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## BB's and Bombs

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"I was on my way to the Lion's Den when I heard shots going off," Cumberland hall resident Tyler Holt said.

On January 9, Holt, along with many other residents and passersby, got acquainted with the sound of a BB gun. The incident took place around midnight when two young ladies were walking to their respective dorms.

Although they were both venturing off to their dorms, it has been inferred by campus security that the two students were not together when the shots occurred. One of the girls felt the sting of the BB pellet on her finger while the other felt the shot on her side. There were no serious injuries, but both girls had to have minor care.

Shortly after the incident occurred, Residence Life contacted campus security in hopes that they could fix the problem. According to Chief James Phillips, consented searches were then conducted in order to find the BB gun. The security team also searched the scene.

"We never found any projectiles," Phillips said.

Later, Phillips conducted another set of consented searches. Although the gun itself was not found, a single BB gun pellet was recovered from

the search.

About a week after this occurrence, another episode befell the campus of Methodist University. This event is believed to be unrelated to that of the BB gun shooting, partially because this problem happened at Garber Hall.

"[It was] a bottle bomb," Phillips said.

According to Phillips, the bomb in question was made of a bottle and "readily available" substances. The bomb went off, but did not have an exothermic reaction. In other words, it did not give off heat or burst into flames, because this type of bomb expands and simply bursts rather than combusting. There were no suspected targets and no one was harmed. However, if someone was in the vicinity of the bomb when it went off, the chemicals that make up the bomb could have injured someone.

The security team is still working on finding the perpetrators of both of these events. Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact security at (910) 630-7149. Students can also call the Crime Stoppers anonymous hotline in order to give the security team any information. You can also speak with Phillips and remain anonymous.

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# Drawing a Puppy

## The Right Way



Comic by Emory Jacobs

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## Candor Review

By: Emory Jacobs

Families sign up for a years-long waiting list just to join the town. Families that struggle with addiction, mental illness, and domestic violence move to the town of Candor: The place that will solve all your problems. It is the ultimate statement of luxury for some; for others, it is a last resort.

For you see, in the town of Candor, Florida, almost everyone is perfect. Those who aren't will soon be, thanks to brainwashing waves imbedded in the music that plays throughout the town.

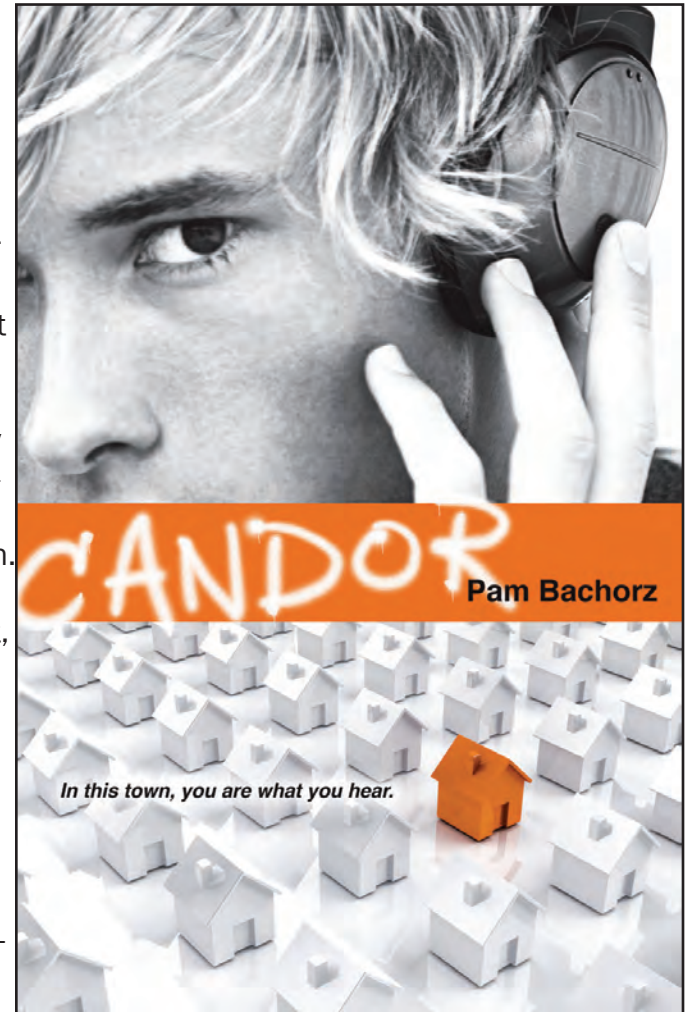
In the novel named after the fictional city, the story focuses on one person: Oscar Banks. But Oscar Banks isn't just a random teenager who happens to live in the community. He is, in fact, the son of the town's founder, Cambell Banks, and Oscar had long ago discovered the town's secret.

With this information, he frees members of

families that are now stuck there against their will: problem children, adults who discovered they were being manipulated, you name it. But that freedom comes with a price, and Oscar has been saving himself a hefty retirement plan. But his smuggling is also risky: discovery by his father and exposure from a previous client could happen at any second.

Candor is a gripping novel from start to finish. Each page is quite literally a discovery, slowly revealing the horrors of the town, Oscar's past, and the punishment that would await him if he were to make a single mistake in his underground smuggling operation. The best part of all it is that the one person who is breaking all the rules is the hero, and the choices he makes throughout the book are both real and unexpected.

This book is definitely recommended for anyone in the college scene.'



## Courageous Review

By: Gabbie Isaac

This film was magnificent. For any person who enjoys tear jerkers, this is the movie for you. Four different men, who also happen to be police officers, are all friends and partners. It is not until the tragic loss of a loved one pushes one of these men into designing a pact. The main character, Adam Mitchell, begins to study the Bible when he notices that there are many things in the Bible about being a father. He makes it his mission to "serve and protect" his family first and foremost. Filled with biblical references, gang violence, and heart-touching moments, this movie is the must see film of the year! Check it out, it is now available on dvd.

Nicole Hamilton's  
crayon painting



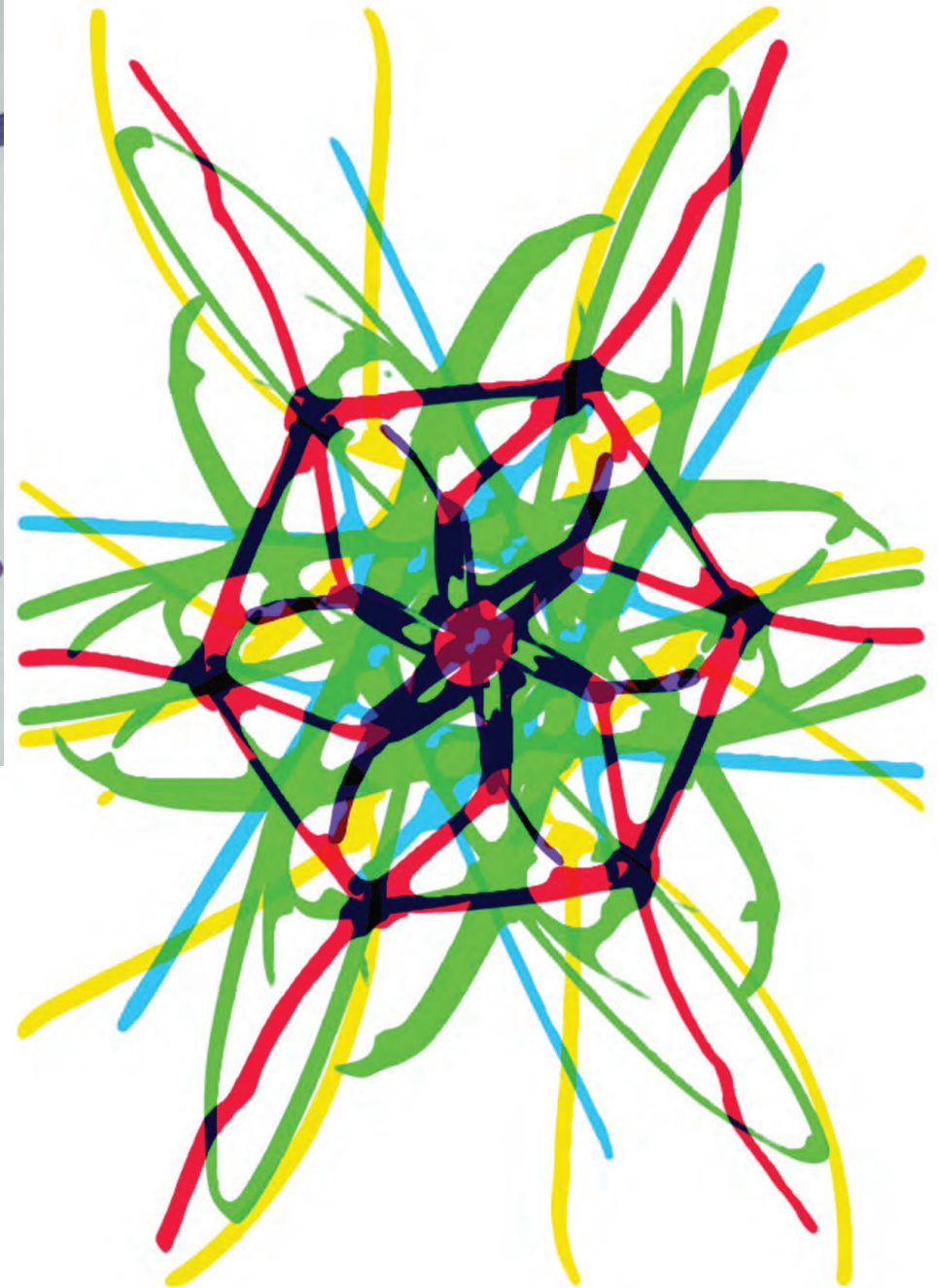
## Altar Call By: Anonymous

The words ring through the ears of the people  
Under the roof and under the steeple  
Because a fire must start with friction  
Being born again must start with conviction

Talking of what God did for the world  
For every man, woman, boy and girl  
Tears begin to build and eyes begin to see  
What Jesus really did on the Cross of Calvary

Hearts begin to pound, beat by beat by beat  
Until the courage is worked to get up on two feet  
To walk down to that alter and learn of God's great love  
To know that He is watching up in Heaven above

Will you stand when that day comes?  
When your heart beats louder than a drum  
When the preacher gives the benediction  
Will you still be under conviction?



## Chaotic Flower By: Gabbie Isaac

Artists' Corner does not represent the opinions of the smalltalk staff. This is student submitted work. Any MU student can submit scan work to [smalltalkMU@yahoo.com](mailto:smalltalkMU@yahoo.com); this includes poems, artwork, photos, lyrics and short stories. Both in grayscale or color.

Dear All Powerful One,

It is hot, and then it's cold. It's rainy, and then it's blindingly sunny. Tell me glorious ninja, what are your secrets to staying sane in the crazy weather?

Sincerely,

I'm not a weather man

Dear I'm not a weather man,

As a ninja, I am unaffected by weather. When it is cold, I use my ninja techniques to breathe fire for warmth. Rain has never touched my skin because I have super speed and can dodge raindrops. When it is sunny, I blind the Sun with my ninja-tasticness. Finally, when it is hot, the tears of my fallen enemies keep me cool. But because you are not a ninja, I can understand your dilemma. Carry a small umbrella, sunglasses, a scarf and a water bottle in your book bag. These don't take up much space and prepare you for the worst. However, I prefer breathing fire.

Your Sensei,

Campus Ninja



Dear Master of Deception,

Now that the spring semester has begun, all of the clubs and organizations that I am involved in have changed their meeting times. I can't attend most of them because they conflict with my classes. What should I do?

Sincerely,

Clashed and Conflicted

Dear Clashed and Conflicted,

I understand your problem. Because I am a Master of the Shadows, I must spend a great deal of time tracking my targets. However, as a ninja, I can read the minds of all to get a grasp on the dangerous situations I often find myself in. But because you do not have super ninja-like telepathicness like I do, I suggest that you talk to the club's advisor. Also, it might be a good idea to get the phone numbers of some of your fellow club members and ensure them that you are still interested.

Your Shadow Warrior,

Campus Ninja

## Crime Log 2012

Date	Location	Description
1/4	Berns Parking Lot	Property Damage (Door Handle)
1/5	Cumberland Hall	Suspicious Person
1/9	Cumberland Hall	Assault/Weapon
1/11	Cumberland Parking Lot	Property Damage (Windshield)
1/11	West Hall	Larceny (iPod)
1/13	Hendricks Service Lot	Larceny (Sign)
1/14	Lower Fields drive	Suspicious Person
1/16	Garber Hall	Disorderly Conduct
1/17	Hendricks Service Lot	Property Damage (Sign Posts)
1/17	Green and Gold Cafe	Harassing Telephone Calls
1/17	Garber Hall	Drug Posserssion/Paraphernalia
1/19	Cumberland Hall	Larceny (Check)
1/20	Village Complex	Suspicious Person



Photo by Shakeh Galstyan

# Monarch Scoreboard

## GAME RESULTS

### Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Result
1/4	Christopher Newport University	L 75-80
1/7	Averett University	L 71-77
1/9	Central Carolina Community College	N/A
1/11	Christopher Newport University	L 70-77
1/16	Shenandoah University	L 72-81
1/18	Ferrum College	W 73-63

### Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Result
1/4	Averett University	L 45-50
1/7	Shenandoah University	W 67-50
1/8	Mary Balwin College	W 61-48
1/11	Peace College	W 66-44
1/14	Ferrum College	L 54-59
1/18	North Carolina Wesleyan College	L 67-77

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
1/21	North Carolina Wesleyan College	4 p.m.
1/24	Greensboro College	7 p.m.
1/28	Lynchburg College	2 p.m.
1/30	Central Carolina Community College	8:15 p.m.
1/31	Averett University	7:30 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
1/21	Meredith College	2 p.m.
1/24	Greensboro College	7 p.m.
1/28	Christopher Newport University	2 p.m.
1/31	Averett University	5:30 p.m.

### Women's Softball

Date	Opponent	Time
2/3	Florence-Darlington Technical College	3 p.m.



## Story and Craft Hour

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 &  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
10:00am - 11:00am

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Thursday, February 2, 2012

4:00pm - 6:00pm

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Monday, February 6th

4:30pm • 5:30pm • 6:30pm • 7:30pm

Registration begins on January 23rd.

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