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The Art of Greg Henry

Images of bulls, roosters, chickens, fences, buckets and gardens can be found throughout the paintings and sculptures of Greg Henry. In each of his pieces lies a story waiting to be interpreted and told. The work of the Assistant Professor of Art at Christopher Newport University plays on nature and the environment. At first glance his work may seem primitive, but after more critical observation one notices that it speaks to the complexities of life.

Henry has a passion for art and his works are gaining recognition throughout the nation. A mosaic, designed by Henry, of a giant bull with a rooster perched on its back, decorates the floor of the new main concourse at the National Airport in Washington. Henry’s illustrations for Chickens! Chickens! received the Parent’s Choice Silver Honors award for the best illustrated children’s book in 1995. Permanent collections of his work are on display at Ohio University, the Museum of Western Virginia and the Hampton University Museum.

Henry’s works are drawn from his Guyanese childhood, and African-American and Southern cultures. His media include quilts, ironworks, decorative yards, textiles, wood carvings and benin gold weights (three-dimensional hieroglyphics.)

The image of a bull is central to many of his pieces. Henry uses it both as a reminder of his homeland, where cattle frequently graze alongside the road, and as a figure from mythology that is strong, stubborn and brutal.

Henry juxtaposes different animal forms to tell different stories. “I would like to be a storyteller,” says Henry. “Some artists are better at it than others. I’m still growing. One day I will be able to tell great stories about the beauty of humanity through my work.”

The well known artist doesn’t realize he has already “arrived.” A critic from the New York Times has praised Henry’s work and called him a young artist “worth watching.”

Henry reflects on some of his earliest experiences with artistic construction. His childhood home in Georgetown, Guyana was built on stilts like many others in the capital city. He would dig berms of dirt and trenches to carry the water from one side of the house to the other.

Henry’s family moved to the United States when he was twelve. His interest in art continued to grow in a woodshop and architectural design class at Alexander Hamilton Vocational Technical High School in Brooklyn, New York. There, Henry was introduced to his first teacher of art. “I would finish the project for the week in a day and ask the teacher ‘What should I work on next?’” Henry soon began designing and making the kits for the wood projects that the class would complete.

Henry’s completed work, Moving Landscape. The piece was part of the exhibit, Uncommon Ground, at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in the spring.

Henry’s study of art continued as he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ohio University in 1985 and a Master of Fine Arts from the Rhinehart School of Sculpture at the Maryland Institute, College of Art in 1987.

“The history of art is very important to me,” said Henry. “Artists need to have a sense of the past and what’s been done. I believe an artist needs to look at other artists and understand why they came into prominence and others did not. Those are questions I ask myself and my students.”

Henry teaches ceramics, print making, wheel throwing and sculpture. He loves interacting with his students and helping them master their craft. “I get tremendously excited when I see my students succeed,” said Henry. “It’s up to me to help them see their uniqueness so they can learn to express it. Before they even get to that point I help them develop their skills as visual artists,” said Henry.

Henry’s role models include John Biggers, Jacob Lawrence, Romare Bearden, Pablo Louise Picasso, Henry Moore, Matisse, Van Gogh, among many others. “I like the artists for different reasons, in many cases their personal lives, experiences and struggles contribute to my appreciation for them,” said Henry.

Henry’s newest work is still in the design stages. “It’s a life-size steel bull, trotting. Next to the bull is a five-foot rooster. They’re in the middle of a dance.” Henry’s first life-size bull took six months to complete.

Henry says the difficult part about being an artist isn’t creating the work, but coming up with a creative idea that expands and pushes the boundary of creativity. “Once I heard Miles Davis say, ‘I love ballads’, but he also said he hated them,” said Henry. “Davis could create a beautiful ballad, but it was too easy, so he would put it aside. I usually find myself putting together pieces of work with the formal elements of art - harmony, rhythm and balance - but then I would question if I was pushing and challenging myself enough.

“How can I share what I do? How can I touch the human spirit with what I do? That’s the most important thing to me right now.”

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Before a standing room only crowd, Christopher Newport University President Paul Trible praised the hard work of faculty and staff, recognized community leaders for their support and announced the acquisition of the Crestar Bank Building. The occasion, which began with a rousing performance by CNU’s Jazz Ensemble, marked the opening of the University’s academic year.

“We gather today to celebrate the beginning of a new academic year and to celebrate the many successes that together we have achieved in recent months,” said Trible.

“I am happy to report that this fall CNU will have the best qualified and largest entering class in our thirty-seven year history,” said Trible. Seven hundred freshmen, the highest number ever, registered for classes. Nearly 4,900 students are attending CNU this fall.

Average SAT scores of entering freshmen are up by fourteen points. More than five hundred students are living in CNU’s residence hall this year, an increase of 100 residential students over last year. The President announced the University will ask the General Assembly for authorization to build a second residence hall which would open in fall 1999.

The energy and enthusiasm of the audience soared as Trible paid special tribute to Associate Director of Admissions Bob LaVerriere and the Admissions Office staff. LaVerriere, on behalf of the Office of Admissions, accepted a framed article from the front page of the Daily Press, entitled “CNU Freshmen Enrollment Up 43%.”

In an historic moment, Trible recognized and personally thanked each of the University’s former Presidents — Scott Cunningham, Dr. James Windsor, John Anderson and Dr. Anthony Santoro for their contributions.

“Let me say a word about our talented faculty,” said Trible. “The great teaching and personal attention we pay to our students sets us apart, but so does the important work of our faculty to create and share knowledge and to serve the University and the larger community.”

The President singled out several research projects at the University, including: projects at NASA by James Tarr, James Hereford and Martin Buoncristiani; optical properties and nanostructures by Peter Knipp; and a book on Woodrow Wilson by Bob Saunders.

“In short, our colleagues’ work ranges from seeking to solve the puzzles of the universe, to improving our economic and civic life, to enriching the human spirit,” said Trible. “This is truly important work you are doing, and we thank you all.”

In addition, Trible welcomed the University’s new faculty and staff. He also thanked the buildings and grounds crew for making the campus more beautiful and clean. He recognized the women’s track team on its tenth national championship at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in March.

Trible then concluded the event by announcing the $1 million purchase of the Crestar Bank Building on the corner of Warwick and Hiden Boulevards. The four story, forty-thousand square foot office building was purchased by the Christopher Newport University Real Estate Foundation and will become the home of the University’s business programs and the newly formed Virginia Electronic Commerce Technology Center (VECTEC) in the spring. Crestar will rent the first floor of the building, and a part of the second floor will be occupied by the law firm of David Kamp. The remaining space will provide offices for seventy faculty members and four additional classrooms.

“More students require more classrooms,” said Trible. “Our professors need first class offices. We need more seminar rooms and computer labs.

“Over the longer term we will build two new academic buildings and probably convert Radcliffe into a two story classroom building when the new Sports and Wellness Center is completed.”

Trible then thanked Gary Powell, President of Crestar Bank on the Peninsula, and Bill Butler, President, Crestar’s Eastern Region, for making the expansion opportunity possible.

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COMPOSING HER WORLD

Thousands of miles from her roots, Jennifer Barker has created a new home at Christopher Newport University. Raised in a small village outside Glasgow, Scotland, surrounded by the lush, green Scottish Highlands, Barker’s music composition is inspired by nature.

Barker, Assistant Professor of Music Theory and Composition at CNU, has established herself as an internationally respected composer and pianist. Her works have been performed by the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra of the Curtis Institute of Music, members of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Holywell Ensemble, Mariimolin and the Bearsden Burgh Choir.

Barker has won numerous awards in piano performance at the Edinburgh Festival. She won the Helen L. Weiss Music Prize for Composition at the University of Pennsylvania in 1993, was an award winner in the 1993 Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, and in 1996, she won the Cambridge Contemporary Music Festival Competition with her composition The Enchanted Glen, performed by the Holywell Ensemble.

Barker’s interest in piano began at the age of five when she started taking piano lessons. Early in her career, Barker began a rigorous program of study as a professional accompanist. Barker said her parents are avid music lovers and encouraged her and her siblings to pursue their musical interests.

“Mom and Dad, because they both loved music and were sorry they didn’t have the opportunity to take lessons, insisted on giving each of us piano lessons and instrument lessons.” Barker was also active in the local choir, wind band and orchestra.

“Amateur music has always been a big part of our family,” said Barker. “My grandfather directed a 200-youth chorus at his local church.”

As Barker’s musical interests blossomed, she discovered a new talent — composing. “I like it because it combines my creative side with my musical side.

To date she has written 20 compositions. Her first, written while an undergraduate at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, was a chorus piece. While pursuing a Master’s degree in piano performance at Syracuse University in New York, Barker began to develop her talent for composition.

After completing a year as an adjunct instructor at Syracuse, Barker studied under the world-renowned American composer, George Crumb. At the University of Pennsylvania, Barker earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Music Composition.

In addition to her degrees, Barker was awarded a place on the Scottish Chamber Orchestra’s Young Composers’ Course with Sir Peter Maxwell-Davies and Judith Weir. She applied and was selected as one of eight young composers from around the world to work on compositions under the critique of the masters. Barker says the experience in the Orkney Islands was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. “There was nowhere to write except out in the fields with the cows and sheep,” said Barker. “I would just roam the island, climb the hills and write music.”

Barker created one of her favorite works during the course - a string trio. “It’s got a lot of Scottish influence to it,” said Barker. “A lot of my music has the influence of the heritage of Scotland in it. The trio, especially, captures the serenity of the islands.

“If I climb the hills at home, that’s where I find my creativity,” said Barker. “I look out across the hills, and I hear these great sounds coming by.”

Since arriving at CNU in 1994, Barker has taken on a number of responsibilities. Barker is music director of the opera workshop and musical. She is the founder and administrator of the annual Conversations with a Composer series at CNU. During the past three years the series has gone from featuring a local composer to the premiere of a new work. This year, the series featured Barker’s mentor, Crumb.

Barker is also founder and artistic director of the Christopher Newport University Contemporary Music Ensemble, a professional chamber ensemble. She intends to market a CD to help in the recruitment of students and faculty.

Barker has begun working on a music theatre production which she intends to complete within the next year.
Christopher Newport University President Paul Trible announced the establishment of the Virginia Electronic Commerce Technology Center (VECTEC) in a joint news conference October 16 with Virginia’s Center for Innovative Technology (CIT), BTG Incorporated and Newport News Shipbuilding. The project is supported by a $500,000 gift from BTG, one of the country’s largest providers of computer systems, services and products to government and commercial markets. CIT and Newport News Shipbuilding have provided significant support for VECTEC, including a $50,000 grant by CIT to study electronic commerce strategies for Virginia.

Trible said, “The exciting work of Bill Winter, Bill Muir and other colleagues at SEVAnet will now go statewide through VECTEC. CNU, CIT, and important private sector partners will be on the cutting edge in harnessing the power of information technology to ensure that Virginia remains globally competitive and economically alive in the 21st century.”

VECTEC’s mission is to advance the use of electronic commerce throughout the Commonwealth. VECTEC will offer technological assistance to business and government, provide education and training programs in electronic commerce, mount world-class research and development programs, and plan and carry out innovative programs to promote the use of electronic commerce in Virginia.

Randall Fuerst, Senior Vice President and General Manager for BTG, noted that VECTEC will keep Virginia on the leading edge of the information age. “Electronic commerce is revolutionizing the way the world does business. With VECTEC, Virginia will be leading the revolution. We will set the standards for electronic commerce, so business and government will be turning to us for guidance and support. That means new business and jobs for Virginia.”

Robert Templin, President of CIT, said the growth of electronic commerce is outstripping the capacity of Virginia’s human resources to respond. “CNU, SEVAnet and VECTEC will literally pioneer Virginia’s exploration through electronic commerce and will be the first step in implementing the strategic plan that Virginia has called a blueprint for technology-based economic growth in Virginia, said Templin. “The epicenter for that strategy is here at Christopher Newport University, and CIT is pleased to join with other commercial supporters in seeing this effort grow.”

Newport News Shipbuilding officials demonstrated how they use electronic commerce throughout the workplace. “By assisting Virginia and the Hampton Roads community in becoming more fully engaged in electronic commerce, VECTEC will assist Newport News Shipbuilding by providing faster procurement, better response time and improved quality,” said Steve Hogan, Chief Information Officer of Newport News Shipbuilding.

VECTEC will officially open January 1998.

Christopher Newport University was awarded $1,927,467 in grants from January through October 1997. The total is the largest in the school’s history! The 29 grants range from support for spectrographic analysis research at the NASA Langley Research Center to projects to develop and support electronic commerce at SEVAnet by Virginia’s Center for Innovative Technology. Other grant awards include money earmarked for NASA’s Teacher Enhancement Institute, a computational investigation of airframe noise at NASA, and the development of software packages for the U.S. Navy.
CNU’s Dr. Robert Atkinson Awarded $700,000 Grant from EPA

Christopher Newport University Assistant Professor of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science, Dr. Robert Atkinson, will lead a team of scientists in a research project with the Environmental Protection Agency. The project, supported by a $700,000 grant awarded this month, will monitor the Atlantic White Cedar restoration efforts in the Great Dismal Swamp and other selected locations. The three-year grant is the largest single grant ever given to CNU.

More than thirty-five undergraduates will work alongside CNU graduate students and faculty on the restoration project.

CNU Visiting Scholar Leads Worldwide Study of Earth’s Atmosphere

CNU Visiting Scholar Dr. Nikita Pougatchev will lead a team of twelve scientists from Canada, Japan, Germany, Belgium, Russia, New Zealand, Sweden, and the United States to measure pollution in the troposphere. The three-year, $368,936 NASA grant will verify the measurement of pollution in the troposphere, the region of the atmosphere that extends from the ground level to approximately eleven kilometers (about seven miles) altitude. Scientists will measure the amount of infrared absorption by carbon monoxide and methane molecules in the troposphere, using ground-based instrumentation, and compare the results with data from a satellite.

CNU Law Enforcement Grant Funds Fifty Scholarships for MAPSI Program

Law Enforcement Officers in Christopher Newport University’s Mid-Atlantic Police Supervisory Institute (MAPSI) will now be able to enroll in the program for half the usual cost, thanks to a $66,611 grant awarded by Virginia’s Department of Criminal Justice Services and the U.S. Department of Justice’s Edward Byrne Memorial Fund. Beginning in 1998 fifty scholarships will be awarded to law enforcement officers from all over the state of Virginia.

MAPSI educates and trains first-line law enforcement supervisors in administrative skills ranging from leadership strategies to ethics in government. Tom Dempsey, Director of MAPSI and Assistant Professor of Government and Public Affairs at CNU, wrote the proposal for the grant.
Christopher Newport University's freshman applications and enrollment are thirty-percent above last year's. As of late August, 1,500 students applied for admission. More than 700 freshmen have enrolled at CNU, the University's largest and best qualified class in its history. CNU's largest freshman class previously was 554. In addition, CNU enrolled the largest number of Honors students, with an average G.P.A. of 3.5 and an average SAT score of 1250.

CNU President Paul Trible said, "The hard work of faculty, students, staff and alumni is paying off. More and more people are realizing what a special place this is."

Given the dramatic increase in applications and the desire of CNU to maintain a size that allows our faculty and students to maintain close contact, CNU standards for admission will increase for the coming year. This fall's freshmen posted a 13-point increase in the average SAT score; 82-percent graduated with an advanced studies diploma; and two-thirds graduated in the top one-third of their high school classes.

**President's Leadership Program**

The President's Leadership Program is a new program oriented toward values, vision and challenge. The Leadership Program includes 23 semester hours and a community service component. Students will be able to take advantage of this opportunity without taking extra classes - the leadership program is a minor which becomes part of their degrees.

Courses will include a week-long outdoor challenge program, team-taught interdisciplinary examination of current issues, and a guaranteed internship.

Students selected for the leadership program who choose to live in Santoro Residence Hall will receive a $1,000 stipend toward room and board.

**CNU Welcomes New Student Services Team**

Christopher Newport University welcomed several new additions to its Student Services Division in the fall. CNU's new team leaders include: Maury O'Connell, Dean of Students; Patty Cavender, Director of Admissions; Dr. Richard Rainsberger, University Registrar; Donna Eddleman, Director of Student Life; Scott Salsberry, Director of Residential Life; Neche McDaniel, Associate Registrar; and Melissa Collum, Assistant Director of Financial Aid.

(l to r): Maury O'Connell, Dean of Students; Patty Cavender, Director of Admissions; Donna Eddleman, Director of Student Life; Dr. Richard Rainsberger, University Registrar; and Scott Salsberry, Director of Residential Life.
Dear Friends of CNU:

I am delighted to share with you the names of individuals, corporations and organizations whose generosity is helping the students of Christopher Newport University achieve their educational goals. Our momentum is building. More than 700 freshmen enrolled at CNU this fall, the University's largest and best-qualified class in history, and we have more students in our honors program than ever before. The support of our friends is critical to our success. Thanks to you and others, the CNU Educational Foundation provided more than $100,000 in scholarship support — a record. More than at any other time, our community is moving forward with passion, focus and commitment. On behalf of the University family, I extend my sincere thanks for your faith and support.

Yours truly,

Paul S. Trible

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In 1915, he graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and he was attending graduate school at Massachusetts Institute of Technology when World War I broke out. For the next 18 months, he served as a Navy lieutenant and commanded a fleet of six submarine chasers in the North Sea. After sinking several German subs, he was awarded the Navy Cross in 1919.

Following his service in the military, Hatten returned to New York where he married Leone Quackenbush. Later, he worked as an oil surveyor in the Oklahoma oil fields and was manager of several companies, including the Mystic Connecticut Sea Sled Company, the H.E. Dodge Boat & Plane Corp. in Newport News, and Hutchens Chevrolet in Newport News. Finally, in 1935, he became the owner of Handy Oil Company, a Mobil Oil distributorship, which he operated until his retirement in 1965.

Hatten was active throughout the Peninsula community. He was a charter member of the James River Country Club, president of the Kiwanis Club and he served on the Board of the United Virginia Bank (now Crestar) for forty years. He was also chairman of the Community Chest (Peninsula United Way) Campaign in 1948.

Leone Hatten was born in Schaghticoke, New York, and raised on a nearby dairy farm in Stillwater, New York. Her ancestors were early Dutch settlers there. She was a graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts, and first came to Newport News in 1930 with her husband Earl, and their two children, Earl Kliever and John Hatten (Robert’s father), both of whom still reside in Newport News. She is also survived by six grandchildren.

CNU Remembers Earl and Leone Hatten

Robert Hatten established CNU’s first endowed gift in honor of his wife, Leone, in 1965. “When my grandmother died in 1964, my grandfather, Earl, donated a sum of money to the college as a scholarship conditioned upon the school becoming a four-year university,” said Robert Hatten. “My grandfather was committed to the future of CNU, from the time that Christopher Newport was still a dream in the eyes of Mr. (Lewis) McMurran and other founders of the college.

“Earl set an example for my father and me to emulate,” said Robert Hatten. “Hopefully, this scholarship will do that.”

Earl Hatten was born in Tyler, Texas and raised in Waco.

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Lady of Grace: A Tribute to Cathleen B. Gaines

For more than twenty years, together, they served the community and Christopher Newport University. The two ardent supporters of CNU, John and Cathleen Gaines, affectionately known as John and Cat to their friends, showered the school with their love and support. Side by side they attended nearly every event in the life of the University, from the school’s commencement exercises to Friends of Music gatherings.

In 1995, John and Cathleen Gaines were honored as Lifetime Members of the CNU Friends of Music. A year later, they were awarded the Honorary Alumni Award, the highest honor the Alumni Society can give to someone who did not graduate from CNU. Over the years, the Gaineses shared their resources with CNU through annual giving and a generous estate gift. CNU’s theatre is named in honor of Mr. Gaines.

“We have supported the University in many of its activities, musical activities in particular,” said Mr. Gaines. “Cat was very fond of Mark Reimer (CNU Director of Music) and, likewise, I think he appreciated her, too.”

Sadly, this summer Mrs. Gaines died after a long illness. The Holiday Happening, CNU’s winter concert featuring the Symphonic Band and Choirs, was given in her honor this year. “She loved that concert,” said Reimer. “It is fitting that we pay tribute to this eloquent woman through the spirit of holiday music.”

In addition to Mrs. Gaines’ attendance at CNU concerts, she served five years as a board member for Friends of Music, a non-profit organization dedicated to the enrichment of the CNU music program.

“She loved life and she loved people,” said Mr. Gaines. “I think she was overflowing with enthusiasm all the time. Everyone that she met, she made them feel that she was glad to see them, and she was. She was very fond of people.

“She was so wrapped up in the University. We can remember when it was so small, but the last few years it seems like it has sprung into new life, and it’s something everyone in town should be proud of,” he said.

Mrs. Gaines was involved in community, civic and church activities as well. She was a member of the Peninsula Fine Arts Association, Virginia Orchestra League, Woman’s Club of Hilton Village and James River Garden Club. She was also past president of the Nine Hole Group at the James River Country Club and founder of the James River Civic Club.

Mrs. Gaines was a librarian at Lenoir High School, Lenoir, N.C.; assistant librarian at Curry School, Woman’s College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N.C.; and librarian and teacher at Hilton School, Burlington, N.C. She held an A.B. degree from Woman’s College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and a B.S. in library science from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Her favorite avocations were golf and bridge. In fact, she belonged to three different bridge clubs. She also had a great love for decorating. “At Christmas, every room in the house would be decorated,” said Gaines. “The stair railings would be wrapped in garland from the front to the back. She always looked forward to the holidays with great anticipation.”

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**May 31, 1915 - May 30, 1997**

Edith Lea McMurran was born in Victoria, Prince Edward Island, Canada, on May 31, 1915, the daughter of the late Walter Maxwell Lea and the late Helena Maude Lea. Mr. Lea was Premier of Prince Edward Island in 1930-31, and in 1935-36.

A Peninsula resident for more than forty years, Mrs. McMurran shared her love for life with everyone she met. She was dedicated to her husband, Lewis Archer McMurran, Jr., a longtime member of the House of Delegates; her son, Lewis McMurran III; and daughter, Dee Dee Mausteller.

Mrs. McMurran’s dedication to her family and community activities was a part of her life. “Mom’s main focus in life was her faith,” said her daughter, Dee Dee Mausteller.

“She felt like she had been very blessed and wanted to share that with others,” said Lewis McMurran III.

Mrs. McMurran attended the Williamsburg Community Chapel. In addition, she was on the board of directors of the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, and an active member of the Huntington Garden Club and the Community Bible Study. She loved the outdoors, especially working in her flower garden and going to the beach.

In addition to giving of herself to her family and community activities, her estate plans included generous bequests benefitting CNU, the University she and her husband loved so much. Fondly referred to as the “father” of Christopher Newport University, Lewis McMurran, Jr. listed the establishment of the college as his proudest achievement. Delegate McMurran is credited with establishing Christopher Newport College (CNC) as a branch of The College of William and Mary in 1960, and later, with helping to establish the College’s independence from William and Mary in 1977. In 1985, CNC named McMurran Hall in his honor. Later, the McMurran family established the Lewis A. McMurran, Jr., Honors Scholars Endowment Fund.

“Mom and Dad supported CNU because people born and raised in the area could obtain a sound four-year education without having to leave,” said Mausteller. “Dad was born and raised in Newport News and loved this city and the state of Virginia. My mother felt the same way.”
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MEMORIAL GIFTS
Numerous gifts "In Memory of" graduates and friends of the University were received between July 1995 and December 1996. We recognize here those who support a variety of memorial funds.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Alumni Society's 1997-1998 year. CNU is an exciting place to be right now. Admissions are at an all time high and the campus is experiencing a flurry of activity. YOUR Alumni Society is proud to have a part in this exciting period at CNU!

I want first to thank Randy Bryant, '91 for his outstanding job as President of the Alumni Society last year. Under his leadership, we saw the culmination and dedication of the Alumni Room in the Student Center. By the way, if you have not seen the room, make a point to check it out yourself the next time you have an opportunity to be on campus. I know that you too will feel proud as you see the reality of what was, only a short-time ago, a dream and a vision.

Also, under Randy’s leadership, we had the largest crowd ever at Homecoming and Annual Dinner events. Other activities included a wonderful After-Work event at the home of Roni and Gerald Bright for Southside alums, and our annual Golf Classic was once again a tremendous success, in spite of a major downpour!

Alumni Society student support remained strong as four $1000 scholarships were once again awarded to deserving individuals. YOUR Alumni Society participated in other student events including Spring Madness, and residence hall projects. Last but not least, the Society provided a beautiful balloon arch for picture-taking opportunities at graduation.

And now, on to this year. I am pleased to be at the helm as the President of YOUR Alumni Society. We are currently at a crossroads and your Board of Directors is considering various new directions. We remain determined to carry out our purpose as stated in the Society’s By-Laws: The purpose of the Society shall be to unite its members in an effective organization dedicated to promoting the educational advancement for Christopher Newport University, to strengthening the bonds of interest between the University and its Alumni, and to taking such other actions as may be deemed proper and essential for the steadfast advancement of the University and the Society.

In view of that, our major goal in 1997-98 is to increase active membership in our Society. In that direction we are planning to expand communications with our alumni and increase After-Work events. HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You probably know another graduate who is not a member. Suggest to this graduate that they contact us to become a member TODAY.

We now have CNU alumni in 49 out of 50 states, as well as in several international locations. I encourage you to take an active role in YOUR Alumni Society. There are several ways to contribute. We also welcome your ideas, energy and service to one of our many projects. Your involvement DOES help make a difference and you'll be glad you helped make that difference, especially in this exciting period in our alma mater’s history.

I welcome your comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 804/232-7816 during the day, or you can contact me through the Alumni Relations Office at CNU at 757/594-7712. I also look forward to meeting you at one of our many functions this year!

Best Wishes,
Jim Eyre
Alumni Society President '97 -'98
New Educational Foundation Board Members

Three new members have been elected to the Christopher Newport University Educational Foundation Board. (l to r): Charles Cicotti, President and CEO of J & C Management Group, Inc.; Sylvia Weinstein, Public Relations Consultant with Waters Advertising; and Barry French, Senior Vice President with CENIT Bank.

Interested in additional retirement income?

A deferred gift annuity is an ideal way for our friends and alumni to supplement their retirement incomes and make a gift to Christopher Newport University.

For a minimum investment of $5,000, you will receive:

- An immediate charitable tax deduction
- Guaranteed income after retirement
- An excellent yield—for example, a 45-year-old who makes a gift of $5,000 earns 21.8% at age 65
- Membership in a CNU leadership gift club

The Gift Planning Office will be happy to send you a personalized financial analysis that will show you how a deferred gift annuity can benefit both you and CNU.

Please contact Norma Brown in the CNU Office of Institutional Advancement, 50 Shoe Lane, Newport News, VA 23606 (757) 594-7805.

1997 Golf Classic

Christopher Newport University's 1997 Annual Golf Classic raised more than $12,000 this year. The CNU Golf Classic was held at the Kingsmill Golf Club & Resort in Williamsburg in July.

The Golf Classic supports student scholarships and other academic and athletic support programs. Money from last year's tournament was used to expand and transform the Alumni Room and unveil the Career Advisory Program for Networking (CAP'N). CAP'N, a joint venture sponsored by the Alumni Society and the Office of Career & Counseling, provides networking and career resource opportunities for students and alumni.

Thank you to the sponsors, golfers and volunteers who made this a successful event once again this year! Charles Cicotti '86, has served as the chairman of the Golf Classic for the past two years.

University and Alumni Society Volunteers
Lieutenant Colonel David William Coker graduated in 1980 with a B.S. in Business Administration from CNC and received the M.B.A. and M.S. in procurement and contract management from Florida Institute of Technology in 1990 and 1991 respectively. Lieutenant Colonel Coker is a staff officer in the Close Combat Systems Division in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition.

Beverly McDonald graduated in 1976 with a B.A. in education and received a Master’s in Education with an emphasis in reading in 1980. McDonald is principal of Palmer Elementary School in Newport News.

Kit Letchworth graduated in 1987 with a B.S. in Computer Science. Letchworth is Senior Vice President of 3-G International, Inc., the world’s largest smart card integration service provider.
70's

Kay Rimmer VanValkenburg '74, Williamsburg, VA, owns PAJ INC, a ship pack establishment. VanValkenburg is also a consultant.

LTC Robert Vaughan '74, Colonial Heights, VA, is a reserve forces advisor at U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School at Fort Lee.

Patricia Dixon '76, Newport News, VA, is the director of social services for The Salvation Army in Hampton. In addition to overseeing 3,000 social services clients, Dixon supervises senior CNU social work interns.

Ron Watkins '77, Richmond, VA, is a first sergeant with the Virginia State Police in charge of the Governor's Security detail.

Deborah Anderson Isdell '78, Alexandria, VA, is a criminal investigator for the U.S. Treasury Department.

80's

LTC Joseph Contarino III '80, Camp Eagle, Korea, is commander of the 1st squadron, 6th cavalry regiment. 1-6 Cavalry is an attack helicopter unit of 24 helicopters and more than 300 personnel.

Marilyn Dayton '80, Newport News, VA, was selected as Teacher of the Year at Nelson Elementary School. Dayton recently completed her master's in administration and supervision at George Washington University.

Paul Duke '80, Cornelius, N.C., is a SVP and Risk Manager of NationsBank.

Carol Lauter '81, Madison Heights, VA, is lead teacher at the Elon Head Start Center.

Major Richard Burns '82, Newport News, VA, has been reassigned as transportation planner for European Command (EUCOM) in Stuttgart, Germany.

Gigi Johnson Sperling '82, is a physical education teacher at Lompoc High School. Sperling received a master's in physical education from UNC Greeley in 1995.

Maggie Baker Jackson '83, Mountain View, CA, is a contract specialist and contract officer with the Resident Office in charge of construction in the San Francisco Bay area office at Moffett Federal Air Field. Baker received a master's in contract and acquisition management from Florida Institute of Technology.

Elaine Ketterman '83, Sarasota, FL, is a financial consultant with Barnett Investments, Inc.

Jim Sterling '83, Randolph, TX, is chief of staffing and training for more than 10,000 air force medics worldwide.

Lyane Kelly '84, Newport News, VA, received her Master of Fine Arts from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Paige McKinley Lile '84, Newport News, VA, is general manager of Chesapeake General Hospital's Lifestyle Health & Fitness Center.

Dr. Kelly Debure '85, St. Petersburg, FL, is an assistant professor of computer science at Eckerd College.

Janice Cunningham '86, Peachtree City, GA, was awarded a Master of Music in Performance at State University of West Georgia.

Diana Dely '86, Poquoson, VA, is public relations coordinator and editor of the Virginia Maritimer, Virginia Port Authority's magazine. Dely also trains and shows horses.

Brian Murphy '86, Cornelius, N.C., is with Johnson & Johnson.

Kip Palmer '86, Manhatten Beach, CA, is a principle consultant in the system integration practice of Price Waterhouse LLP.

Robin Van Ness '86, Kalamazoo, MI, is a school psychologist with the Allegan County Intermediate School District.

Timothy Wahlstrom '86, Newport News, VA, is a systems administrator at Inter-National Research Institute.

Elizabeth Emerson '87, Chicago, IL, is starting culinary school to be a pastry chef and work for a catering company.

Captain Ron Sperling '87, Lompoc, CA, is stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Sperling recently earned a master of engineering in space operations from University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Bill Wescott '87, Tampa, FL, is the district sales manager for Lanier Worldwide, Inc.

Dianne Agricola '88, Courtland, VA, is an English and journalism teacher at Greensville County High School.

Betina Nichols '88, Hayes, VA, was promoted to telecommunications system administrator at the College of William and Mary.


Suzanne Doll '89, Chesapeake, VA, is a social worker for the city of Norfolk. Doll recently moved back to Virginia from Corpus Christi, TX.

Kendra Maxie '89, Killeen, TX, is a field executive for the Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council in Waco, TX. Maxie is pursuing a master of science degree in marriage and family counseling at the University of Central Texas.

Sylvia Rose N'Golet '89, Staten Island, NY, is an assistant teacher working with autistic preschoolers at the Association in Manhattan for Autistic children.
ALUMNI NOTES

90's

Kimberly Hughes Carter ’90, Newport News, VA, is a relief specialist with Newport News Shipbuilding Employees Credit Union.

Captain Glynn Garcia ’90, Waco, TX, is a Waco police officer and a member of the Texas Army National Guard. Garcia also manages G & G Handgun Training Services for concealed handgun licenses.

Richard Herring ’90, Poquoson, VA, is a funeral director at Clayton Rollins Funeral Home.

Nancy Greenwalt Hilton ’90, Hampton, VA, is a teacher at Peninsula Christian School. Hilton is also pursuing a dual masters degree at Union Theological Seminary in Christian Education and Divinity.

Master Sergeant Carmen Pollice ’90, Tampa, FL, has been reassigned to Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Captain Douglas Schuetz ’90, Chester, VA, was awarded a master’s in public administration from University of Nebraska. Schuetz is commander of the Headquarters Company at Fort Lee, Virginia and was recently selected for the Army Acquisitions Corps.

John Stewart ’90, Yorktown, VA, is a territory manager with CPC International.

Terry Crumble ’91, Norcross, GA, has been promoted to Project Leader for Computer Support with General Electric in Alpharetta, GA.

Ronald Houston ’91, Crewe, VA, is a regional supervisor for Coastal Mart Inc.


Oren Bergfeld ’92, Cayce, SC, graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary with a Master of Arts in Religion.

Suzan Bulbulkaya ’92, Albany, NY, is attending Albany Law School and intends to graduate in 1999.

Mary Campbell ’92, Hampton, VA, was awarded a master’s in Social Work from VCU. Campbell is a patient services manager for Leukemia Society of America, Virginia Chapter.

Maria Cochrane ’92, Newport News, VA, teaches French and language exploratory courses at Hampton Roads Academy. Cochrane also manages a fashion consulting business called Weekender Casual Wear.

Dave Edwards ’92, Vincennes, IN, is an educational leadership consultant for Sigma Pi Fraternity International’s southeastern United States region.

Teresa Gibson ’92, Houston, TX, ’92, is president and owner of Innovative Resources, specializing in human resources consulting and outsourcing services for small businesses.

Christine Hutchins ’92, Portsmouth, VA, is a music teacher at Malibu Elementary Schools in Virginia Beach. Hutchins applied for and received a $4,000 grant for Orff Instruments.

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Domiaique McLaughlin '96, Washington, D.C., is a graduate student at Gallaudet University pursuing a masters degree to counsel deaf and hard of hearing. McLaughlin is also Head Women's Track Coach at Gallaudet University.

Blake Patterson '96, Charlottesville, VA, is pursuing a masters degree to counsel deaf and hard of hearing. McLaughlin is also Head Women's Track Coach at Gallaudet University.

Michael Porter '96, Newport News, VA, has been promoted to head teacher at Mid-Atlantic Academy, school of Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge.

Elizabeth Viers '96, Williamsburg, VA, is director of cruising camps for Getaway Sailing in Baltimore, MD.

Halie McKinley Wescott '96, Tampa, FL, is an insurance specialist for USAA Property and Casualty Insurance.

Stacia L. Chapman-Gorey '97, Newport News, VA, is pursuing a master's degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University. Chapman-Gorey is a program assistant for Newport News Court appointed special advocates.

William Jennings '97, Croughton, VA, is a computer network support technician for USAA Property and Casualty Insurance.

Shannon Mitchell '97, Yorktown, VA, is an Intensive Intervention Specialist for Lutheran Counseling Services.

Births

Michael and Maureen Robertson '81, Newport News, VA, a son, Ethan Michael, July 1, 1997.


Phil and Donna Jolly Villiott '82, Midlothian, VA, a son, Matthew Christian, March 23, 1997.

Steve and Beverly Belvin Epps '85, Hampton, VA, a daughter, Faith Autumn, March 18, 1997.

Mark and Valerie Fendrick '85, Newport News, VA, a daughter, Alexis Taylor, May 1, 1997.


Elizabeth Emerson Aldrich '87, Chicago, IL, a son, Tyler James, September 2, 1996.

Captain Ron '87 and Gigi Sperling '82, Lompoc, CA, a son, Evan Johnson, February 12, 1997.

James and Deborah Stockberger Wells '87, Yorktown, VA, a son, Zachary James, May 16, 1997.


Betina Curran Nichols '88, Hayes, VA, a son, Mark Bradford, August 9, 1996.

Thomas and Tracy Gehrke Pastella '89, Gloucester Point, VA, a son, Casey Thomas, February 11, 1997.


Tom '91 and Teresa Adams Gibson '92, Houston, TX, a daughter, Christina Elizabeth, May 12, 1997.


Robbie and Sherrard Pugh Hudgins '92, Mathews, VA, a daughter, Anna Nicole, December 18, 1996.


Kelly and Christy Byard Lundenberg '95, Pooquoson, VA, a daughter, Alexandria Elizabeth, May 9, 1997.

Archie '93 and Juley Bates '94, Hampton, VA, a daughter, Cassandra Nicole, August 26, 1997.

Chief Petty Officer John and Amy Sargent '95, Newport News, VA, a daughter, Emily Grace, February 12, 1996.


Paul and Melissa Reimers '96, Bossier City, LA, a daughter, Emily Grace, September 17, 1996.
YOU'RE INVITED!

Homecoming 1998 Annual Alumni Reception

You and your guest are cordially invited to our 1998 Annual Homecoming Reception.

Saturday, February 14, 1998
Alumni Room
Student Center
6 p.m.

Reception is free, but space is limited. Please respond by February 2, 1998.

Name ___________________________ Class _______ Year ________

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Return form to: Alumni Office, CNU 50 Shoe Lane, Newport News, VA 23606-2998

IN MEMORIAM

James O. Syme Jr. '76, of Williamsburg, VA, died on October 8, 1997. Col. Syme, a Peninsula resident since 1962, was 78.

Col. Syme retired from the U.S. Army Transportation Corps after 31 years of service and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Syme was president of Christopher Newport University's Alumni Society from 1979 to 1980 and was a member of the current Alumni Society Board. He served two terms on the Alumni Board and helped revise the Alumni Society's bylaws. Syme was also a member of the Smithfield Lions Club and the Hilton Presbyterian Church.
Happy New Year

Does your list of New Year’s Resolutions include expanding your mind, skills or talents? If so, CNU’s Office of Continuing Education can help you fulfill your goals for 1998.

You’ll discover an unrivaled selection of over 50 new programs for the new year to expand your general knowledge and abilities and provide the kind of continuous learning it takes to succeed in today’s world. Call the Office of Continuing Education at (757) 594-7158 to request a brochure.

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