CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT University

ALUMNI MAGAZINE For Our Alumni and Friends

CNU School of Business brings a seasoned crew on board
‘Whatever happened to...?’
A visit with retired CNU professors

**Dr. Aletha Markusen** taught microbiology and genetics at CNC from 1969 to 1985. Now residing in Wichita, Kansas, she’s an active member of the League of Women Voters and writes regularly on political issues for her newspaper, *The Wichita Eagle*. She enjoys studying Russian language at Wichita State University and travels frequently.

“I just returned from a trip with my family to the International Peace Gardens in Manitoba, Canada,” says Markusen. “It’s beautiful, the only one of its kind in the world.” She also enjoys playing the piano and teaches music lessons to members of her family.

**Dr. Lawrence Sacks**, chemistry professor, is retired but you wouldn’t know it from listening to him talk. He just completed a one-week microchemistry course at the National Center for Microchemistry, Andover, Massachusetts. “I’m still writing lab books for general chemistry,” says Sacks, who retired in 1995 after 25 years of teaching. While at CNU he was president of the Faculty Senate and helped write the faculty by-laws. “We were one of the first schools to introduce student evaluations,” he says.

Sacks volunteers in Newport News at the Virginia Living Museum where he fixes microscopes and telescopes. He also chairs the Newport News Human Rights Commission and works with L.I.N.K., an interfaith ministry serving the poor.

Education professor **John Jenkins** paved the way for CNU’s education program when he started teaching in 1968. At the time, he was teaching at the College of William & Mary and was asked to teach an education class at CNC. These days he’s been recuperating from a successful hip replacement surgery. He and his wife, Irene, have two children. Jenkins serves as an elder at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church and enjoys reading. “I just read John Grisham’s, *The Testament*, his best book yet,” he says.

**James Hubbard III** helped get CNU’s track and golf programs up and running. Now, he’s usually on the golf course in Corolla, North Carolina, where he’s a ranger. He also teaches golf at the College of the Albemarle in Manteo. His other passion is growing roses. “I grow all varieties; I have 200 rose bushes in Newport News and about 100 growing at my cottage in Nags Head,” he says. During a recent North Carolina Senior Olympic Games, Hubbard captured gold medals in golf, basketball, discus throwing, miniature golf, and photography. He says he’s excited about the opening of The Freeman Center because it will provide “a great place for indoor track meets.”

**Ruth Kernodle** is someone who has a habit of starting new programs. She started CNU’s sociology department in 1969 and also helped establish the LifeLong Learning Society. She and her husband, Wayne, a retired College of William and Mary professor, created the Christopher Wren Society at William & Mary.

“We began with 109 members and a few courses,” she says. “Now we have more than 1,000 members and offer some 60 courses.” The Kernodles have traveled extensively to China, the Middle East, Spain, and South America.
FEATURES

2 Join the Alumni Society
"Help to make a great university the best it can be"

10 Cover story – CNU School of Business raises its sails, charts an ambitious course, brings a seasoned crew on board

DEPARTMENTS

Athletics
5 Kelchner coaching style a family tradition

6 CNU’s new Freeman Center director is ready for the challenge

7 New sports ready for action at Christopher Newport

Faculty and Students
8 New dean brings energy, enthusiasm to her post

9 Professor Cones ‘one of the best’ in Virginia

14 Dixie Conference Coaches Poll

Picks CNU to win

15 Calendar of events/Alumni notes

16 Construction, renovation projects abound on campus, and students love it!

17 CNU gaining favorable media spotlight

18 Brick Bash brings together alumni, friends of CNU

20 Former CNU students ‘go Hollywood’ in ‘Erin Brokovich’
Join the ALUMNI SOCIETY

"Help to make a great university the best it can be"

Think about one drop of water - how seemingly insignificant. Then consider that drop, multiplied by millions, and the force it can generate as streams, rivers, waves or oceans.

That is the potential effect of a strong alumni society on a university. Today there are more than 10,000 CNU Alumni. "Collectively, the alumni can have a dramatic impact on the direction of the university and its image and have a positive influence on its students, faculty and educational programs," says Paul Q. Darden, CNU Alumni Society President.

"The Alumni Society has adopted a bold strategic plan," says Darden. The plan calls for:

• expanded opportunities for alumni to gather, network and participate in the life of the university;
• more meaningful interaction with students, especially juniors and seniors;
• involvement in direct career counseling;
• greater student scholarship support;
• increased recognition of individual and collective alumni accomplishments;
• enhanced communication with alumni.

Events

The society has planned an exciting agenda of events for 2000-01 and invites all alumni to participate. It includes:

• Alumni-Student Move-In Day. On Aug. 19, more than 20 alumni participated in the first Alumni-Student Move-In Day. Alumni helped to welcome students and parents and assisted with the move into the dorms.

• Alumni-Student Career Connection. On Oct. 3, alumni from a variety of occupations offered career advice to
CNU senior class members and graduate students. James (Jimmy) Haggard, CPA, ('77) partner at Goodman & Company, was the featured speaker and was joined by 36 alumni in 19 career advising breakout sessions.

- **Commencement Day Breakfast.** On Dec. 16 and May 12, the Alumni Society will invite graduates, parents, family and friends to assemble for their day of celebration with the inaugural Commencement breakfast served by alumni.


- **Relay for Life.** On June 8 and 9, the Alumni Society will participate with teams in the American Cancer Society's Peninsula Relay for Life. Last year the Alumni society raised $2,635 and is eager to increase its participation and fundraising goal.

- **Homecoming.** On Feb. 17, alumni will gather for an annual tradition - a buffet lunch, entertainment and fellowship prior to the Captains homecoming basketball game. This year it will be a highlight as CNU's men's team is once again nationally ranked and will be playing in the newly constructed Freeman Center. In fall 2001, look for CNU's first football homecoming.

- **Student Scholarships:** The Alumni Society awards four $1,000 annual scholarships. The society is committed to continuing scholarship support to deserving students.

- **The Future**

**Endowed Scholarships,** **Alumni House, Greater Alumni Involvement**

Currently, the Jimmy Draper Scholarship is endowed at the $10,000 level and the Society's goal is to raise an additional $70,000 to endow all four $1,000 annual awards.

Also, the Society is laying the groundwork for a building fund to finance CNU's first ever Alumni House. Finally, the Society pledges to strive to involve alumni in every facet of improving the University.
To Accomplish Mission – Alumni Board Adopts Membership Dues

This bold strategic plan requires the funds necessary to accomplish the mission. Therefore, the CNU Alumni Society is establishing membership dues, which will provide direct financial support. Membership dues are:

- $25 Individual member
- $35 Couple
- $15 First Year Graduate

In the past, any donor to CNU was a member of the Alumni Society. These dollars directly funded University programs. With the expansion of Alumni Society activity, the Society requires revenue to implement its agenda.

Member Benefits and Special Discounts Abound

Each member will receive a membership card, an alumni decal and special invitations and mailings. Members will be eligible for discounts for the Trischmann Health and Fitness Pavilion, CNU Bookstore, Ella Fitzgerald Music Festival, LifeLong Learning Society Membership, Center for Community Learning courses, car rentals, and hotels.

Members may qualify for the Society's group VISA or MasterCard or be interested in going on alumni international tours. The Society is negotiating the best arrangements possible for the following member benefits: Free lifetime e-mail address and access to alumni-sponsored e-commerce; group health, life, home, and auto insurance special rates; and discounts for group long distance service, real estate service, and home loan mortgages. All private sector group benefits are subject to individual member application approval.

Help Make a Collective Difference at CNU—Join the Alumni Society Today!

Help make your Alumni Society strong. Enclosed in this magazine is an Alumni Society membership brochure. Please complete and send your dues payment today. If you have questions or want more information, contact Membership Committee Chair, Darry Patterson, at (757) 595-5240 or Alumni Director, Gail Billups at (757) 594-7712 or by e-mail at gbillups@cnu.edu

Look for the CNU Alumni Society on the web at www.cnu.edu/alumni

ALUMNI, HAVE WE GOT IT RIGHT? LET US KNOW!

All CNU alumni were recently notified of our upcoming new alumni directory and were asked for their input. If you have not already done so, please return your questionnaire today. This will ensure that your personal information will be accurately included in this great new reference book.

Within two to three months, the verification phase of this project will begin. You will receive a telephone call from Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., the official publisher of our directory. Please give the representative who calls you a few moments of your time to verify your listing.

To reserve a copy of the 2001 CNU Alumni Directory, please advise the Harris representative during this conversation, since this will be the only opportunity for alumni to order the book.

Scheduled for release in June 2001, the CNU Alumni Directory promises to be the definitive reference for over 10,000 of our alumni. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of it!

If you have not received your questionnaire, contact Gail Billups at (757) 594-7712 or by e-mail at gbillups@cnu.edu.
Early on in his life, Matt Kelchner knew what he wanted to be: a college football coach like his father, Rodney Kelchner.

"My dad started taking me to football practices when I was three years old," says Kelchner, who grew up in Covington, Pennsylvania. He remembers helping his dad wash uniforms on Sundays and being locked in storage rooms and back-of-the-bus restrooms by players.

Next fall, when the CNU Captains hit the gridiron, the father will be coming to his son's football games. Kelchner says he couldn't be more pleased that he was chosen to help kick off the University's first-ever Division III football program.

"We are thrilled to have Matt with us," says C.J. Woollum, Director of Athletics. "He's a man with high integrity, and his football credentials speak for themselves."

Kelchner came to CNU in June after nearly two decades as an assistant coach at the College of William & Mary. Under his leadership, the program turned out four of the top five rushers in school history. Kelchner also worked closely with the program's punting and kicking games and coached Steve Christie, the place-kicker for the Buffalo Bills.

But like most assistant coaches, Kelchner yearned for his own program. With 16 years of experience under his belt, he's ready for the challenge of starting a program from scratch. Right now, he's focusing on hiring two full-time assistant coaches and recruiting players.

With the "best possible college football experience."

"This sport can teach you valuable lessons in life," says the former cornerback and punter at Susquehanna State University. "Football is, without a doubt, the hardest and most demanding sport there is. You can learn a lot about yourself as far as truly testing your limits."

When he's not 'walking and talking' football, Kelchner's family life with wife, Kathryn, and sons, Grant, 3, and Luke, 15 months, keeps him pretty busy.

Most likely, his two boys will become a fixture around the practice field. That suits Kelchner just fine. In fact, he might even put them to work washing uniforms on Sundays.

Christopher Newport Captures All-Sports Title

There are many ways to measure success in the world of college athletics. There are overall records, conference championships, NCAA appearances and championships.

Christopher Newport’s athletic squads have been successful on all of those scales. Recently, the Virginia Sports Information Directors Association (VaSID) released its yearly report on Virginia's athletic programs, and as you would expect, Christopher Newport again stood out. The Captains captured the annual "All-Sports" title presented by VaSID.

According to the report, CNU’s winning percentage was .697 in the 1999-2000 school year. That percentage was the highest of all schools in the state, including Division I and II.

Every team Christopher Newport fielded had a winning record. CNU’s men’s teams were 74-28-1, women’s squads were 91-43-1, for an overall total of 165-71-2. It’s the second time in the last three years Christopher Newport has earned the statewide honor.
CNU's new Freeman Center director is ready for the challenge

The field of archaeology has always fascinated Doug Shipley. Growing up in rural Dunkirk, Maryland, Shipley remembers digging up arrowheads and pieces of old pottery from the cornfields of his native state.

"The mother of one of my childhood friends really sparked my interest," recalls Shipley. "I went on a dig with them one time, and I was immediately hooked!"

With hopes of becoming an archaeologist, Shipley enrolled at St. Mary's College and earned his B.A. in sociology, anthropology and political science in 1996. However, after graduation he decided to pursue another dream—a career in athletics.

"I realized I would have to get a Ph.D. to be a successful archaeologist," explains Shipley. "I knew it would be a stretch, financially, coming from a single-parent household. I've always loved sports and decided that was the best career path for me." Shipley earned his master's degree in physical education and sport studies in 1998 from the University of Georgia.

Now, as director of CNU's $15 million Freeman Center, the 27-year-old says he can't imagine doing anything else.

"I love this campus, and the challenge to open a new building really gets my blood pumping," he says, smiling.

Before arriving at CNU, Shipley was the assistant facilities coordinator for Emory University's Woodruff Physical Education Center, a 190,000-square-foot, four-level gymnasium.

He was also the house director for Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. "It wasn't bad; I got free room and board," he quips.

At CNU, Shipley will manage the daily operations of the 110,000-square-foot facility. The center will hold 2,500 people for basketball and volleyball games and up to 5,000 for convocations or concerts. Shipley says that will enable CNU to host national competitions, as well as events for high schools and community groups.

"This facility is going to help tremendously in recruiting student athletes and other top students," he says. "Recreation and fitness will be a big sell on CNU's campus."

When he finds the time to relax, Shipley enjoys golfing and fishing. And though he hasn't been on any archaeological digs around here just yet, he says he's looking forward to exploring the wealth of historical sites in the area.
Center named for Robert L. Freeman, Sr.

The Freeman Center is named for one of the Peninsula's leading business and community leaders, Robert L. Freeman, Sr.

"This magnificent sports and convocation facility is named in honor of the leadership and generosity of Robert L. Freeman, Sr. and his family," President Trible said. "Bob Freeman has spent a lifetime helping to make Virginia a better place to live, work and raise a family. It is only fitting that we honor this great man in a very special way."

Robert L. Freeman, Sr. had a distinguished career in accounting, which included being managing partner of Coopers & Lybrand's Newport News and Norfolk offices.

Freeman is also very involved in the community. He currently serves as a Trustee for the Mariners' Museum and is a Deacon and Trustee of North Riverside Baptist Church.

He is a Founding Director of the Virginia Living Museum, and has served as a Director of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Peninsula Economic Development Council, Chairman of the Peninsula United Fund Drive, and Vice President of the Port Authority Terminals.

In 1998, Robert L. Freeman, Sr. and members of his family announced their gift of $1 million to CNU for the construction of the Center for the Arts. The gift from the Freeman family is the largest private gift CNU has ever received.

NEW SPORTS READY FOR ACTION AT CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT

It has become almost a commonplace event. Another academic year is here and with it more athletic programs at Christopher Newport University. This year the rapidly-growing University welcomes both a women's field hockey squad in the fall and a women's lacrosse team in the spring.

Three years ago it was the addition of women's soccer, and next fall it will be football.

"We are very excited to welcome these new programs to CNU," Director of Athletics C.J. Woollum said. "As Senator Trible has taken the University to the next level, we feel these additions, along with football next year, will keep the athletic program on the same pace."

Nancy Billger will coach both women's lacrosse and women's field hockey. She is no stranger to starting a program from scratch. The Old Dominion University graduate previously handled start-up squads at both Davidson and Susquehanna.

"I think the school sells itself," Billger said recently. "It is such an advantage to represent a university with so many draws and positive aspects. I'm very pleased with both the quality and quantity of the recruiting process."

Billger's first challenge was field hockey. Although, scheduling was a bit difficult for CNU, the only Dixie Conference member with the sport, the team finished its first season with a fine 8-4 record.

The initial field hockey squad was a mix of freshmen, transfers and former club players. There are some crossover athletes who will participate in both new sports, and Billger is in favor of that.

"Part of the beauty of Division III athletics is that students can do that," Billger said. "Cross-training is beneficial both mentally and physically and will make both of our programs stronger in the long run."

Lacrosse is a spring sport and is popular throughout the state. Billger has spent considerable time in Northern Virginia on the recruiting trail, where lacrosse is extremely popular. Lacrosse is also an excellent spectator sport.

"There are very few whistles in lacrosse," Billger admitted. "I invite fans to give both sports a try. Field hockey takes a little more patience and has more rules, but both are exciting to watch and play."

The addition of field hockey, lacrosse and football at CNU bring the total number of athletic programs to twenty-one.
Dr. Christina Ramirez-Smith, the newly-appointed Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, believes there are three necessary attributes for success in life: energy, enthusiasm, and effort.

"With those three things along with your faith in God, you can do anything," says the education professor and former director of student teaching.

A native of Exuma, a tiny island south of Nassau in the Bahamas, Ramirez-Smith left home at age 16 to attend college.

"I always knew I wanted to be some type of doctor, but I just wasn't sure what kind," she says. "I thought long and hard about medical school but decided to go into teaching."

Ramirez-Smith received her undergraduate degree from the University of Idaho and her master's from Morgan State University. On a Martin Luther King, Jr. Doctoral Fellowship, she earned her doctorate in administration, planning and policy from Boston University.

Since her arrival on campus in 1992, Ramirez-Smith has accepted several leadership roles. Last year she was elected president of the Faculty Senate, which serves as a liaison between the faculty and administration.

"For me, it was a very gratifying experience," she says. "We worked on the honor code and mission statement. We faced tough issues like merit pay and voted to change the current evaluation system."

The new system, IDEA (Individual Development and Educational Assessment) not only rates faculty teaching but also provides the University with solid data on student learning.

"There's no such thing as a perfect evaluation system, but IDEA represents a step forward," she says.

Dr. Ramirez-Smith’s style includes listening intently, communicating effectively, and behaving ethically. With this in mind, her primary goal is to nurture a culture that values and embraces change. Dr. Ramirez-Smith believes the key to the long-term future success of an institution depends on continuous creativity in the quest for quality and relevance.

In the short term, Dr. Ramirez-Smith is interested in working with the faculty to create and modify the vision of the future, based on new insights and feedback from all stakeholders.

She admits being the dean is a tough job. It is tough because one has to set expectations, establish principles, policies and procedures that guide work, and develop accountability standards.

"So that the bottom line is that we ensure that our students get the very best that we have to offer."

Ramirez-Smith admits one of her greatest challenges is juggling motherhood with a full-time career.

She and her husband, Rodney, vice president of administrative services at Hampton University, have a daughter, Samantha, 11, and five-year-old son, Sean.

Family time is important, and the Ramirez-Smith family spends as much time together as possible doing fun, educational activities.

"I'm an island girl at heart so we spend a lot of time at the beach," she says. "For us the greatest joy is piling in our van with our fishing poles and hanging out at the pier."

"We ensure that our students get the very best that we have to offer."
Professor Cones ‘one of the best’ in Virginia

Dr. Harold N. Cones Jr., chair of CNU’s biology, chemistry and environmental science department, was one of 11 professors in Virginia to receive the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) this year.

"I’m elated," says Cones, who’s been with CNU since 1968. “This award validates my work of the past 33 years. I love working with students by using creative approaches to learning."

Cones, who holds a Ph.D. in biology from Bowling Green State University, designed the Biology Graduate Program and was instrumental in helping CNU achieve university status.

"Harold Cones exemplifies the outstanding teaching at CNU," says President Paul Trible. "I’m pleased Harold has been recognized as one of the best professors in Virginia – it is an honor to have him on our faculty."

This is the second time in three years that SCHEV has honored a CNU professor. Dr. Susan St. Onge, department chair/professor in the Modern & Classical Languages Department, received the award in 1997.

Senior biology student Mark Kornburg says, “Dr. Cones brings a contagious enthusiasm to his lectures, and his students can’t help but respond with enthusiasm."

CNU students steer local company on road to success

KM Environmental, a local software design and environmental consulting company, is well on its way to success, thanks to a group of CNU students.

The company’s owners, Guerry and Carla Gruene, couldn’t be more pleased with the results.

The Gruenes opened their business three years ago. They soon realized they needed help developing a marketing and financial plan.

Through the Hampton Roads Technology Council’s weekly newsletter, Nets and Links, they learned about CNU’s Small Business Institute.

Last spring, Katherine Robertson, Teresa Deal, Nhung Nguyen and Dan Cheek enrolled in the senior-level course, Small Business Institute, and logged in more than 450 hours of consulting time with KM Environmental.

“They gave us a marketing makeover for our brochure, business cards, and Web page,” says Carla. “They created a marketable company logo and company name; they updated our customer database and provided us with three substantial leads.”

The students also created a financial plan to help the business grow and capitalize on its strengths. “They put the business in the right direction and minimized the risks by defining clear obtainable goals,” Carla adds. “They helped set the foundation for the business.”

Hard work and savvy business skills recently paid off for these students. They won the “Outstanding SBI Field Case Award” for Spring 2000.

“We had a great group," said Katherine Robertson. “We were all able to contribute our own ideas, and we respected each other’s opinions. It was also great to have SBI director, Dr. Stephanie Huneycutt, available to bounce ideas off and get help with direction.”

Dr. Huneycutt praised her students for their hard work with the Gruenes. “They worked like practiced veterans in a campaign of excellence," she says. “I’m very proud of them."
CNU School of Business raises its sails, charts an ambitious course, brings a seasoned crew on board

A new school. A new dean. And, a new advisory board. CNU’s School of Business is ready to set sail.

With its new dean, Donna T. Mottilla, at the helm, the school is poised to grow beyond its original mission to serve the needs of a student population that is increasingly traditional and residential.

“Our students now come from all parts of Virginia,” says Mottilla, who joined CNU a year ago. “Because of this, we can’t rely on our historical knowledge of career opportunities on the Peninsula to educate students who will eventually work in business in all parts of Virginia and the nation.”

To address this concern, Mottilla, who is both forward-thinking and practical in her approach to management education, has developed the first CNU School of Business Advisory Board. Comprised of 21 leading area business people, the Business Advisory Board will provide input on the school’s mission, curriculum and strategic planning and will provide extra-curricular learning opportunities for students. She anticipates the participating businesses will sponsor receptions and provide networking and internship opportunities and, eventually, jobs for students.

“We will rely on our business advisor partners to guide us in preparing students for career – entry positions,” Mottilla says. “We need to know what business needs. They can tell us if what we’re teaching is forward thinking, or if it’s old school and out of style.”

Situated in the CNU-SunTrust building on Warwick Boulevard a block from the main campus, the School of Business fosters the kind of atmosphere students will find when they graduate and begin working. Mottilla wants to build on that. “We want to teach students business etiquette and behavior, how best to express themselves orally and in writing — especially for people who are analytical — and how to be problem solvers. We need to teach students the expectations the business world has for them as they enter that arena.”

Mottilla has helped to increase membership in Alpha Kappa Psi, the national business fraternity, and she also plans to have a Student Board of Advisors in place by the end of the fall semester.

“If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favorable.”
—Seneca.
The goal is to get the School of Business accredited by AACSB - The International Association for Management education.

Where is this all leading? Mottilla's primary goal is to get the School of Business accredited by AACSB - The International Association for Management Education, a special accreditation for business programs that stresses continuous improvement and stakeholder participation. She believes this goal is achievable within the next three years. That would bring additional recognition and credibility to CNU’s School of Business.

“Some people don’t know CNU has a business school,” says Mottilla. “There are those who think you can’t have a good business program without offering an MBA, but there’s a lot to be said for dedicating your resources to a top-notch undergraduate business education.”
Annual Fund supports scholarships, learning opportunities for students

Gregory P. Klich, '84, Vice President of Park Operations at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, is leading the way as volunteer chairman of this year’s Annual Fund for Academic Excellence.

What is the Annual Fund for Academic Excellence?

The Annual Fund for Academic Excellence is comprised of gifts from alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends of the university who are committed to helping CNU fulfill its mission to provide academic excellence. The Annual Fund drive is focused on programs that are crucial in enabling the University to provide an excellent academic experience to every student on campus. It is a source of dollars for the University’s most pressing needs. These private gifts must be renewed each year as the University builds on its mission.

How does my support help?

The Annual Fund for Academic Excellence supports the ongoing needs of students and faculty. The Annual Fund supports scholarships, lab equipment, upgrades to computer labs, software, student travel to conferences, library books, faculty development, leadership programs, special activities, specialized supplies, career services, job fairs and job placement services.

Where is CNU going?

President Trible is providing the vision and leadership in making CNU one of America’s leading liberal arts colleges. Gifts to the Annual Fund for Academic Excellence will give him the tools he needs to continue this momentum. CNU’s quality education was recently recognized internationally when U.S. News and World Report ranked the University third in the South among regional public liberal arts colleges.

“"I am eager to serve as the Chair of the Annual Fund for Academic Excellence because I believe in the education CNU offers its students. My many learning experiences at CNU have helped me tremendously and enabled me to start a successful career.”
What are the goals for the Annual Fund for Academic Excellence?

The Annual Fund strives to increase the involvement of alumni, parents and family, students, faculty, staff and friends. The 2000/2001 goals include:

1. Increasing alumni participation from 14.9% to 15.5%.
2. Increasing President’s Club members ($1,000+ donors) by 10%.
3. Renewing Faculty and Staff donor participation at 87%.
4. Involving 12% of seniors in the Senior Class Gift Campaign.
5. Involving 10% of our parents and family members.

How can I support the Annual Fund for Academic Excellence?

You can make a gift to the Annual Fund for Academic Excellence by cash, check, credit card, gift of stock or pledge on-line (www.cnu.edu).

All gifts of $100 or more will be recognized in the Honor Roll of Donors. You can maximize the impact of your gift by submitting a matching gift form if you or your spouse are employed by a company that will match your gifts to charities.

For more information contact Dana Dowling, Director of the Annual Fund, 1 University Place, Newport News, Virginia 23606, (757) 594-7583, fax (757) 594-7713, or ddowling@cnu.edu.
CNU’s men’s and women’s basketball teams were both picked to win the Dixie Conference in the recently released preseason coaches’ poll.

**Men’s Basketball 2000-2001**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>November</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>St. Mary’s (Md.)</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Virginia Wesleyan</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24-25</td>
<td>Day’s Inn/CNU Invitational</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>Union vs. Neumann</td>
<td>6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>CNU vs. Apprentice</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>Championship</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Fisk</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Salisbury St.</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Chowan</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>at Apprentice</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2-3</td>
<td>Ramada Inn/ Captains Shootout</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Goucher vs. John Carroll</td>
<td>6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>CNU vs. Colby</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>at Marymont*</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>at N.C. Wesleyan*</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>at Shenandoah*</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Averett*</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Ferrum*</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>at Methodist*</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>at Greensboro</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31</td>
<td>N.C. Wesleyan*</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Shenandoah*</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>at Averett*</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>at Ferrum*</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Greensboro*</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Methodist*</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22-24</td>
<td>Dixie Conference Tournament at CNU</td>
<td>5:30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Women’s Basketball 2000-2001**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>November</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17-18</td>
<td>at Hood Tourn.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Salisbury St.</td>
<td>5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>Virginia Wesleyan</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28</td>
<td>Mary Washington</td>
<td>6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>at Peace</td>
<td>6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Fisk</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>at Goucher</td>
<td>7:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>at Chowan</td>
<td>5:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>at Apprentice</td>
<td>6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5-6</td>
<td>at Ramada Inn/ Captains Shootout</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>St. Mary’s (Md.) vs. Apprentice</td>
<td>6:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>CNU vs. Chowan</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>at N.C. Wesleyan*</td>
<td>5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>at Shenandoah*</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Averett*</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Ferrum*</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>at Methodist*</td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>at Greensboro</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31</td>
<td>N.C. Wesleyan*</td>
<td>5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Shenandoah*</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>at Averett*</td>
<td>5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>at Ferrum*</td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Greensboro*</td>
<td>5:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Methodist*</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22-24</td>
<td>Dixie Conference Tournament at Shenandoah</td>
<td>5:30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Dixie Conf. games
** Home games bold

Antoine Sinclair
Second Team All-American

Lindsey Carney
Team MVP
Calendar of Campus Events

Come join the festivities at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, when CNU musicians perform in the annual Holiday Happenings concert in Gaines Theater. The free concert features the CNU Symphonic Band, University Orchestra, Jazz Combo, Chamber Choir, Guitar Ensemble, Saxophone Quartet, and Collegium Musicum.

Commencement will be held Dec. 16 at The Freeman Center. Congressman Robert Scott will be the Commencement speaker.

Super Speaker Aliza Sherman
Tuesday, January 30, 2001, 7:00 PM
Newsweek named Aliza as one of the “Top 50 People Who Matter Most on the Internet.” She is a cyberspace thought leader and sought-after online marketing expert. She opened the door to the power and potential of female online presence when she founded Cybergirl, Inc. The Wall Street Journal says “her mission: empower women and girls through technology.” Aliza will talk about how the Internet is changing women’s lives. Call CNU Box Office at 594-8752 for tickets.

Visit the CNU website at www.cnu.edu

CNU theater and music take top honors

CNU’s Theater and Music Departments deserve a round of applause. In the most recent Portfolio Community Theater Awards, CNU captured 5 awards, including Best Musical for The Mikado; Best New Play, Jeffrey Pressman, Women of Trachis; Best Set Design, George Hillow, Women of Trachis; Best Costumes, Laurel Tsirimokos Goncalves, Women of Trachis; and Best Newcomer, Fred Arsenault.

CNU also received the following nominations:

Best Supporting Actor in a Drama, Eric Strong, Women of Trachis

Best Supporting Actress in a Drama, Laurel Tsirimokos Goncalves, Our Town.

Best Actor in a Musical, Fred Arsenault, The Mikado

Best Actress in a Musical, Kimberly D. Lee, The Mikado

Best Supporting Actor in a Musical, Scott Sachs, The Mikado; Eric Strong, The Mikado

Best Director of a Drama, Jeffrey Pressman, Women of Trachis

Best Director of a Musical, George Hillow, The Mikado

Best Musical Direction, Tod Fitzpatrick, The Mikado

Best Lighting Design, George Hillow, Our Town and Women of Trachis

Alumni Notes

'70s

Priscilla Israel, ’72, a licensed professional counselor, retired in 1998.

William R. “Rick” Hall, ’74, received a U.S. patent this year for a paddle-wheel device for canoes.

Kevin W. Youngs, ’74, is a management analyst in the facilities development and construction and logistics division in the Seattle, Washington public schools.

Henry W. Harman, ’74, teaches financial/managerial accounting at Embry-Riddle University at Langley Air Force Base and Fort Eustis, in Newport News. His two granddaughters, Traci and Kristin, attend CNU.

Paul Dardon ’74, was named Small Business Advocate of the Year by the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. He was also named the 1999 Volunteer of the Year by the VPCC. He is the current president of the CNU Alumni Society.

Zoe S. Miles, ’75, is a communications manager with Georgia-Pacific, Big Island, Virginia.

Terry Neal Sorenson, ’75, breeds, sells and shows quarter horses. She was previously a flight attendant with United Airlines.

Richard “Dick” Ivy, ’75, is a historical researcher for the Historical Committee of York County. Last year he was named Volunteer of the Year.

Barbara Anderson, ’76, is a utilization review analyst with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistant Services. She also sings with the Virginia Symphony Chorus.

Jeffrey Tyler Cahoon, ’77, is a human resources manager with North Memorial Health Care, Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

Lisa Kaye Anthony, ’79, is a manager at TGI Fridays in Yorktown, Virginia.

'80s

William B. Thompson, ’81, is retired and he and his wife, Peggy, are enjoying the California weather.

Ellen Simmons, ’82, is the manager of training and special projects for The Atlantic Group in Norfolk, Virginia.
Construction, renovation projects abound on campus, and students love it!

Walk anywhere on campus and you’ll probably run into some kind of renovation or construction project. It’s all part of the University’s vision to improve the quality of life for students.

The state-of-the-art residence hall, James River Hall, located next to Ratcliffe Gymnasium, opened its doors August 19 to 440 upper-classmen. The three-story dorm provides apartments, suites and themed units where students with similar academic or club interests can share living spaces. A third residence dorm and dining facility will break ground in 2001.

Home to CNU athletics for 33 years, Ratcliffe Gymnasium is currently undergoing a $2.4-million renovation, which will convert the old gym into a modern academic building, complete with classrooms, offices and computer labs.

The Freeman Center, an impressive, 110,000-square-foot facility, promises to be a crowd pleaser. Open in October, the $15-million center features a 200-meter indoor track, three basketball courts, a volleyball court, 10,000-square-feet of fitness space, and Captain’s Café restaurant.

Speaking of restaurants, the old Christopher’s cafeteria in the Student Center will be renovated to accommodate increased student use and other campus events.

The Discovery Café, formerly known as the Terrace, is being transformed into a food court where patrons will have the option of choosing from nationally-known fast food eateries, such as Chick-fil-A and Stone Willy’s Pizza. “Gemille’s,” a short-order grill named after our very own food services employee, Gemille Williams, is also planned.

A larger bookstore, twice the size of the current store, is in the works. The remodeled Student Center will provide additional space for student activity rooms, offices and lounge space.

Located at the corner of Prince Drew and Moore’s Lane are new playing fields for women’s field hockey and lacrosse.

The CNU Captain’s football team will play its first game next fall at the newly-seeded football field located inside the grassy area of the track. Plans are currently on the drawing board for bleachers, concessions, a press box and donor room.

Lastly, the much-anticipated Center for the Arts will break ground in Fall 2001. The $40 million center, designed by world-renowned architects Pei Cobb & Freed, will be built on the Ferguson Hall property. The Center promises a world-class performance venue for the community, complete with 1,700-seat concert hall, a 440-seat theater and music hall and 200-seat studio theater.
CNU gaining favorable media spotlight

The national media is spreading the word about CNU and the good news is: CNU is an excellent school. The Washington Post called the university “young, hot and growing for freshmen from the Washington suburbs.” Indeed, applications from Northern Virginia are up by 82 percent over last year’s enrollment.

For the second year in a row, U.S. News and World Report has once again ranked CNU as one of the top public liberal arts colleges in the South. This year CNU is # 3. Kaplan-Newsweek College Catalog has recognized CNU for a second straight year as a “hidden treasure.”

Not only is the university’s academic reputation becoming well known, but the proposed Center for Arts is making its way into the media’s attention.

The June issue of 64 Magazine featured a two-page spread about the proposed $40 million Center for the Arts.

President Paul Trible couldn’t be more pleased with the positive press. “The national media recognition has helped spread the word about CNU’s reputation for great teaching, small classes, personal attention and having one of the safest campuses in the country,” he said.

Upcoming Alumni Events - Save the Dates

Alumni Society Commencement Breakfast
Open to graduates, parents, family, friends, and faculty, the CNU Alumni Society Commencement Breakfast is an opportunity to assemble prior to the Commencement ceremony. Breakfast will be served by alumni. Saturday, December 16, 7:30 - 9 a.m. – Harbor Lights

Newport News Shipbuilding Alumni - Hosted by the CNU Alumni Society
The CNU Alumni Society invites alumni employees and retirees of Newport News Shipbuilding to a free evening of fellowship, fun and basketball. Wednesday, January 31, 2001 – 6 p.m. reception; 7:30 CNU vs. N.C. Wesleyan College, The Freeman Center

Alumni Homecoming Celebration
On Saturday, February 17, 2001, alumni will gather for an annual tradition - a buffet lunch, entertainment and fellowship prior to the Captains Homecoming Basketball game. Buffet lunch: 12:00 noon; CNU Men vs. Methodist College: 2 p.m.; CNU Women vs. Methodist College: 4 p.m., The Freeman Center

Business After Hours - Hosted by the CNU Alumni Society
The CNU Alumni Society and Christopher Newport University will host the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce’s Business After Hours event. CNU Alumni and Chamber Members: $6, Non-Members: $10 Thursday, March 8, 2001; 5:30 - 7 p.m., The Freeman Center

Alumni Reunion & Alumni Society Annual Dinner
CNU Alumni from the classes of 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, and 1996 will celebrate their 35th, 30th, 25th, 20th, 15th, 10th, 5th year class reunions. Alumni will reminisce, renew friendships, and have great fun while witnessing the exciting growth of their alma mater. Saturday, April 28, 2001; 6 p.m., Student Center

For information contact Gail Billups @ 594-7712 or by email at gbillups.cnu.edu

Alumni Notes

Elizabeth Ann Emerson Aldrich, ’87, ran the Boston Marathon in three hours, 47 minutes.

Paul Sisak, ’87, was promoted to Group CFO for the southeast region of Watsco, Coconut Grove, Florida.

Margaret Adriatico, ’87, is an engineer with Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Lisabeth F. Slate, ’88, and her husband, Jamie Slate, ’89, have three children: Taylor, 6, Robbie, 3, and Lainy, 1. Jamie is an associate professor of economics at Reinhardt College, Waleska, Georgia.

Robyn Frances Wesley, ’88, is a promotions manager for Bill Communication, Inc., in Roswell, GA. The company is involved in business-to-business publications, and is specifically working on Point of Purchase magazine.

Matthew Lawrence Neely, ’88, and Tamara Tyndall Neely, ’88, have two daughters, Kasey, 7, and Victoria, 2.

Patrick Rockey, ’88, earned his meteorology certification from Mississippi State University and works as the morning weatherman for WYFF-TV, the NBC station in Greenville, South Carolina.

Mark A. Morrow, ’88, is a partner with Morrow & Milberg, P.A., in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Laurie Anne Arman, ’88, is an arts and communications guidance counselor at Woodside High School in Newport News, Virginia.

Carol Jean Schrader, ’88, was promoted to public trust specialist in May at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Richmond, Virginia.

Alisa Anne Fox, ’88, is a automated systems specialist with James City County in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Paul Davidson, ’88, is an aerospace engineer at NASA Langley Research Center.

R. Bev. Vaughan III, ’89, is a manager with UPS in Richmond.

‘90s

Dawnell Buell, ’90, is director of education for Education America in Tempe, Arizona.
Brick Bash brings together alumni, friends of CNU

On June 28, more than 150 people gathered around Saunders Plaza for the Brick Bash, hosted by University Advancement to recognize donors of commemorative bricks installed around the fountain.

"Each brick represents a tangible expression of love, honor and memory," says Lucy Latchum, CNU's director of special events. "In addition, I'd like to think donors are also expressing thanks to CNU for great teaching and learning."

Sculptor David Turner, creator of the exquisite bronze geese statue at the center of Saunders Plaza, attended the Brick Bash and talked about his love for nature and his work. "I have three favorite pieces and this is one of them," he said. "I really like the setting; it's beautiful."

To obtain your own CNU brick in the fountain plaza contact Dana Dowling at (757) 594-7583.

Have you had good fortune in the stock market? If so, consider the advantages of giving an appreciated stock gift to CNU!

- Your broker can transfer your gift electronically to our broker. It's easy!
- You get a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the stock.
- You avoid the capital gains tax on your stock's increase in value
- Your gift enhances the academic excellence of CNU.

For further information, contact Norma Brown By phone at (757) 594-7805 or by e-mail at nbrown@cnu.edu
Excitement around CNU's athletic programs will hit a fevered pitch this year - and you have an opportunity to get in on the ground floor by joining the Captains Crew!

- CNU's athletic program was honored - for the second time in three years - for the best won-loss record among all of Virginia's Division I, II and III schools during the 1999-2000 season.

- The Captains will kick off football in September 2001 with the first game scheduled for Sept. 1 against Salisbury State. With the addition of Matt Keichner, CNU's inaugural football coach, development of a winning program is already underway.

- Captain's basketball, a perennial powerhouse, will tip off its first season in the new Sports and Convocation Center.

- CNU's women's track team has been dominant in Division III of the NCAA for more than a decade. Since 1987, the Lady Captains have raced to 12 national championships, six indoor and six outdoor.

- Over many years of academic and athletic excellence, CNU has won 73 national championships and produced 427 All-American athletes.

The Captains Crew is the official support organization for Christopher Newport University's athletic programs. Donors to the Captains Crew are eligible for exclusive benefits ranging from Priority Seating to access to the President's Room in the Freeman Center.

Join the team today! Become a member of the Captains Crew. Your gift to the Captains Crew will provide direct support to all of CNU's great athletic teams, including baseball, basketball, cross country, cheerleading, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, sailing, soccer, softball, track, tennis and volleyball. Donors may designate their gifts to specific sports while undesignated gifts will allow the Athletics Director to build the overall program. Remember, CNU competes in Division III and offers no athletic scholarships. Student-athletes are here to pursue an education and participate in competitive athletics.

For information about joining the Captains Crew, please contact Suzanne Savage at (757) 594-7268 or smsavage@cnu.edu or by faxing to (757) 594-7713.
You've seen the Hollywood blockbuster Erin Brokovich, you may have noticed the sign in the background of one of the camera shots reading "Massry & Vititoe."

The Vititoe of the real-life law firm Massry & Vititoe is none other than former CNU student Jim Vititoe. Vititoe, who attended CNU in the 1960s, and his nephew Ted Phlegar, who graduated from CNU in 1989, handled routine cases to keep the office afloat while the now-famous case was in progress.

The real-life Erin Brockovich is a legal assistant with Massry & Vititoe. She helped win a $333-million class-action lawsuit against Pacific Gas & Electric after alleging the Hinkley, CA, plant was making people sick with cancer and other ailments. The court found that Hinkley residents were exposed to groundwater contamination from chromium-VI, a known human carcinogen that PG & E had added to its storage towers to inhibit corrosion.

Large-scale contamination has been going on for years in this country," says Phlegar. "Many corporations have been knowingly dumping toxins, and they attempted to cover up these activities. The movie was a story that needed to be told. Human life should be valued over the almighty profit line."

Phlegar began working for his uncle's law firm when he was a college student.

"I spent a summer working as a legal assistant, and I knew then what I wanted to do," recalls the 1982 Bethel High School graduate. Phlegar, who majored in economics, says his classes at CNU prepared him well for his career. He recalls a favorite professor with fondness.

"Professor Carl Colonna is the single best instructor I've ever had in my entire academic career, including law school," says Phlegar, who graduated from Southwestern University School of Law in 1992. "His teaching was so engrossing that I took every class I could from him."

Vititoe says Erin Brokovich was honored for her role in the case by the Civil Justice Foundation of American Trial Lawyers Association. She was named Most Prominent Person in America for 2000.

"Erin and Ed deserve all the credit in the world," says Vititoe. "They gave their hearts and souls and every ounce of energy they possessed to make the case happen."
CNU ITEMS MAKE GREAT GIFTS

For the graduate, for the holidays, for birthdays and anniversaries!

The CNU Alumni Society, in partnership with the CNU Bookstore, is pleased to offer the following items to alumni and friends:

1. Diploma Frame ($110 plus $6.50 shipping). This “classic” burnished cherry frame is perfect for displaying your alumni pride!

2. Captain’s Chair ($295 plus $19.00 shipping). This handsome Captain’s Chair will complement your office, den, or library. Personalization optional.

3. Mantel Clock ($295 plus $10.00 shipping). This handsome mantel clock elegantly displays the CNU seal and name. Personalization optional.

4. Brass Lamp ($295 plus $10.00 shipping). CNU continues to light your way with this elegant polished brass lamp. Personalization optional.

Order by Mail

Please make checks payable to the CNU Bookstore. If ordering by credit card, please include card number, expiration date and signature on form below. Most orders will be shipped within ten (10) days of receipt. Prices good through August 31, 2001. Part of the proceeds will support the Alumni Society.

Order by Phone

Call (757) 599-5170, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Or e-mail pmaddox@cnu.edu. Be sure to mention the Alumni Magazine when calling.

Mail to: CNU Bookstore, 1 University Place, Newport News, VA 23606.
Phone: (757) 599-5170 Fax (757) 595-5164

Method of Payment (Please do not send cash.)

Check Visa MasterCard Discover
Account Number (all digits)
Name
Street Address (We cannot ship to post office boxes.)
City State Zip
Daytime Phone

Quantity Description Price/Each Total

Subtotal 4.5% Sales tax VA Residents only Shipping & Handling Total
Midnight Madness in the Freeman Center!

On Friday night, October 20, students, faculty, alumni and friends created the first ever "wave" in CNU's new sports and convocation center.

Congressman Robert C. Scott, a Democrat from Newport News, representing Virginia's Third District will give the commencement speech at Christopher Newport University's 69th graduation, December 16 at 10 a.m. in The Freeman Center.
ALUMNI SOCIETY

Alumni - Over 10,000 Strong and a Potential Force at CNU

More than 10,000 Christopher Newport University alumni can make a huge difference! Collectively, alumni can have a dramatic impact on the future direction and quality of the University and its image, and have a positive influence on its students, faculty and educational programs.

The Alumni Society has adopted a bold strategic plan that calls for:

• expanded opportunities for alumni to gather, network and participate in the life of the university;
• more meaningful interaction with students, especially juniors and seniors;
• involvement in student career counseling;
• greater student scholarship support;
• increased recognition of individual and collective alumni accomplishments;
• enhanced communication with alumni.

2000-2001 Alumni Society Board
Alumni Homecoming. Annually alumni gather for Homecoming with a buffet lunch, entertainment and fellowship prior to the Captains Basketball game. With CNU's men's team nationally ranked and playing in the newly constructed Freeman Center, Homecoming will be a highlight for alumni. In fall 2001, look for CNU's first football homecoming.

Alumni Reunion. CNU alumni annually celebrate their 35th, 30th, 25th, 20th, 15th, 10th and 5th year class reunions. Alumni reminisce, renew friendships, and have great fun while experiencing the exciting growth of their alma mater.

Alumni-Student Career Connection. Alumni from a variety of occupations offer career advice to CNU junior and senior class members and graduate students.

Commencement Day Breakfast. In December and May, the Alumni Society invites graduates, parents, family, and friends to assemble for their day of celebration at the Commencement Breakfast served by fellow alumni.

Distinguished Alumni Award. Since 1989 the Society has annually honored one of CNU's most successful alumni with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Every Alumni Society member is eligible to nominate an alumnus for this prestigious award.

Alumni-Student Move-In Day. Each fall, alumni participate in Alumni-Student Move-In Day. Alumni help students move into the dorm.

Student Scholarships. The Alumni Society awards four $1,000 annual scholarships. The Society is committed to providing scholarship support to deserving students.

Relay for Life. Annually the Alumni Society participates with teams in the American Cancer Society's Peninsula Relay for Life. The Society is eager to increase its annual participation and fundraising goal to help fight cancer.
Yes, I want to become a member of the Alumni Society. Enclosed are my annual membership dues. (Please make checks payable to CNUEF)

- $35 Couple Spouse Name _______ $ _______
- $25 Individual _______ $ _______
- $15 First year graduate _______ $ _______
- Gift to the Draper Endowed Scholarship (Alumni Society Scholarship) _______ $ _______
- Total Enclosed _______ $ _______

Name __________________________

HOME MAILING INFORMATION
Address __________________________
City __________________________ State __________ Zip _______

OFFICE MAILING INFORMATION
Title __________________________ Company __________________________
Address __________________________
City __________________________ State __________ Zip _______

Please charge my: [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard Card Number _______ Exp. Date _______

Help Make a Collective Difference at CNU—Join the Alumni Society Today!

Alumni to Take Part.
To Accomplish Its Mission - Alumni Board Adopts Membership Dues

This bold strategic plan requires funds to accomplish the mission. Therefore, the CNU Alumni Society is establishing membership dues, which will provide direct financial support. Annual membership dues are:

- $25 Individual member
- $35 Couple
- $15 First Year Graduate

In the past, any donor to CNU was a member of the Alumni Society. These dollars directly funded University programs. With the expansion of Alumni Society activity, the Society requires revenue to implement its agenda in support of CNU.

Member Benefits and Special Discounts Abound

Each Alumni Society member will receive a membership card, an alumni decal and special invitations and mailings. Members will be eligible for discounts for the: Trieshmann Health and Fitness Pavilion, CNU Bookstore, Ella Fitzgerald Music Festival, Lifelong Learning Society Membership, Center for Community Learning courses, car rentals, and hotels.

Members may qualify for the Society’s group VISA or MasterCard or be interested in going on alumni international tours. The Society is negotiating the best arrangements possible for member benefits: Free lifetime e-mail address and access to alumni-sponsored e-commerce; group health, life, home, and auto insurance special rates; and discounts for group long distance service, real estate service, and home loan mortgages. All private sector group benefits are subject to individual member application approval.