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Bush to CNU: 'My son can do the job' 4.2H

An enthusiastic, standing-room-only crowd packed Ratcliffe Gym on Feb. 23 hoping to catch a glimpse of America's 41st President, George Bush.

The 75-year-old former president, looking fit and tan, visited CNU to drum up support for his son, presidential candidate George W. Bush. The visit capped a two-city tour Bush made to rally for his son in Virginia's Republican primary.

"My son will serve with honor," Bush said during his 15-minute speech. "There will be no scandals, no denigrations of the presidency, no national humiliations. I guarantee you from the day he is elected he will lift up the



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CNU President Paul Tribble listens as former President George Bush speaks.

Albert Einstein's Café: You don't have to be genius to enjoy it

If Albert Einstein were alive today he'd probably order Einstein's famous shake and check his e-mail or share his latest theories on relativity with his colleagues.

Albert Einstein's Café, which opened Feb. 2 in the CNU Library, is the

happening place to be on campus. It features Starbucks's coffee and pastries in a trendy atmosphere where patrons can relax, read or log onto the Internet.

President Paul Tribble envisioned an upscale café on campus after seeing one at the University of Virginia. Plant

Operations handled construction, saving the university about \$100,000 over the cost of outside contractors, says Bill Brauer, executive vice president of administration and finance.

The café is elegant and inviting. Jazz music sets the tone for a casual atmosphere where students, faculty and staff can mingle and exchange ideas. Psychology professor Tom Berry thinks Albert Einstein's is a "fantastic idea."

"It brings another marvelous focus to the library where people can meet and form a new sense of community," he says.

Manager Janine Bruner, former manager of Henry Street Chocolatier in Williamsburg, says customers are thrilled with the new café. "They have a chance to choose between something quick and inexpensive at the Terrace, or a nice pastry and quality coffee here."

Serving up Starbucks brew are (l-to-r) Ruth Anne McMain, Kamron Hollyfied, Amanda Foy and manager Janine Bruner.



CNU athletes inducted into Hall of Fame

Ted Berry, Wayne Block, Chris Jones and Maura McColgan were inducted into the CNU Athletic Hall of Fame during half-time ceremonies at the Captain's vs. Methodist game in January.

Berry, who played basketball for CNU from 1991-94, set a school record his senior year with a 27.3 scoring average, including a record 47-

point outburst at Salisbury State. He was named second team all-America and first team all-South and was voted player of the year in the Dixie Conference.


He is currently playing professional basketball in England and was nominated most valuable player for the English League all-star game last year.

Block, CNU sports infor-

mation director, has won 35 national awards from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He received the Virginia Sports Information Directors Association distinguished service award in 1997.

Jones has headed the training office for 18 years. She has developed a cooperative relationship with the Virginia Orthopedics and

Sports Medicine Group and serves as CNU's strength coordinator.

McColgan, who attended CNU from 1988-93, was one of the top distance runners for the Lady Captains. She was a four-time all-South/Southeast Region runner and competed on the all-Mason Dixon Conference team. She holds the CNU record for time at 18:42. 



Ted Berry



Wayne Block



Chris Jones



Maura McColgan Marcella

Marathon man Martin Miles has eye on Olympics

Martin Miles' name is certainly fitting for a marathoner.

While most of us are sleeping soundly at 5 a.m., Miles, assistant director of financial aid, is getting ready for his morning run around Newport News. Running is like breathing to him, he says, and he does it with ease.

"Besides the health benefits, running is a great way to reduce stress," says Miles, who averages 50-70 miles weekly. "It allows me to focus on the events I have planned for that particular day, and I just feel better."

In November, Miles competed in his fourth marathon, the Crestar

Richmond Marathon, a 26.2-mile trek through his hometown. Among the 1,900 competitors, Miles finished eighth in the men's 35-39 age division, and ranked 53 overall. Much to his satisfaction, he finished in 2 hours, 56 minutes – his best time ever.

"I was especially delighted with my performance in the last 4.2 miles; I finished strong and didn't experience any real discomfort," says Miles.

Marathon racing is difficult and challenging, he says. "You don't know how your body is going to hold up. You're competing against the elements,



Martin Miles

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Artist's love for American Indians inspires work of art

Chief Sitting Bull. Red Cloud. Little Turtle. Courageous warrior chiefs forever etched into America's history. And now, thanks to renowned bronze sculptor Griffin Chiles, CNU is the permanent home for 23 of her bronze-on-granite portraits of American Indians.

Chiles presented her sculpture to President Paul Tribble last October during an opening reception at The Falk Gallery. The collection is temporarily located on the fourth floor of the Administration Building. "I thought the university would be interested in having them for the Center for the Arts," says Chiles from her Norfolk studio.

Chiles' career began at an early age. She

Painted religious murals in churches at age 10 and created her first sculpture when she was 14. An art teacher who recognized her talent arranged for a scholarship in sculpture at the University



At the dedication ceremony are (l-to-r) President Paul Tribble, Rosemary Tribble, Griffin Chiles and her husband, Dr. Hampton Chiles.

of Louisville. She later studied in New York and France.

She became interested in sculpting historical American Indians in 1988 after many portrait commissions. "I was attracted to the expressions on the faces of Native Americans. They have so much emotion, and it was a challenge for me to catch their likenesses."

Much research preceded each sculpture. Chiles traveled to Arizona, Montana, New York, Canada and Florida studying different tribes and clans. Her husband, Dr. Hampton Chiles, M.D., collaborated with her on the research by writing short historical narratives to accompany each piece.

Although Griffin has received many awards and honors during her career, nothing can match the deep emotion she felt when she was made an honorary member of the Cherokee Tribe in 1996, a token of appreciation from the Oklahoma and North Carolina Cherokee for her labor of love.

Nobility, pride, courage and great inner strength are ever present in the faces of these bronze sculptures and generations to come will appreciate the work of her hands. ■■■



SINWATI (SQUOYAH)
CREATOR OF THE CHEROKEE SYLLABARY
1796-1866
SCULPTURE BY
GRIFFIN CHILES

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institution of the presidency so we can be proud again of the residents of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue."

President Paul Tribble gave a testimonial to the character and integrity of former President Bush and said George W. Bush would bring those same qualities to the presidency.

After hearing Bush speak, students voiced support for Bush's son. "Before I came here I didn't know if I was going to vote for McCain or Bush," said junior Karyn Dender. "I came out to see a former president, but his speech pushed me toward Bush."

Former White House chief of staff, Donald Regan, a Williamsburg resident, attended the rally. Peninsula leaders, including elected officials from area city councils and boards of supervisors, were also present.



Former President George Bush signs tennis balls for students.

Bush signed autographs and graciously posed for dozens of pictures at a reception preceding the speech. He also signed a few tennis balls

for members of the CNU tennis team.

"I still play a little tennis," said Bush, in his folksy, friendly way. ///

CNU freshman applications up 45 percent over last year

Freshman applications at Christopher Newport University have increased an unprecedented 45 percent this year compared to the same time period last year.

CNU had received 2,855 freshmen applications for the 2000-2001 academic year by early March. This increase is part of a four-year trend in freshman applications, up a total of 137 percent.

CNU has received more applications this year than the total applications received for any of the past four years. Applications from Northern Virginia are nearly double last year's, while applications from Fredericksburg jumped 127 percent. Applications from Virginia Beach are up 57 percent, while those from Richmond are up 65 percent.

The university will eventually enroll 900 students for the 2000-2001 academic year and will accept about 60 percent of applicants, placing CNU in the "selective" category of universities in the country.

In addition, the average Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores of enrolled freshmen have increased from 960 in 1996 to 1,040 this year, an 80-point increase. The SAT average for admitted freshmen for fall 2000 is 1079 to date. Coupled with a 3.30 grade point average (GPA) and an average class rank in the top 22 percent, next fall's freshman class is expected to be CNU's largest and best qualified in history.

Top students have applied to CNU from every part of the Virginia from Bristol to Chincoteague. Nearly 60 percent of admitted freshmen have a 4.0 GPA or higher.

The Aug. 30 edition of *U.S. News & World Report* ranked CNU #2 in the South among regional public liberal arts colleges. In addition the prestigious *Kaplan-Newsweek College Catalog* named CNU among the nation's top schools. It called CNU one of its "hidden treasures – terrific colleges that aren't as well known as they should be." CNU was also cited as "a school providing a good liberal arts education" and as "a school offering the maximum amount of individual academic attention." ///



Mikado Magic

CNU's February production of Gilbert & Sullivan's musical comedy *Mikado* received rave reviews. Chad Wagner (left) portrays Pish-Tush and Michael Gamache, a gentleman of Japan.

News bits

Former CNU rector **Mary L. Passage** will be the namesake of a new Newport News middle school.

Mary L. Passage Middle School will be built in Denbigh and is scheduled to open September 2001. Passage is "flattered and thrilled" that she was chosen for the honor. A native of Richmond, Passage began her teaching career in the 1950s. The first female principal in Newport News, she served as principal of Warwick Junior High School and Ferguson High School.

Passage, who retired in 1982, was instrumental in developing the curriculum for middle schools. She was also involved in the implementation of alternative high school Point Option, located at the New Horizons Regional Center in Hampton.

The 19th annual **CNU Writers' Conference and Writing Contest** will be held April 7-8 at the Student Center. Keynote speaker is David Baldacci, best known for his novels, *Absolute Power*, *Total Control* and his newest, *The Winner*.

The conference, sponsored by the Center for Community Learning, will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, April 7, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 8. Preregistration is required by March 31.

The cost is \$70 and discounted rates are available for state employees, students and senior citizens. To register, call the Center for Community Learning at 594-7158.

CNU teams are forming for the sixth annual **American Cancer Society's Relay for Life** fundraiser to be held June 9-10 at Todd Stadium. Last year's event raised \$587,000 for cancer services and research. Much of the money stays in the community to help cancer patients.


Teams of 10-15 people representing businesses, organizations, churches and neighborhoods come together for the two-day event to raise awareness of cancer and celebrate their success in raising money for the worthwhile cause.

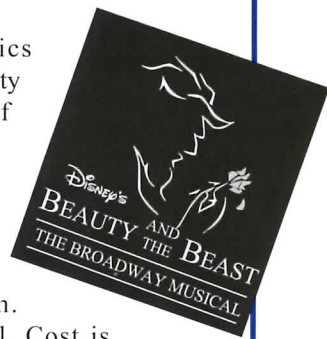
Keith Maurer of the Athletics Department and Gail Kent of University Relations coordinate the teams. If you're interested in getting involved, call Gail Kent at 594-8819 or e-mail gkent@cnu.edu.

Attend the Broadway musical **Beauty and the Beast** at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8 in Chrysler Hall. Cost is \$70/person, which includes the play and a reception following. Call Alumni Relations at 594-7712 for more information. Limited seating!

Upcoming **Super Speakers** include:

- **Thomas Jefferson** as portrayed by **Bill Barker** from Colonial Williamsburg. We'll go back into history and hear Mr. Jefferson's dreams for Virginia and America. Feel free to question one of our founding fathers on Tuesday, April 4.
- **Jim Hart** spent 19 years in the National Football League as quarterback for the St. Louis Cardinals and Washington Redskins. The four-time "all pro" will talk on Tuesday, May 9 about lessons learned from the grid-iron.

Tickets are \$3 with CNU ID for each speaker and are available through the CNU Box Office, 594-8752. 



College Convention 2000 gives students close look at political campaigns

Ten political science students, led by Dr. Quentin Kidd, assistant professor of government and public affairs, were among 2,000 college students from around the U.S. to participate Jan. 12-13 in College Convention 2000, a national political convention in Manchester, NH. Students had the opportunity to debate issues, vote on party platforms and meet several presidential candidates, including Republican presidential candidates Allen Keyes, John McCain, Steve Forbes, Gary Bower and Democratic candidate Bill Bradley. Pictured (l-to-r) are Dr. Quentin Kidd, Monika Tavkar, Jason Kidd, Scott Sadler, Christy Tomlinson, Meredith Watts, Katie King, Arlene Nagron-Rodriguez, Amy Butler and Frank Harrison.



Faculty/Staff Campaign sails to success, helping students who need it most

The 1999-2000 Faculty/Staff Campaign, "Sailing to Success" raised approximately \$76,000, thanks to the generous support of the CNU community.

For students like Tiffany Temple, a need-based scholarship recipient, the annual fund enabled her to pursue her music education degree. The 23-year-old senior is known on campus for her powerful, operatic voice. "I was able to get a scholarship four years in a row," says Temple. "It helped me a lot. It pretty much paid for all my books."

The fund also supports merit-based scholarships, academic programs, honors students, faculty research, staff development, equipment and library technology. For instance, the librarians at Captain John Smith Library were able to purchase new study carrels, upgrade computer networks and buy materials to preserve special collections, such as the Josephine Hughes Sheet Music collection.

Dr. George Webb, dean of the College of Business, Science and Technology, chaired the campaign with Lisa Curry, Center for Community Learning director; Donna Varner, registrar; and Roosevelt Lee, Food Operations manager.

At the celebration luncheon, CNU President Paul Tribble thanked campaign co-chairs and team leaders for their efforts.

"The support of the Faculty/Staff Campaign has been outstanding," says Tribble. "The CNU family has once again shown its commitment to the university by providing funds to help make sure every student here gets a great education."

Thanks to the following people who volunteered to help with the 1999-2000 faculty/staff campaign:

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Scholarship aids student singer

All eyes are upon her as she stands on the stage at Gaines Theatre. Soprano Tiffany Temple closes her eyes and she prays, silently, for confidence.

The music begins and she sings a powerful operatic rendition of "O, Holy Night." The audience is spellbound. She receives three standing ovations. Her face radiates joy as tears line her cheeks.

"When I saw the audience standing and applauding, I started to cry because I felt so loved, and I felt, 'I can do this, I can leave here and people will support me,'" says Temple, recalling her memorable performance at last year's Holiday Happenings.

Temple has loved music since she was a child. She recalls memorizing all of the songs of "The Little Mermaid." As a senior at Kecoughtan High School, she performed with her school's show choir, "Harbor Lights," and realized then that she had potential to become a vocalist performer.

Though her parents wanted her to pursue an academic college degree that might provide greater financial security,

she realized that she had to follow her own heart. "I found music to be the only thing that would make me happy," she says. Surprisingly, her first audition at CNU was unsuccessful.

"At that time, I held back my voice because I was shy," she recalls. "Then I began working with my voice teacher, Bob Turner. He told me, 'just sing.'"

With those two words, her confidence grew. And with hours of practice her voice became stronger, she says. Auditions to follow would land her leading roles in several musicals, including *Mary Sunshine* in Chicago and *Arvita in Guys and Dolls*. As a member of CNU Singers and Chamber Singers, Temple traveled to Scotland and Germany to perform. Last year she won the Hampton Young Artist award for vocalists.

Temple graduates from CNU's Music Education program in December and plans to pursue her master's degree in music performance at either Northwestern University or Indiana University. Her ultimate dream is to sing with the Metropolitan Opera. ■

CO-CHAIRS

Lisa Curry	Donna Varner
Roosevelt Lee	Dr. George Webb

Faculty/Staff

ACTIVITIES

Dr. Douglas Gordon, professor of English, has been named East Coast Contributing Editor for *The Bark*, the modern dog culture magazine. His review of Harriet Arnow's novel, *Hunter's Horn*, appears in the winter edition. A feature article on his Dogs in Literature class appears in the January-February issue of *Best Friends* magazine, a publication of the largest no-kill animal shelter in the U.S. In addition, his short piece, entitled "The Four-Eyed Dog," appears in *Best Friends*.

Dr. David Means, professor of Music, was selected by audition to conduct the Vancouver Chamber Choir Feb. 5-12 in rehearsal and performance during the National Conductor's Symposium held in Vancouver, BC, Canada. In March, Means will conduct the biannual American Choral Festival featuring 500 high school singers from American high schools in Tokyo.

Dr. Marshall Booker and Dr. Jennifer Barker were inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society.

Lea Pellett, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology, won first place in the American Anthropology Field Photography

competition and her field study photograph was featured in *Anthropology Notes*.

Dr. Anita Tieman, acting director of the Office of Career and Counseling Services, was awarded the Humanitarian and Caring Award by both the Peninsula Counselors' Association and the Virginia Counselors' Association.

Dr. Rebecca S. Wheeler, assistant professor of English, published two edited collections, *Language Alive in the Classroom*, and *The Workings of Language: From Prescriptions to Perspectives*. The first is directed toward English education students and faculty and offers alternative approaches in discovery learning of language and grammar in the classroom. The second volume, directed to an undergraduate or lay audience, seeks to explain common myths about language in our society. She also presented a paper last fall at the South Central Modern Languages Association in Tennessee, entitled *A Grammar Key Turns the Simplicity Lock: User-friendly Grammar in Service of Student Writing*. Wheeler is presenting a paper entitled, *Ebonics: Not Slang, Not Jive, Not Standard English-with Mistakes - The Story on African American Vernacular English* at the February 2000 Newport News Conference on Diversity and Race Relations in Today's Public Schools. Her paper has concrete implications to help teachers deal with African-American vernacular English in the classroom.

Dr. Stephanie Huneycutt presented an illustrated talk, "Civilized Assessment Using IS Strategies," to the International Academy of Information Management in Charlotte, NC. She chaired a session on programming and participated in the board planning session for next year's meeting in Australia. Huneycutt gave a lecture entitled "Your Business: Who, What, When, Where and Why?" at a seminar sponsored by the Small Business Administration and Service Core of Retired Executives.

Dr. Elizabeth Jones, professor of modern and classical languages, was selected as the Bronze Chalice winner on the Classics Technology Center on the Web (CTCWeb) for her teaching technique, "Fix-ing Latin." Jones created a technique that helps students decipher Latin faster using suffixes and infixes. CTCWeb provides an on-line forum where teachers from around the world can find and exchange authoritative, scholarly resources and share experiences.

Dr. Karin Polifko-Harris, nursing department chair, coordinated the annual Strategy Session Conference for 130 health care leaders in Virginia and North Carolina. The session focused on dramatic changes in local health care delivery and featured CEO/president's panel of area health care executives. ■■■

NEW FACULTY & STAFF

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Professors help teachers with SOLs

With a single goal in mind, a team of dedicated CNU professors worked together to help Virginia public school teachers with the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests.

In a collaborative effort with the Virginia Education Association (VEA), 15 professors produced an extensive 239-page guide entitled, *SOL Analysis for Grades 1-5*. They wrote guides for SOLs in mathematics, science, English, history and social science.

Dr. Mary Bicouvaris, associate professor of education and active member of the VEA, served as the project coordinator. Susan Scott, a recent graduate of CNU's Master's in Teaching Program and language arts teacher at Hines Middle School, helped produce the guide.

The project began in October when Bicouvaris asked her colleagues for

help. "They understood immediately it was something we needed to do," she says. "The support was absolutely wonderful."

The VEA earmarked \$6,000 to help pay for expenses, including a small payment for the professors' time. "Basically, the professors received \$20 per SOL, which is very little," says Bicouvaris. "For us, this collaboration across the disciplines was a service to our colleagues in pre-collegiate education."

Dr. Bobby Hoffman Bartels, associate professor of mathematics, says the project helped her become better prepared for future workshops with elementary school teachers.

Bicouvaris, who spent 26 years teaching in the public school system, delivered the guides to the Richmond VEA in January. The guides will be sent to all Virginia elementary schools.

In addition to Bicouvaris and Bartels, contributing professors included: Dr. Adriane Dorrington, assistant professor of education; Dr. Jean Filletti, assistant professor of English; Dr. George Zestos, associate professor of economics; Dr. Jay Paul, associate professor of English; Mrs. June Soud, adjunct professor of English; Dr. Peter Gushue, associate professor of history; Dr. Quentin Kidd, associate professor of government; Dr. Richard Cheney, associate professor of biology; Dr. Stavroula Gailey, associate professor of mathematics; Mrs. Rebecca Hurst, instructor of English; Dr. Roark Mulligan, assistant professor of English; Dr. Rebecca Wheeler, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Terilyn Goins, assistant professor of communication studies. ■

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the terrain, and your overall physical conditioning can either make you or break you."

Marathon runners often experience a mental block or what is commonly referred to as "the wall" during a race, he explains. This happens when the body begins to break down physically and mentally at the 16- to-18-mile marker.

"At that point, I don't know whether to maintain a steady pace or to consume more energy and power gels to enhance my performance for the last

eight miles of the race. Being as competitive as I am, I have to push myself and keep focused on the finish line."

During his first marathon in 1995, Miles became physically ill. "I almost broke down; I just didn't train properly for it," he recalls. "I learned that I needed to do at least five 26-milers prior to racing in a marathon."

Miles' ultimate goal is to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team. The qualification requirement for males is a finishing time of 2 hours, 22 minutes. "I strongly believe that if God's willing,

and I'm able to stay fit and healthy, coupled with a few minor adjustments to my running style, I can reach my goal!"

The 1985 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University also has set his sights on political office. "I have a quote by Daniel Webster that really inspires me on this subject: 'There's nothing so powerful as the truth, and nothing so strange.'" I honestly believe that politics is an excellent vehicle not only to serve people but to help make a positive difference in their lives." ■



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