

Copeland said, "The main thing is to get a safer parking situation, a better and clearer defined zoning situation, and a better appeal process." He plans to continue with the protest by organizing a committee on the issue.

Copeland started the meeting off by telling the crowd about his research, and why safety was his main concern. On Wednesday night, he drove around the parking lots surrounding the residence

halls, which were full. Santoro residents (mostly composed of freshmen) have more parking available to them behind Ferguson Hall.

Copeland timed his walk from his car to the nearest call box at five minutes, and noticed only two lights in to guide the path. "During the day this walk is inconvenient, but at night, it becomes dangerous," he explained to the crowd, which included several women concerned about their safety. Copeland proposed closer parking for freshmen and/or a night escort service provided to those who feel unsafe.

Another complaint strongly stressed by onlookers at the meeting was their confusion on zoning. No one was clear on where and when they are allowed to park.

The term "open parking" had many confused. "What is the definition of open? The pamphlet has poor wording," stated a concerned attendee.

CNU's Parking Regulations booklet (located at the Information Desk in the Student Center), states that "Lots designated as open are available for parking to anyone



Greg Copeland (shown here), organized the forum held on the Great Lawn.

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with a valid CNU permit. All lots are open 3 p.m.-7:30 a.m. Except Resident Lots (A, B, C and S)."

A freshman student disliked the zoning change that occurred earlier this semester. "Beginning with our RA's, we were told to park in the back half of Lot C. We're freshmen and barely even know which one is Lot C, when they switch things and start ticketing. It's confusing. You can't just change the law without checking and notifying people," he

said.

Copeland's interest in the parking situation began last year when he received a few parking tickets.

It grew this semester upon getting another one, with the person giving the ticket suggesting he appeal.

That's when he realized how confusing the ticketing and appeals process at CNU was, and he

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## Barbara Ciara leads off Super Speaker series

### Old and young in attendance

By Hugh Spain  
Editor-in-chief

"Something of a Town Crier of sorts, talking about the good, evil, and all sorts of in between," is how Barbara Ciara portrayed herself as a broadcast journalist.

On Tuesday night, Ciara entertained a crowd of approximately 150 people in Gaines Theatre. A majority of the audience consisted of nearby community members with a mix of several college students and professors.

Ciara's presentation was filled with allusions to past experiences as a journalist and the challenges she faced as she pursued her career.

She featured her Emmy winning story, *Guilty 'till Proven Innocent*, which is based on the hardships that Troy Webb and his family endured after Webb was wrongly convicted of rape in 1989.

Conclusive DNA evidence eventually proved Webb's innocence and he was released from

prison after serving over eight years of his sentence.

"I think we as journalists should fight for those who were really wronged. Hopefully as the months go by and I reappear on Channel 3, I will do more stories like this one," said Ciara.

In July 2001, Ciara will return to her familiar position as a news anchor and reporter with WVEC.

Ciara's absence from TV has not been unproductive. She recently earned her bachelor's degree in communications at Hampton University and has tentative plans for graduate school.

When asked what advice she would give to college students, she replied, "...finish schooling while you're young because you don't know what's going to happen 10 or 20 years down the road."

Ciara is the first of five *Super Speakers* to appear at CNU this school year.

Tickets for each speaker are \$7 and can be reserved at the CNU box office by calling 594-8752.



Barbara Ciara, journalist, speaks in the Gaines Theater about her experiences as a news reporter in the 21st Century.

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J. Alfred Broadbuss, Jr.  
President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

## Mark Warner visits CNU



### Staff Report

Tee-shirts, jeans, suits and ties filled the Student Center's Alumni Room Wednesday as Governor hopeful Mark Warner introduced himself and his platform.

The gathering crowd was made up of faculty, staff and members of the Student Leadership Organization. Officers and Senators from the SGA also took time from their weekly meeting to correspond with Warner.

Running as a Democrat, Warner stressed the importance of education in today's new information-based economy and increasing the quality and accessibility of that education for everyone. CNU President Paul Trible's invitation to Warner was the first in a series of invites to area candidates this election season. Candidates for the First Congressional District seat will debate the issues at CNU on October 6.

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## SGA Corner

The September 20 meeting marked SGA's second official meeting. It was, however, a meeting of introductions. Along with the introductions were a number of issues ranging from the Alumni-Student Career Connection to Family Weekend.

The SGA Senator's started out having the opportunity to shake hands with gubernatorial Mark Warner as they paraded their spirit across campus to the Student Center. After the warm welcome, they were once again rewarded with a spokesperson.

Professor Linda Gordon was given the floor as she spoke about the Oct. 3 Alumni-Student Career Connection. The CNU alumni and the current seniors and graduate students will join forces at this Connection, allowing many to gain valuable advice and alumni contacts. Speaker James M. Haggard, among many, will be making an appearance at this meeting, which runs from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Administration building.

This event is open to seniors and graduate students only, and is sponsored by the CNU Alumni Society and Career and Counseling Services.

Family Weekend is coming faster than we know it and a budget has finally been drawn. An estimated \$15,000 will be considered as we get the Weekend underway. This budget takes into account the novelties, food, and entertainment, as well as a cushion for emergency expenses. The CNU Jazz band will perform as we all come and enjoy what CNU really has to offer.

Finally, suggestions and ideas capped off the meeting. Anita Tieman still looks for assistance in having alcohol awareness an important factor among the students of CNU. There has not yet been any interest in changing the library hours, due to lack of commitment at such early hours of the night.

Also, the Art Club is having a car contest. This contest will be for those who consider their cars to be a work of art. It will occur on September 30 from 12-4 p.m.

The second official meeting of SGA occurred without a hitch. As the new school year continues, plans and ideas of making the student life better will continue to be noted.



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# CAMPUS LIFE

## Doing What You Gotta Do

### Taking the Bus to CNU

By Terri Fleetwood  
Staff Writer

Students have been complaining for months about parking decals. But for some students commuting takes on a whole different meaning.

"Making the ride a little less bumpy is the goal of students who commute by bus.

"The bus is dirty. The seats are hard on your butt," said sophomore Fatimah Reynolds.

Two Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) bus routes serve CNU. The #6 Fort Eustis/Denbigh makes several stops on Warwick Boulevard while the #12 Riverside stops in front of McMullan Hall. Most students arrive at or depart from campus on the #12 and transfer to another route at Riverside Regional Medical Center.

"It takes me a half hour to get from Newmarket (Mall) to campus. In a car it would only take ten minutes. The bus goes all around the world before it gets to the destination," said Reynolds.

Queenequa Hitchcock, a junior communication major, believes there's a lack of communication between drivers and passengers. "It's basically trying to get to school. Some drivers are on point and some aren't," she said.

Hitchcock, who spends \$14.00 a week on bus fare, suggested having discount bus passes sold on campus. "It would save money," she said.

Bus fare is currently \$1.00 each way and transfers are a dime each.

However, that rate may soon change to \$1.50 each way as it already is on the Southside.

Junior Megan Stoggie shared Hitchcock's sentiments on bus fare, but hasn't experienced any other problems.



Allison Ashcroft, a commuter student from Norfolk, is used to the every day hassle of commuting by bus

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"I live right down the street from the bus stop, so it's not too bad," she said. "The schedules are pretty clear."

Conceding that not much can be done to improve bus routes or fares, sophomore Shelesha Taylor thinks CNU could better serve students if lockers were available for rent. "I have to carry a lot of stuff all the time," she said.

The locker idea may not be possible at the moment because of impending renovations of Ferguson, but selling bus passes or even providing bus schedules are open to discussion.

Bus schedules have been suggested

not only for commuters but also to give residential students more access to off-campus jobs, shopping and entertainment.

"If someone would pursue putting schedules on campus, we would be delighted to have them," said Phyllis Ayers of Student Life.

"This is the first we've heard of this, but we'll certainly look into it," added SGA vice-president, Jamilia Benthall.

Regardless of the SGA's actions, students will continue to shell out dollars to take the bus to CNU. "I got to do what I got to do. I'm going to get my education," said Hitchcock.



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## Spotlighting CNU's new faculty members:

### Dr. Ashby Kinch, Assistant Professor, English

By Cami Wood  
Staff Writer

"I'm thinking seriously about voting for Willie Nelson for President," said Dr. Ashby Kinch.

Though he has no accent to give him away, Kinch is a Texan through and through. "It is very important to my identity," Kinch said. Hailing from Austin, he is a ninth generation Texan.

Dr. Kinch joined CNU's English Department this year as an Assistant Professor of Medieval and Ancient World Literature. He earned his A.B. from Occidental College and both his master's and doctorate from the University of Michigan.

While his specialty is in Medieval Lyric poetry, Kinch originally began as a marine biology major, but that didn't last long. "[Organic chemistry] tanked my marine bio major," he said. Pun intended, I'm sure.

His interest in modernist poetry then led him backward into medieval and classical literature. Kinch said he was "...fascinated with the origins of writing..." and that the medieval period is the in-between

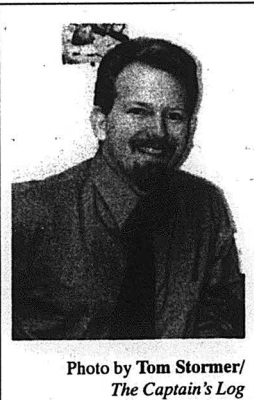


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point with the "...weird mixture where the modern and classical come together."

Self-proclaimed as a "subtle" man, when asked what he was bringing to CNU Kinch commented, "That remains to be seen. I will only show the cards that need to be shown." Kinch's enthusiasm, however, is anything but subtle and he appears

to be pleased with his arrival at CNU. "Man, I love being down here! Geographically it's a perfect fit for us," he said. "The people are fantastic and I couldn't have found my way into a better department."

Concerning his position as a professor, he sees his active role as one that challenges and pushes the students and to "...tinker a little bit with people's values."

"Literature has the greatest ability to reshape the way people think about the world," he said. "I chose teaching because it is fascinating to be involved in the process of transformation... I love to watch the evolution and change of people's ideas, bearings." As a professor, Kinch's main objective is to "...perfect [his] role in that process." Also eager to get involved with student life, Kinch said, "The school seems to be going through this change of identity. There is a lot of excitement around the school. I'm eager to see the changes come to fruition."

And speaking of identity changes, Dr. Kinch underwent several during the past four months. He celebrated his thirtieth birthday in May, became a father in June, received his Ph.D. in July, and became a

professor in August.

Outside of reading medieval lyric poetry for enjoyment he is working on what he describes as the "...monstrous and daunting task..." of a 20,000 entry medieval glossary, the *Medulla Grammaticae*, literally translated Marrow of Grammar. Kinch's most obvious interests outside of his scholarly work are his wife and his daughter. And, as if his career and family were not enough to occupy his time, Kinch is a huge sports fan, a rugby fanatic, and a political junky.

*The Captain's Log will spotlight one new full-time professor each week. If you are, or know of, a new professor who would like to be spotlighted, please contact The Captain's Log at 594-7196 or by e-mail at [clog@cnu.edu](mailto:clog@cnu.edu).*



## Poet Johnson captivates audience

By Michael Claar  
Contributing Writer

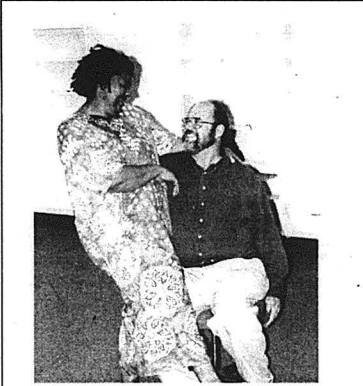
On Sept. 13 CNU students were treated to a lively and spirited reading by award winning poet Patricia Johnson. The English department invited Johnson, an Elk Creek, Va. native, to entertain and educate a sizeable audience in the Ferguson student lounge.

An enthralled audience, filled with several faculty members and even more students, was obviously very pleased as they intently observed Johnson's grand, fluid actions. Johnson's inviting, breathy whisper of a speaking voice was only broken by her shouts of both anguish and laughter and the audience's pleased reactions. CNU senior Mike Moats said of the reading, "I thought it would probably be boring, but I was really surprised I liked it as much as I did. I always knew there was a performance aspect to poetry, but this was my first opportunity to see someone really experienced read their poetry."

Johnson read from a mix of her own poetry, including the poems that helped her win the 1996 National Poetry Slam, and that of others including Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks and Nikki Giovanni. Johnson got lavish responses to her own poem "Natural" and Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Woman," but the biggest responses were saved for when she demanded audience participation. The poet asked for help with Brooks' "We Real Cool" and her own response to "Phenomenal Woman," "I'm A Man," which required five male CNU students to flex their muscles and shout in their most masculine voice. Due to a boisterous cheer from the audience, Johnson had a difficult time staying in character when she read her own romantic poem, "Stain My Days Blue," to Dr. Roark Mulligan.

Dr. Pollard felt the reading was, "Wonderful. I've been to a lot of readings but I've never seen a poet get a standing ovation." There was a surprisingly positive attendance for the reading. "I thought we had a great turnout," said Pollard. "We packed the lounge. We could have fit a few more people up front but there were people standing in the hall."

Many students and faculty also had the opportunity to pick up Johnson's book, "Stain My Days Blue," and have it signed by the author.



Poet Patricia Johnson captures the attention of Dr. Roark Mulligan.

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## High Holy Days: Celebrating the Jewish Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

By Laura Espino  
Staff Writer

This year, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will fall between Sept. 30 and Oct. 9. While the Christian calendar recently marked the beginning of the second millennium, the Jewish calendar is will celebrate the beginning of the year 5761 next week.

For those who are unaware of these two related holidays, Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year. The holiday is often referred to as the "The High Holy Days," and concludes with Yom Kippur.

It is a tradition to greet friends and neighbors during the High Holy Days by expressing the wish that they be blessed with a good year. This holiday is both solemn and joyous since it is the Day of Repentance and the birthday of the world.

The theme of Rosh Hashanah is that, in spite of human weakness, the struggle for righteousness never ceases. According to CNU English professor, Roberta Rosenberg, "Rosh Hashanah is a time for people to get together...like a family celebration."

The celebration of this holiday takes place over two days. On the first day, many Orthodox Jews practice a custom called "tashlich" which involves going to the ocean or another body of water and empty-

ing one's pockets or casting bread crumbs into the water. A family meal is celebrated including foods such as honey cake, apples dipped in honey (to symbolize hope for a sweet and happy New Year) and wine.

On the second night, a fruit not yet eaten that year is served. Hallel bread, in a round loaf that symbolizes a crown, is another traditional food.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, occurs on the tenth of Tishri. This is a day entirely devoted to self-examination, confession and atonement. Yom Kippur provides the opportunity to alter one's conduct, readjust one's values, and set things right in one's life.

For Rosenberg, Yom Kippur is a "...a day of reflection." She also expressed concern for students who are not local and cannot get home for the holidays.

Rabbi Scott Gurdin extends an invitation for students to come celebrate the High Holy Days at Temple Sinai in Newport News, VA. He reserved five tickets for any student interested in coming. Rabbi Gurdin emphasized, "What we want to provide is a place where people can be with family even if they can't be with their own families."

United Campus Ministry will have the tickets on hold in SC 207. Rosh Hashanah services will be held Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. Yom Kippur services will be held Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 10 a.m.



## Alpha Phi Omega helps fights illiteracy

Alpha Phi Omega held a 24 hour read-a-thon on the great lawn from 6 p.m. Saturday to 6 p.m. Sunday to help raise money for the Children's Literacy Fund. For the 24 hours at least one of the alumni, brothers, or pledges took turns reading. The idea behind the read-a-thon was to instill the importance, enjoyment, and

value of giving children the gift of reading.

While there was no monetary goal set, Alpha Phi Omega raised over \$100. All proceeds go to the Children's Literacy Fund. Alpha Phi Omega has done a read-a-thon in the past and with the success of this one will plan another in the future.

## Coming Soon...

### Alumni-Student Career Connection

On Oct. 3, the Alumni-Student Career Connection will bring seniors and graduate students together with forty important and successful CNU graduates to give practical, professional career advice. The CNU Alumni Society and Career Counseling Services will co-host the first annual Student-Career Connection from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the CNU Administration Building.

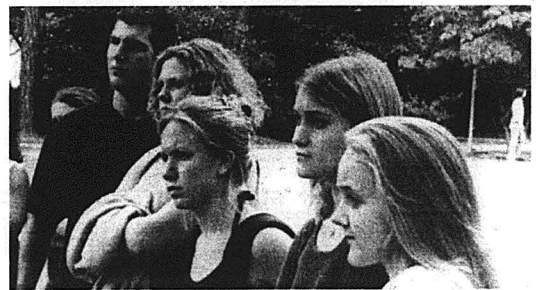
The event will provide practical, professional career advice to senior and graduate students in small group sessions, designed in a question and answer format. The break-out sessions will follow a general welcome assembly featuring keynote speaker, alumnus James M. Haggard, CPA, CGFM, Goodman & Company.

"This is a very important event for the students and the University," said Linda Gordon, Alumni Society Board's Vice

President of University Assistance and Student Relations. "The response from the forty alumni who have committed their time to participate in this event has been overwhelmingly positive...The alumni want to return to CNU and to help students think about future employment opportunities and to offer them expert, practical career advice. We are looking forward to a successful turnout."

Among the alumni participating are a bank vice president, a director of public relations and communications, a NASA Data Base manager, and teachers in various disciplines.

Register by Sept. 25 by writing to kcallan@cnu.edu or by calling 594-7038. Registration at the doors begins at 6:30 p.m. Business attire is suggested.



Onlookers listen to the suggestions made by fellow student speakers

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became motivated to do more.

He spoke with SGA President Jonathan Janis, and from there his ideas worked themselves into Thursday's meeting. "One thing I want to get across is that I want to find solutions to the problems and not just complain about them," Copeland said.

According to many present at the meeting, the appeals process needs reworking.

Students seemed confused on what tickets they should try to appeal, and how long they have to do so. All this information can be found in the Parking Regulations booklet.

Tickets that are paid immediately are only half price, and the booklet states "If an appeal is submitted, the individual waives the half-price advantage."

One onlooker pointed out that New-

port News police simply write tickets, but are not judge and jury. The ticket goes to court where it is reviewed by someone with the authority to do so.

He wondered why CNU campus police and students giving tickets have the right to do so. "It's like they're trying to bribe you," he said in reference to the quick decision students have to make about whether or not to appeal.

After the meeting, people interested in further organization to protest the issue gave Copeland their information, and additional plans are being made to protest.

As of Friday, a committee of fifteen have begun to discuss ideas.

Copeland said he was looking for people to help with organizing future forms of protest, including a possible sit-in, march, or stand-up protest. A petition has already begun.



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Will Destiny's Child be playing for Homecoming?

SGA to decide which music group will be playing for CNU Homecoming 2001



Destiny's Child recently finished their work on the theme song for the new "Charlie's Angels" movie. Here the three pose for a shot at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards.

Photo courtesy [www.rollingstone.com](http://www.rollingstone.com)

By Steve Flemming  
Staff Writer

Homecoming 2001 is fast approaching, so it is no surprise that ideas about what bands should play are being tossed around. Based on what's been said, the goal is to get some entertainment that will appeal to everyone. In other words, an act that is easily recognized and liked by a lot of people.

Several names were thrown out in a recent SGA meeting, including the Deftones, the Roots and Lucy Pearl. While nothing is etched in stone, it's a good idea to eye the perspective performers closely.

So, I will take a look at some of the suggested artists over the next few weeks, offering some information about each one. I will start with the ladies that garnered the most interest, Destiny's Child.

What more is there to say about this attractive foursome, oops, I mean threesome of pop-soul divas? Beauty, talent, appeal...groups do not get any more pop than Destiny's Child. Featuring Beyonce, Kelly, LaTavia, and LeToya - wait, actually it's not LaTavia and LeToya, it's Farrah and Michelle. Oh yeah, now it's just Michelle.

Anyway - regardless of the changes, Destiny's Child has managed to stay current, after being dubbed a flash in the pan when they debuted under Wyclef Jean's wings on 1997's "No, No, No." Two platinum albums and several chart-topping singles later, Destiny's Child has become R&B's "it" girls.

"Destiny's Child," their debut album, was an average collection of tunes that didn't really contain anything of substance outside of "No, No, No." The rest is filler, and it's

clear the girls were still finding their niche. In spite of its shortcomings, the album charted respectably and earned them their first platinum album.

In 1998, the group appeared on the soundtrack to the hit film "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" with "Get on the Bus," a monotonous song that really didn't seem to have much of a point. Nonetheless, it broadened the group's exposure via radio and video networks. The group even appeared in ads for hair products.

While I admit I am no huge Destiny's Child fan, their latest album, "The Writing's on the Wall" is good stuff. Though Beyonce is no vocal acrobat, her voice gives their radio-friendly fare plenty of sheen. The album contains three number one singles in "Bills, Bills, Bills," "Bug-A-Boo," and "Say My Name." Now "Jumpin' Jumpin'" is in the top five after spending the whole summer shaking up radio programmers and dance floors alike.

While none of their material is exactly destined to attain classic status, the songs are guilty pleasures that even the most anti-mainstream person will enjoy. You can now catch the trio on the "Charlie's Angels" soundtrack, while Beyonce can be heard on Amil's "I Got That."

The future of Destiny's Child is somewhat blurred, with Beyonce taking the foreground Diana Ross-style, leaving her group mates sounding like hooting owls. Though the star syndrome is nothing new (particularly in girl groups), I think it would be unfortunate to see this popular group crumble under the weight of a star member who probably will not go far solo.

All that aside, Destiny's Child could be right for Homecoming 2001. Ultimately, though, that choice lies with the students.

## American women saying "yes" to thong underwear

By Annette John-Hall  
TMS Campus

It's a question appropriate for the 21st century.

Do you thong?

Yes, yes, yes, say scores of enthusiastic women who have added the slingshot-looking, heretofore-too-risque-for-public-wear panty to their underwear arsenal.

"I'm addicted to them," confesses Roshenna Harris, a 21-year-old student. "They're all I wear," declares Zoe Ashbury, a 46-year-old restaurant manager. "I can't wear anything else," says Penny Mullins, a 30ish spokeswoman for Frederick's of Hollywood. "I 'won't go back.'"

From specialty boutiques like Victoria's Secret to mass-market department stores like Target, thong underwear, merely a panel in the front and a single strap up the back, is threatening to overtake traditional briefs as the panty of choice for America's women.

"All night long/ Let me see da thong, da thong, da thong/ Girl I know you wanna show da thong." — From "The Thong Song," Sisqo's multi-platinum R&B hit

Back in the dark ages, say about 10 years ago, wearing a thong for anything other than a romp on a beach in Rio or a roll in the hay with your honey was perceived as racy and somewhat tawdry.

The thong came by its sleazy reputation honestly. It got its start as the thread-thin G-string devised by dancers during the

1939 New York World's Fair to comply with Mayor Fiorello La Guardia's order to cover up. The G-string gave rise to the thong bikini in 1973. Frederick's of Hollywood began selling thongs as underwear in 1981 (along with crotchless panties and push-up bras).

Strap-snapping Monica Lewinsky notwithstanding, this is a new day, a day in which the sleazy image of the thong has taken a backseat to a more utilitarian, albeit sexy one, where the minor discomfort is endured for the absence of that dreaded Visible Panty Line.

Partly because of fashion's affinity for stretchy, sheer fabrics, sales for thongs have risen 52 percent over a three-year period, compared with just 10 percent for all other types of women's panties, according to a survey by NPD, a marketing-information company that researches underwear sales.

Which takes us back to the question: Do you thong? "Absolutely," replied Ashbury, a restaurant manager at Zanzibar Blue in Philadelphia. "I've been wearing them a long, long time, since they looked like G-strings. I 'hate panty lines.'"

Ashbury is one of those women who can't have too much underwear. She color-coordinates her under layers with her outer layers and owns thongs in all colors and fabrics. So she speaks with authority when she advises not to let the "floss" back piece scare

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## Upcoming Concerts In the Hampton Roads, VA area

- Tue 09/26/00 Eve 6 w/ Wheatus, O.P.M. The NorVa Norfolk, VA
- Thu 09/28/00 Disarray Taj Mahal Norfolk, VA
- Fri 09/29/00 Jerry Jeff Walker The NorVa Norfolk, VA
- Fri 09/29/00 DJ Joe/Mike Powers Peabody's Virginia Beach, VA
- Fri 09/29/00 Town Point Jazz Festival feat. Maceo Parker/Blue Miracle Town Point Park Norfolk, VA
- Sat 09/30/00 Sea of Souls, Fighting Gravity, Nine Days, Carbon Leaf, and American Hi-Fi Neptune Festival Virginia Beach, VA
- Sat 09/30/00 Town Point Jazz Festival feat. Bo Diddley, Boney James, Marcia Ball, Robert Joseph Town Point Park Norfolk, VA
- Sun 10/01/00 Jimmie's Chicken Shack/Sons of the Desert Neptune Festival Virginia Beach, VA
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- Tue 10/10/00 Alice Cooper The NorVa Norfolk, VA
- Wed 10/11/00 The Tragically Hip w/Supersuck The NorVa Norfolk, VA
- Wed 10/11/00 "Okayplayer Tour" featuring The Roots, Dead Prez, Rah Digga, Slum Village, Talib Kweli, Jaguar, and Jazzyfists/The Boathouse Norfolk, VA
- Thu 10/12/00 Sunny Day Real Estate The NorVa Norfolk, VA
- Sun 10/15/00 Plunk Junkiez with 145 The Abyss Virginia Beach, VA
- Tue 10/17/00 No Use For A Name/Bigwig/One Man Army/Swinging Utters The Abyss Virginia Beach, VA
- Thu 10/19/00 "Punk-O-Rama Tour" featuring Voodoo Glow Skulls/Agnostic Front/All/Straight Faced/The Abyss Virginia Beach, VA

# Aspiring celebrities view Internet as a passage to fame

By Malcolm Mayhew  
TMS Campus

In Danni Ashe's own words, she was once just another "big-breasted nude model." Today, she's a big-breasted nude model — with 840 million downloads to her credit, making her the most downloaded woman in history. You may not know her. But on the Internet, she's a star.

Same goes for Matt Drudge, an online journalist who has made a name for himself for his often unsubstantiated scoops in the political world; Apollo Smile, a New York-based pop singer/actress/live-action hero who is currently negotiating a TV series; and Cindy Margolis, a onetime cyberspace pinup who does have her own syndicated TV show, "The Cindy Margolis Show."

They're all Internet celebrities: Actors, writers and musicians who created their own Web sites. Their audience — Net surfers — expands every time a new Net user logs on.

Cyber-celebs such as these have created an alternate universe in which status is judged by how many hits a day their site receives. More hits, obviously, means more people are paying attention.

None of these performers had made much headway in the entertainment business the traditional way. But the Internet provided a secret passage to fame and success that allowed them to bypass all the middlemen: the agents, the managers, the red tape, the unanswered prayers.

"All you gotta do is go out and buy a \$500 computer, some software and a book, and you could become (a celebrity)," says Gregg Wettermann, president of the Dallas Internet Society and founder of online community GeekMeet.com. "It doesn't have to be some flashy, wonderful site. It just has to have a point."

Wettermann points out that Drudge's site ([drudgereports.com](http://drudgereports.com)) is not spectacular, just intriguing. "It's about as simple as you can get, you know, a whole lot of text," he says. "But he found a niche."

Harry Knowles did, too. Paralyzed from the waist down four years ago in a work-related accident, Knowles killed time while recuperating by building his own entertainment-news site, [aintitcool.com](http://aintitcool.com). Today, the site receives more than 10 million hits a month.

"Basically, it started off as something to keep my mind off depressing topics, like, my legs not working," says Knowles, 28. "After I started doing it, I thought, 'This might be my life, better figure out how to do it.' So I started updating it daily, which meant a lot of research and work. After two or three months, I started getting connections with film producers and others in the industry. Now we've got people in China writing for us. It's like, 'Holy crap, I did this out of my bedroom!'"

Pasadena, Calif., rock band Red Delicious also stumbled onto luck via the Internet. A year ago, the group submitted material to music Web site MP3.com. At the height of a music-downloading explosion, the site prominently featured the band's music, leading to major label interest and media coverage in magazines such as *Entertainment Weekly*.

"It's been a key factor in the success we've had," says the band's keyboardist Rob King, who says the pop-rock group is

currently in negotiations with a major label. "It's just getting that buzz going, and you have to have something good and unique. Once you have that, you can do anything."

Bilge Ebiri, entertainment editor for Yahoo Internet Life magazine, says Internet celebrities haven't necessarily altered the face of pop culture as much as they have

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thrown it into overdrive.

"We're already a celebrity-driven culture, but the Net has really hastened it," he says. "We're always looking for the next big thing, and the Internet is full of them." Ebiri says the Internet has even turned the least likeliest candidate for the spotlight into a household name. He cites Mahir Cagri, a Turkish man whose site momentarily caught on with Americans.

"He was just this guy who had a home page who was, I guess, trying to meet women from other countries," Ebiri says. "But Americans discovered his page, and he became a minor celebrity. David Letterman had a guy on his show for a while, pretending to be him. Whenever I would mention I was Turkish, people would ask me, 'Do you know Mahir?' Even more so than Drudge or Cindy (Margolis), Mahir sort of symbolizes what the Internet can do."

The Internet has certainly done major things for Margolis, a one-time model who now, thanks to an enormous amount of word of mouth about her site, has her own late-night TV show.

"She's somebody who owes all of her celebrity to the Net," Ebiri says. "Very few people were aware of who she was a few years ago. It seems like she came out of nowhere. People on the Net knew who she was. People who weren't online didn't."

There are several advantages to being an Internet celebrity, cybercelebs say, the dominant one being you have the freedom to control your career. Many performers feel like they never get a fair chance going through established channels in the entertainment industry. They can't get in front of the top agents or producers, and so they are frozen out of the business without ever getting an opportunity to show what they can do. Or, if they do land an agent or manager, they often have to compromise their vision for their career or sign away potentially valuable rights. The Internet changes all that — it provides a venue for performers to go directly to a large audience.

"I can actually take control of my life and my own image and start profiting from my name," says Ashe, who has her own site ([danni.com](http://danni.com)) and her own online business. "You model for \$500 a day, you sign away all your rights. The people who own your image can do anything they want with it. It traps a lot of women. What the Internet allows us to do is build a name and notoriety, then be in control of our careers. It's incredibly empowering."

Apollo Smile, a New York-based actress and singer, says another advantage of

Internet celeb status is that it's easier to keep your integrity intact.

"That, to me, is a big deal, keeping your integrity," she says. "You can protect yourself on the Internet, because you're the one in control of things. You can stay solid in the vision you have."

But Apollo, like other Internet celebrities, is certainly not opposed to gaining mainstream attention. And agents, networks and studios are beginning to use the Internet as a sort of minor leagues, picking up popular Net performers for TV or movie work. Apollo is currently negotiating for a TV-series deal. "That's what we want to do, expand our horizons," she says.

It's not as easy as setting up a Web site, though. Making it as a cyberceleb can be a crap shoot, too — even becoming an online celebrity is no guarantee that you'll be able to make a living. Luck and marketing are just as important online as off.

"It's very easy to get lost," Ebiri says. "Or to never be found. It's a giant can-

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you: 'You have to be selective. Lace ones are cute, but they itch. It has to be a fabric that doesn't irritate.'

At Victoria's Secret, thong sales have risen 30 percent since 1995, compared with an increase of about 5 percent for all other panty sales. Thongs account for 40 percent of the retail chain's total panty purchases.

But Krista Bard isn't buying them. Wearing the skimpy unmentionables is definitely an acquired taste, she says.

"I have this white La Perla dress that is a sheer, clingy thing that I wear a nude thong with. Anything else would show a line," the 47-year-old Philadelphia business consultant says. "Otherwise, I hate them."

Bard says the thong is too uncomfortable for her. "You have to pick your torture, and if I have to pick torture, I prefer Manolo Blahnik shoes."

"There was not one thong in that convention hall, you just know it." — Comic Joan Rivers, cracking on the prim and proper delegates who attended the Republican National Convention.

Penny Mullins says since a friend took her aside and chastised her because of her VPL, she hasn't gone back to briefs. And she isn't just saying that because she works for Frederick's of Hollywood, home of the thong.

Frederick's sells 40,000 thongs a week; lace, string, satin, microfiber. Of course, it hasn't abandoned its "fantasy" wear, but the thong rules, Mullins says.

"Our Rio thong is basic cotton. Very traditional," she says. Traditional, perhaps, by Frederick's of Hollywood standards, but not by others.

"I have them. I wear them when I'm wearing a tight pair of pants. Otherwise, there's no point because they're not that comfortable," says Priscilla Williams, 16, a junior at Cherry Hill High School West in Cherry Hill, N.J. Williams says some of her classmates who wear the barely-there panties are motivated by things other than the promise of no VPL. "I know some girls who roll down (the waistbands) of their pants and pull up the straps of their thongs just to bring attention to themselves," she says.

"In the course of flirting with him, she

cophony out there. There are millions of Web pages." Just as pop culture often tires of movie stars and musicians, Ebiri says, we can easily grow weary of online personalities.

"Once you achieve a certain amount of celebrity on the Net, it can get deafening," he says. "That's kind of what's happened to Drudge. We're sick and tired of hearing about him, but he's managed to remain relevant because he does a certain amount of journalism. His luster has faded, though, so there's often an expiration date on (Internet celebrities), but that doesn't mean that someone who builds their celebrity on the Net won't last as long."

Knowles says the key to his success has been in the pacing of it. "I've moved very slowly," he says. "Two years ago, there were TV offers that didn't allow me any control and book offers and such. When we go to make those next steps, we want to make sure everything is in place, that we're not making any hasty decisions, because the Internet is just another medium, and you have to treat it like that. You always have people who become famous out of a new invention. It's not like the Internet is going to get rid of movies or magazines. It just adds to them."

raised her jacket in the back and showed him the straps of her thong underwear." — The Starr Report, detailing Monica Lewinsky's initial interaction with President Clinton.

Yes, Lewinsky's lewd act was more in keeping with the thong's risqué image. But it doesn't mean thong underwear can't be sexy and functional at the same time.

And it doesn't mean that it can't come in plus sizes. (Hey, Monica is a big girl!) "They are so comfortable. It's like you have nothing on," says Harris the student, a voluptuous size 24. Harris owns the scanty underwear in every style, including leopard and zebra prints. She wears them with her leather pants and other outfits and, no, she doesn't worry about the jiggle factor.

"As long as you look good and are tasteful, nobody should have anything to say," Harris says. "I feel good about myself. I go to school, work two jobs. I date. Back in the day, skinny was in. Now, guys are like, 'Big girls got it going on.' They see it, too."

Harris' attitude reflects those of many plus-sized women who want the clothes and underwear to show off their curves, says Lane Bryant spokeswoman Catherine Lippincott.

Thongs are the second-biggest seller in intimate apparel for Lane Bryant, which offers them from size 14 to 28. "Young women today," Lippincott points out, "don't have the same myths about plus-sized bodies. They expect fashion-forward items and appropriate underpinnings — fun, sexy things."

A recent survey conducted by Modestyle.com, a Web site geared for full-figured women, bears that out. It found that 67 percent of respondents said they loved lingerie, loved thong underwear, but wanted more choices.

"Thongs work really well on women with curves," says A.G. Britton Woods, Modestyle.com's editor-in-chief. "From a body-styling perspective, anything that gives you more length to your curves is good."

And, as all women know, image is everything. "If I'm trying to get my husband to turn off the TV," Woods says, "I put on my thong and some platform shoes."

"It drives him crazy."

# OPINIONS

## And Ramona says...



By Ramona Hernandez  
Contributing Writer

Competition is a fact of life that no one can avoid. The competitive spirit is what stimulates us. It can drive us to do stupid things, and often it just makes people sick with stress. I should know, my first two years of school here I was overly concerned with how the other people were performing and I was not focused on what was important, my own grades.

For college students the day to day competition grows with each new semester. This is becoming more apparent here at CNU. Not only are the freshmen classes becoming better academically with each passing year but also, within majors, classes are becoming tougher to survive. Each week the stress levels go up and the egos grow as we all try to survive our professors and each other's demands for success.

We have all heard of competition going to far and entering the world of dangerous. There was the Texas cheerleading mother who wanted to put a hit on the mother of her daughter's biggest competition. Many experts on the Columbine tragedy point to a high competition factor focused on popularity and material goods within the school that isolated the two gunmen.

Then there are times when competition is good. Athletes are facing competition from right now a world away in the Olympics, each trying to bring home some glory for themselves and their homelands. High school students are preparing for what is one of the biggest competitions of their lives: trying to get into a college. I, too, have been feeling the competitive fever around my classes and even in my extra curricular activities. The need to be the best, most popular on campus is obviously a goal for some.

I admit, I would love to be the most popular person on this campus, but I am not nor will I ever be. When I realized a long time ago that I do not have to be the best at everything all the time and my world became a lot simpler. My mother told me this one time and I have never forgotten it: "No matter how good you think you are at something, there is always going to be someone who is better than you are at that one thing."

That is the nature of the beast. You

become confident in high school or your freshman classes. You walk in knowing you are the best at math or english. That cocky attitude suddenly explodes when you realize who is sitting around to you. Ten people in your English class might have been number one in their graduating classes and the three people sitting over their might have been all city champions in four different sports!

Envy pops up because there is no competition without envy. And you suddenly think, "Well their parents must have bribed the teachers or did their homework for them," or, "That person who can throw a football ninety yards must not ever go to classes or takes steroids." I too have had those thoughts. You are desperately trying to find a weakness in this apparent super student and you forget to listen as the professor announces the exam that was scheduled for next week has been moved up to this week. You, focused on the others around you, have decided that class becomes a secondary thought.

Nevertheless, you do not know how they got there. They could have studied everyday of their high school career never taking anytime to hang out and relax. That all-city champion probably trained everyday and trains even harder now trying to stay ahead. You do not know what sacrifices they made to become the best, and usually the person who is the best is the one that works the hardest.

The competitive nature that is human will never stop. Competition lives within each of us and helps us become better because we desire to be number one. You can not get away from all of this but you can make it better.

Realize that there will always be someone who can do that just as well. Try your best and do not get stressed about it. In the larger picture of life, who really cares whose article is more popular? Probably not many people outside this campus. Heck, even outside this newsroom do people really care. You just need to learn to take it all with a grain of salt and get over it. Become a good loser as well as a confident adult. It will save you money on therapy later in life. And it might ensure that when you finally are best at something then you will appreciate the moment and then move on to what is really important: living.

## In my not so humble opinion



By Cash Arehart  
A & E Editor

Right now our campus is engulfed in a sea of controversy. One would then ask what the controversy is about. My reply would be: pick a topic. Between the ubiquitous parking dilemma, a raging greek image controversy, rumors and disputes surrounding the Campus Activities Board and the connotations raised by Christian organizations and those leading a more liberal lifestyle all can be cited as headlining the front burner of common CNU student thought.

What does this mean? Are we simply agreeing to disagree? Do we simply argue just to ensure the fact that our own vocal abilities still function? I do not believe so. The fact that there are so many different points of view on so many topics illustrate the fact that we care about what is going on. Obviously, we do not inhabit a perfect campus, but our controversies indicate the fact that we want to improve our campus for the better.

You should not be too hasty to incite arguments and controversy for the simple purpose of trying to better the university, though. Nothing loses an argument quicker than ignorance and stupidity. You could hold the greatest argumentative point in history, something so astounding that it would leave any opposition asunder, but if you are unable to phrase your argument intelligently,

it wouldn't matter.

Everyone is more than entitled to their opinion. But I can't stand an idiot who is so desperate to express their point of view to everyone else that they make themselves sound like a moron and only succeed in pushing all whom they were attempting to sway further away. If you are going to make a point, then you must first educate yourself on the topic. All too often an individual loses their audience by simply sounding ignorant.

Whether it means finding out where you can and cannot park or what CAB's budget is, you must at least sound intelligent in order to facilitate positive change. After educating yourself, there are many forums for placing complaints. The SGA is a great place to deal with issues that affect the entire campus. The Residence Hall Association is another organization capable of dealing with issues primarily concerning resident students.

If you are still unable to find an appropriate forum to assist you with your issue, take action on your own. Organize a petition or an open forum. Let people know that you are serious, find others who agree with you and get them involved in your cause. Above all else be sensible and intelligent. Change will only happen with initiative, but it will happen a lot quicker with a little brains involved in the mix.

## The Nursing Students' Association Presents

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an open forum on  
Tuesday, September 26 at 10:00 am  
in the second floor lounge of the Student  
Center. Any one interested in the Mono-  
lith is encouraged to attend this meeting.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks for the food service

Dear Editor,

When I was fourteen years old I got my first job at McDonald's and have been in the service industry since - more years than I care to discuss. To the members of CNU's service industry, particularly the food service sector, I would like to extend a giant "Thank You."

A job in the foodservice industry is one of the most thankless jobs available. As a member of that world, I sympathize with our staff and feel somewhat capable of speaking on their behalf.

To the students that wish to show up right at closing time: please don't. The closing times are not created to punish students, to keep them from eating when they are hungry, or to make them feel rushed. The closing times are set in place in order to allow the staff to do the rest of their jobs. Behind the food line and the cashier stand are a million little tasks that must be performed in order to continue to serve the quality food we are offered each day. Food must be prepared and properly stored for the next day and the service area must be cleaned to meet an amazingly high standard. Granted, I have not been behind the scenes of our eateries, but from the looks of the lines and the quality of the food, I would say that our foodservice staff is doing a fabulous job.

Not only is it truly disconcerting to have to serve a straggling student who feels it is their right to be served at the very last minute, but it is downright angering. Outside of their respective eateries, CNU's

foodservice employees have lives that are every bit as urgent and important as our own. While it is indeed their job to serve us, and hopefully serve us pleasantly, it is not their duty to sacrifice themselves for our personal benefit. When it comes time to close the doors, they still have at least an hour's worth of work to do before their day is done. One straggling student can quite easily transform that hour into two.

To those students who feel they should be treated more courteously I have this to say: remember the magic phrases your parents taught you as children. "Please" and "Thank You" go a long, long way in the service industry. Nothing makes a thankless job less painful than a grateful guest. And if you'd really like to see a smiling face in the school's cafeterias, try asking the person who is serving you how they are doing. Remember that their lives do not revolve around the curly fries they are passing in your direction and that their greatest pleasure is likely not the pleasant aroma of a hot kitchen, deep fryer, and onion slices that inevitably follows them home every day.

Remember your manners next time you show up a little late at the cafeterias. You know the employees are ready to go home. Instead of getting incensed about not being able to get what you want when you want it, ask if there is any way you could possibly have something that wouldn't be too much trouble for the staff to get for you. And an apology for being late wouldn't hurt either.

-Jenny Corbin

## In response to a non-offended Christian

Dear Anonymous non-offended Christian,

Numerous friends encouraged me to read your letter in the Captain's Log in response to Mr. Arehart's column. Having done so, I must raise a few points and clarify some issues.

You open your letter by saying you only pick up the paper once a month or so, perhaps a more regular reading of it would afford you a better understanding of the columnist's viewpoint. You go on to reiterate remarks Mr. Arehart made about being a Lutheran and a youth minister but you never attach any relevance to these points in the rest of your letter. It leaves me wondering why you brought them up in the first place. Perhaps it is this Lutheranism that bothers you?

Is Christian Separatism rearing its ugly head on CNU's campus? Or must you label someone in order to define who they are? You go on to say "this, by far, is a liberal university" and cite examples of diverse organizations already present. So isn't this then the place for yet another group? Why exclude yet another organization?

You also mentioned the "Sexual Brokenness" flyers and asked, "Why would one need such direction when we are here to get an education?" Isn't that the point behind Mr. Arehart's column - outrage that such flyers were posted in the first place. Do they have a place on this campus? Have we created an environment here that allows and even encourages such materials and thoughts or are we a "liberal" university where we "preach" tolerance and understanding?

I find it interesting that you went to the trouble to write a letter against the column and yet you agree with its basic premise.

As for why there is no "meet at the pole" or "Christian rush table" perhaps it is because of lack of interest or dedication. Having tried to start a campus organization myself, I am well aware of the apathy that plagues many such special interest groups.

You go on to assert your opinion as to why we "threw in Straight" in the name of the organization. Did you bother to ask anyone why it was called the Gay Straight Student Union? I think not. So let me clarify the issue. Had you asked, you would have learned we chose to include Straight so as not to be one of the segregationist organizations you decry. We left membership open to all regardless of sexual orientation or religion. Yes, we even take Lutherans. All we asked for was an openness of mind and spirit.

I must also make reference to your primary argument - that of anti-homosexuality. You quoted Lev. 18:22, you wave this battle flag in our faces and I can only ask: Do you truly believe that? Do you accept that as law?

If so I must assume you accept the rest of Leviticus as well and uphold ALL of its rules and regulations. You can't take one part and uphold it and forget the rest. What's next, only the odd numbered Commandments are to be revered and followed? Keeping that in mind I refer you to the WHOLE book of Leviticus, especially the parts regarding the sacrifices required by the Lord. So when you start burning animals on the Great Lawn, I'll stop sleeping with men. Do we have a deal?

Finally you referred to the recent news from Vermont and the Netherlands as "sickening." I would hope that you would also consider sickening the news from Wyoming. I refer to Matthew Shepard... Tortured - Beaten and chained - Christ like - to a fence post and left to die for his "sin" - being Gay.

In closing let me say the primary idea behind a "liberal" campus is that of acceptance and tolerance for all...Gay, Christian, both or neither. I have been blessed many times over and I hope the same for you.

I remain, non-offensively yours,  
-Tim Morgan

I may be Bisexual but I'm Man enough to sign my name.

## Alumni-Student Career Connection

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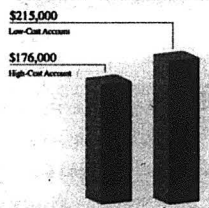
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# SPORTS

## Where are the Olympics?



By Mike Mullin,  
Sports Editor

"Can you smell what the rock is cookin'?" I'm not sure if I can smell it, but I sure can hear it. Walking down the halls of Santoro or James River on any Monday evening one cannot escape the ever present sound of WWF Smackdown. Every room seems to be watching professional wrestling. So, it seemed pretty logical to me that when the Olympics came around I wouldn't be able to escape that either.

That isn't the case though. People just aren't watching the Olympics in great numbers here at CNU. "I just don't really care much about the Olympics," said freshman Walter Vermilya, "and whenever I really want to know what is going on I just go to Yahoo! or something and check it out. At least that way you find out what happened before you see it on TV."

Television ratings for this year's Olympics are the lowest they have been since the 1960's. NBC, the network that broadcasts the Olympics, blames the low ratings on the 15 hour time delay, the internet, and a rather blah American team.

The real reason, though, runs a little deeper. Not many people care about the Olympics when they are not in the USA. Americans are deeply chauvinistic about their sports. We root for the home team, hate our opponents, and slam our own teams when we lose. And the Olympics only brings out the worst in American sportsmanship. Because there was an eight day period at the beginning of the Games when the USA was not winning the medal race, people tuned out and never tuned back in.

CNU has school spirit up to its ears. Games are full of screaming students. But people are just not watching the Olympics.



Softball began its preseason on the 16th with two strong wins, 18 - 1 and 17 - 0 respectively.

Photo by Tom Stormer/ The Captain's Log

## Fallball is underway: CNU clobbers Virginia State in softball opener

By Tom Geary  
Staff Writer

In their first two preseason games, CNU's women's softball team defeated Virginia State University. The offense exploded, scoring at total of 35 runs in the two games, and the Lady Captains showed off their many talents which they will use as they look to improve on last season's 32-11-1 record.

A crowd of fans and parents showed up to watch the Lady Captains defeat VSU with scores of 18-1 and 17-0. Four CNU players were unable to participate in the games because of academic problems, but the team did not appear hindered by their absence. CNU collected dozens of hits and allowed only one run in the two games.

A quick start sparked by hit after hit helped CN jump to an early 13-1 lead in the first game. Runs continued to pour in throughout the first and second innings. Pitcher Mya Bolling of VSU was unable to find a successful means of stopping the Lady Captains.

But VSU did not give up easily. Short-stop Stacey Hundley commented, "Even though they were down, they didn't quit."

CNU went on to win the first game 18-1.

After a fifteen minute break, CNU faced VSU again in the second game of the day. Freshman Vanessa Gray of Menchille pitched three strikeouts in the top of the first inning. CNU immediately took control, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning and ten more runs in the second. Senior Stacey Hundley, junior Tammi Perok, and sophomore Jen Harrell each brought in RBI's for the team in the second inning.

The second game ended in a 17-0 shut-out thanks, in part, to Vanessa Gray's pitching. Both games ended early because of the "mercy rule."

The Sept. 16 games were part of the Fallball program which is designed to prepare softball teams for the regular season. Coach Paul Weiss, back for his sixth year with CNU's softball program, believes the Fallball matchups prepare the team well for the regular season. "It gives them all the experience that they need," commented Weiss. "Plus, I can get all the rookies experience. I can see what they can do, and get them to fit in with the team."

The Lady Captains have prepared themselves well and feel they are almost ready for the 2001 season. Jen Harrell said, "We

have excellent chemistry. We have a lot of new freshmen this year that are going to add a backbone to the team." Harrell added, "(Fallball) takes a bit of the edge off when it comes to the spring season. Once you've played a few games, you can get a feel for how the season's gonna be."

Some of the players are already predicting the team's future. "We have an excellent team that is going to go a long way this season," said sophomore Crystal Storey. "We should go to the Dixie Tournament for sure."

And Coach Weiss is no stranger to winning. In his previous five seasons with the team, he has amassed an impressive record of 150-67-1, as well as an NCAA bid, multiple Dixie Conference championships and was named Dixie Conference Coach of the Year twice as well as the All Virginia Division II-III Coach of the year.

Weiss seems to believe the team he has now is one the his better teams in recent years. "I think this team... is going to win the Dixie Championship at least two out of the next four years," Weiss commented. "We've got a lot of power and definitely some good fielding. It looks like we're go

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ing to have pretty good pitching. I think we're going to do real well this year...."

Unity is another of the Lady Captain's strong points. Star newcomers like Vanessa Gray, Heather Walters, and Jenny Martin are already getting along well with their teammates. Coach Weiss said, "The team is getting together really good. In fact, it's one of the better teams I've ever had when it comes to getting along with one another. Sometimes girls get in... groups, and that's not happening with this team. I think we're going to have fine companionship, and love for one another. That's what I coach. I coach love for one another."

Jen Harrell thinks that Coach Weiss is the best coach she has ever had and said, "I couldn't play if it weren't for Coach Weiss." Stacey Hundley added, "He's not just here to coach, he cares about us."

By the time the 2001 season rolls around, the team hopes to have developed enough unity to be able to win the Dixie Tournament championship.

But their games are about more than winning. Coach Weiss commented, "Out on the field is where you make your best friends in college. Out here you get good friends for life, even on the other team."

If they're making friends, winning games, and having fun, how can the Lady Captain's of softball lose?

## Golf places third, behind two Division I's, at W & L Invitational

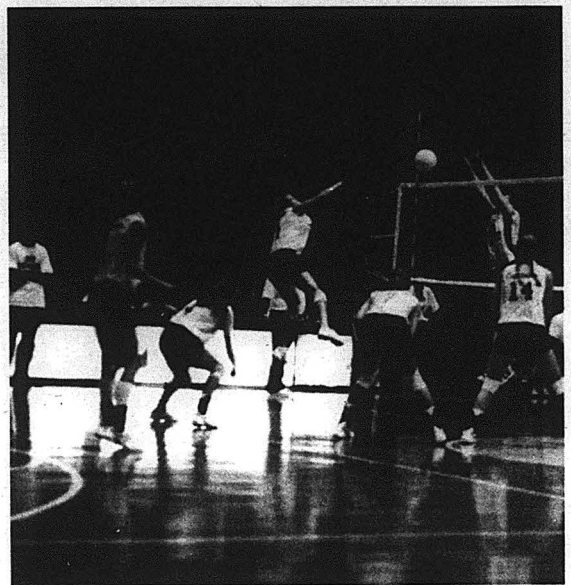
### CNU Sports Information

LEXINGTON, Va. — The golf team finished third, behind only Division I George Mason and Radford, at the Washington & Lee/Buck Leslie Memorial Golf Tournament Tuesday at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

CNU fired a second round 309 to go with Monday's 307, and closed with a total of 616. George Mason won with a 606, while Radford edged the Captains for second by three shots, finishing with a 613.

Trailing CNU in fourth place was Ferrum at 617, followed by Washington & Lee, 621; Averett, 625; Hampden-Sydney, 630; Randolph-Macon, 632; Roanoke, 636, and Lynchburg, 643, in the top ten in the 15-team field.

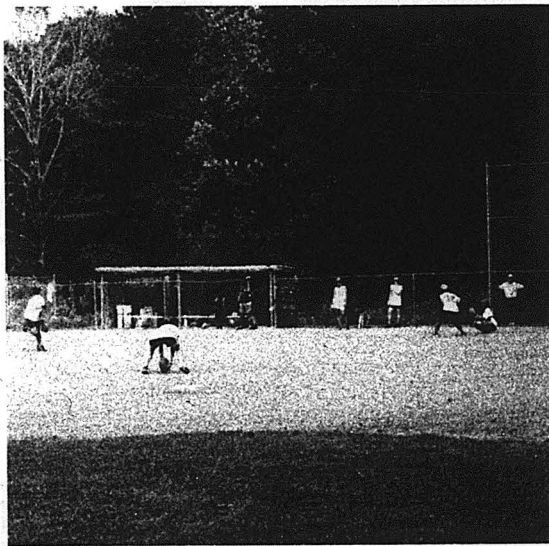
Robbie Craft placed third with a 75-72—147, while Mike Priddy was ninth at 74-77—151. Mike Hart shot a 77-79—156 and Matt Buttgerit an 81-81—162.



CNU junior mid-hitter Lindsay Sheppard drives the ball through defenders as the Lady Captains grab another victory, defeating Catholic University.

Photo by John Bailey/The Captain's Log

Softball's actual season does not begin until March 2nd, when they open in the Methodist Tournament Photo by Tom Stormer/The Captain's Log



## Editor's Challenge

### Mike's Picks:

**Indianapolis** at Buffalo: The wings are hotter in Indianapolis.

**Baltimore** at **Cleveland**: I will not pick Baltimore at all this season.

**Minnesota** at **Detroit**: The Timberwolves over the Redwings.

**San Diego** at **St. Louis**: Padres cremate the Blues.

**New York Giants** at **Tennessee**: The Predators over the Rangers

**Pittsburgh** at **Jacksonville**: The hurricanes over the Penguins



**Seattle** at **Kansas City**: The Royals over the Mariners 32-1

**Arizona** at **San Francisco**: Diamondbacks over the Giants...wait a minute. How long have I been doing that?

**Dallas** at **Carolina**: Dallas criminal record is bigger then Carolina's defensive line  
**Miami** at **Cincinnati**: Is that Marino guy still playing?

**New England** at **Denver**: Drew Bledsoe is from Walla Walla, Washington.

**Chicago** at **Green Bay**: What ever happened to "Refridgerator" Perry

**Tampa Bay** at **Washington**: I'm picking against my home team. God help me.

**Atlanta** at **Philadelphia**: Canceled due to Olympic fever.

## Editor's Challenge



To play, simply circle the team you think will win and drop this coupon in the Tape-a-Quarter box located in the Student Center Lounge. If you select more winners then Sports Editor, Mike Mullin- as if that could ever happen- you will be entered into a random drawing for the week. The 1st place winner will receive 2 Subs, 2 Chips, and 2 large drinks from the Subway Station. A runner-up will receive 1 Sub, 1 Chips, and 1 large drink.

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Tampa Bay at Washington  
Atlanta at Philadelphia  
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# CNU women's soccer team defeats Marymount College

## Captains earn fourth shut-out of season

By John Bailey  
Contributing Writer

CNU's womens soccer team continued their battle to the top of the Dixie Conference last week. The Lady Captains won their fifth straight game and their fourth shut-out of the season, defeating Marymount College 1-0. Freshman Shelley Rusnak drove the winning goal into the net during the sudden death overtime period.

"It wasn't our best game of the season," CNU head coach Melissa Mitchell said. "But we were dealing with bad field conditions and had played a game the day before." After defeating Southern Virginia at home, CNU travelled to Marymount the next day.

"But our defense really stepped up against Marymount," Mitchell said.

They stayed composed and were very aggressive throughout the game."

Mitchell credits the team's solid defensive work to senior sweeper Elke Reisdorph and freshman center Connie Boehling, who had one of her best games, attacking the ball every chance she got.

After last week's win against Marymount, CNU is in a position to grab the top spot in the conference from N.C. Wesleyan, the defending Dixie champions.

CNU's strong defense has been one ingredient to the team's quick start this season. The other has been solid play from the Lady Captain's bench.

We have seven seniors this year, and they all contribute," Mitchell said.

"This is the fourth year of women's soccer at CNU, so we finally have some depth."

The experience is evident in the team's level of confidence. CNU has out-shot its opponents this season 91-38. Because of this, the team's scoring has been spread throughout the roster.

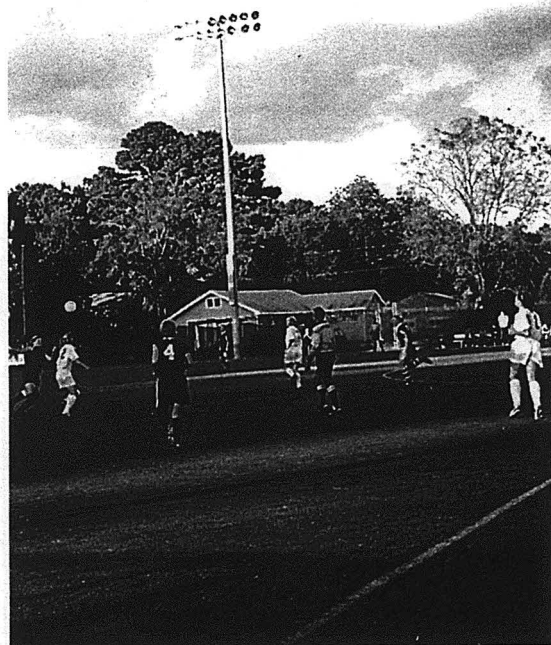
Six players have scored at least one goal and sophomore Amy Petko and senior Laura McFerrin are leading the team with four goals each.

Petko was chosen as last week's Dixie female athlete.

Despite CNU's solid performance this season, the team is still looking to improve.

"Right now, we play a direct ball offense," Mitchell said. "I want to see the team become less predictable for their opponents and spread the ball out more on the field."

CNU's first big challenge will be against Salisbury Oct. 3. Salisbury is the only team that has beaten N.C. Wesleyan this season.



The Lady Captains drive to over take N.C Wesleyan continues next week when they take on Salisbury, the only team to beat N.C. Wesleyan this season.

Photo by Emily Labrie/ for The Captain's Log

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CNU: It's all about family

## Field Hockey drops first, 2-1, at Bridgewater

From CNU Sports Information

BRIDGEWATER, Va. - The field hockey team dropped its first game of the year, 2-0, at Bridgewater Friday afternoon.

The loss dropped CNU's record to 3-1. They will play at Washington & Lee on the 23rd

## Volleyball tops Chowan in three

From CNU Sports Information

MURFREESBORO, N.C. - The volleyball team went on the road Monday and came home with a 3-0 blanking of Chowan, 15-9, 15-11, 15-13.

The Lady Captains improved to 10-2 on the year as Lindsay Sheppard had 15 kills and 11 digs, Heather Vaden added 11 kills and seven digs and Nina Richardson had 30 assists.

CNU travels to the second Dixie Conference Round Robin on the 23rd.

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up to and, just like all other sports at CNU, the team will be held to no less of a standard of winning and sportsman-like performance than any other.

Competing with last year when CNU sports teams won 70% of all contests they entered, higher than any other school in Virginia, will put this new team to the test.

CNU is planning to have a great first season and show the Dixie Cup Conference that even the first year we have a team, that team will win.

Kevin Baggett, who will be trying out for the team next summer, said, "We feel real excited about this year coming up and I know were all pumped up and we cant wait for next season so we can get some real practice underway."

For now, it is up to the coaches to continue building the team that will put CNU at the top of the Dixie Cup Conference in yet another sport.

## Countdown Corner

Number of days  
until the first basket-  
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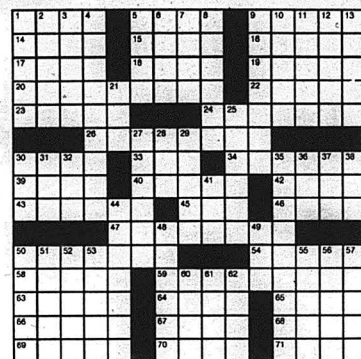


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5 Kitchen utensils  
9 Hobo  
14 Spout nonsense  
15 Oodles  
16 Bizarre  
17 Tel. Jaffa  
18 Bamboo stem  
19 Church honoree  
20 Saw, basically  
22 Outline  
23 Catch  
24 School groups  
26 Photo  
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33 Turn to the right!  
34 Enters  
39 Cain's victim  
40 Mythical strongman  
42 Lose control of a tirade  
43 Discarded odds and ends  
45 Creative drive  
46 Irritating tingle  
47 "Thais" composer

50 Stability provider  
54 12-step program  
58 Medleys  
59 Home for homeless kids  
63 Chorus section  
64 Wry face  
65 Pound of poetry  
66 Rummy  
67 Sound of rippling water  
68 Oracle  
69 Uses a keyboard  
70 Spread slowly  
71 Huskies' pull

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4 Setbacks  
5 Walk to and fro  
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7 Negatives for Nanette  
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11 Opera songs  
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13 Rose and Sampras  
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27 Old World lizards  
28 Teacher's favorite  
29 Tennis star  
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31 Fortas or Lincoln  
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36 Used chairs  
37 End of a bus?  
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49 Roaring '20s, e.g.  
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51 Bronze, e.g.  
52 Fired a pipe  
53 Slack  
55 Eye shade  
56 Think the same way  
57 Facial growth  
60 Reprobate  
61 Unadulterated  
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The Sisters of Gamma Phi Beta would like to recognize their sister of the week, REBEKAH MONTEGOMERY. She has gone out of her way to help the chapter this past week and needs to be commended for all her hard work and efforts.

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-Chris Hebert

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