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#### **Alumnus Wins BIG in Virginia Lottery**

Bob and Jane McGaware ordinary people, if you consider ordinary winning \$13.2 million in the Virginia Lottery on October 27, 1990.

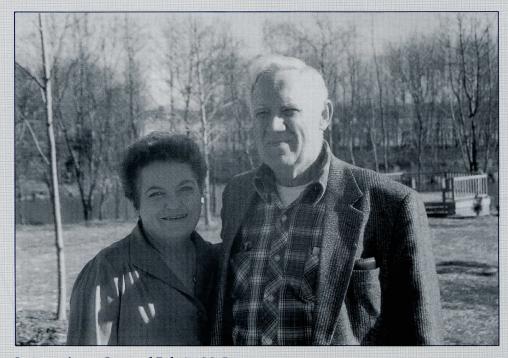
"We're basically the same people," said Mrs. McGaw, "except a few more areas and opportunities have opened up for us."

The McGaws, who were (and still are) buying 11 Lotto tickets each week, played the lottery "for the fun of it." "We had thought about what we'd do if we ever won big," said Mr. McGaw, a 1984 graduate of CNC, "but we never thought it would really happen."

The McGaws purchase the same sequence of numbers each week. Six were computer picked the first time they played, and five are a combination of birthdays and social security numbers. The winning ticket was one first generated by the computer.

After verifying their number, the McGaws made the trip to Richmond where they signed a release, were briefed by lottery officials, and held a press conference. "The lights were bright and it was a little scary," said Mr. McGaw of the press conference, "but we kind of enjoyed it."

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Lottery winners Jane and Bob, '84 McGaw.

#### **Budget Cuts Hitting Hard**

To protect academic programs and personnel, CNC has met the state's mandate for a \$1.1 million budget reduction by cutting operating budgets, assessing a student tuition surcharge, and fund transfers from parking and repair accounts. Although steps like delaying construction on a new parking lot enabled CNC to maintain its current course offerings, as Vice President for Finance Mike Etkin said, "We're not out of the woods yet." Although CNC has already faced an 11% budget cut this fiscal year, further reductions are already slated for next year.

"CNC just can't take that kind of hit on our budget and not have it hurt," said Etkin. To date, fiscal damage has been lessened by the fact that CNC's rising enrollment figures helped the school to do better in the General Assembly (this fiscal year) than ever before. Etkin said that budget cuts do not consider institutional discrepancies in per capita funding. "In terms of state funding per student, CNC ranks last among Virginia's four-year institutions," he continued. "Where the state spends an average of over \$3,000 per student annually, CNC receives only \$2,400 per student."

A committee comprised of administrators, department chairmen and the President of the Faculty Senate will determine the specific actions for dealing with next year's contracts. Although the College was able to avoid employee layoffs this year, some positions may be eliminated beginning in July of 1991. We're hoping that with careful planning, we can accomplish these cuts through attrition, Etkin said. To date, the state has not instituted a hiring freeze; and as Etkin ex-

plained, "CNC is an active, growing resource and we have to be in a position to manage our resources."

Although there have been discussions in Richmond about curtailing college enrollments on a state-wide level, Etkin said that action on admission quotas has not been taken. If the state's fiscal prospects do not improve, however, Etkin commented that unclassified students and those who register late might find classes closed.

In a year in which Richmond has ordered three rounds of budget cuts for institutions of higher learning and scheduled another 5% for next fiscal year, Etkin warns that things will get worse before they get better. We need to be prepared to maintain the core of the College, so that we will be in the best position to build when times get better.

#### From the President...



Dr. Anthony R. Santoro

Allof us at CNC wish you the happiness of the holidays we shared here. This academic year has been filled with activity.

Secretary of Education, the Hon. James W. Dyke, and Deputy Secretary Karen Petersen met with our Board of Visitors in October. The Secretary and Ms. Petersen also held meetings with faculty and students. In these meetings the Secretary emphasized the importance of competence in math, science, and foreign languages if Virginia is to be competitive internationally. The Deputy Secretary received a tour of Ferguson High School hosted by school and College personnel. Useof Ferguson High School and the building of a residence hall are key items on the CNC agenda as the 1991 Session of the General Assembly begins.

A reception was held in November for our alumni at Newport News Shipbuilding. We shared with this audience news of College initiatives, including updates on the residence hall and use of Ferguson High School. It was a pleasure meeting new Shipyard alumni and renewing acquaintances with others.

I served on a panel with presidents for the College of William and Mary and Norfolk State University, and with area superintendents, including Don Bruno from Newport News Public Schools, to discuss cooperative arrangements between K-12 grade schools and colleges. CNC has a number of partnerships underway with the public schools and will become more integrally involved with the schools when we inaugurate our Master of Arts in Teaching degree this summer. In response to the Governor's expressed interest in school/college partnerships, the College submitted a list of nearly 20 cooperative activities in which we are involved with the public schools.

Despite a slowing economy and additional budget reductions, we are in a new year and look forward to better times and more growth at the College. As always, we appreciate your continuing interest and support.

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Mr. McGaw, who received a BSBA degree in Management and Management Information Science, took a leave from the shipyard in 1979 to attend CNC full time. He came on the GI bill for four years, and paid for the last year himself. Mr. McGaw said he loved his experience on campus including initiation into Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional business fraternity. He commented, however, that he had to "run harder" to keep up with studies after being out of school for almost 30 years.

Mr. McGaw returned to the shipyard in 1984 as a Production Controller. After winning the lottery, he submitted his retirement papers, but stayed a few days to help train his replacement.

As for the future, the McGaws have purchased a new home, plan to take care of their family, and are looking forward to an extended vacation in Scotland in August to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. McGaw is also planning to pursue a Master's degree in Financial Management – and we're hoping he'll wait until CNC has it to offer.

#### **Director of International Studies Named**



Dr. Elizabeth Hansen has been appointed Christopher Newport College's Director of International Studies.

She will be responsible for the administration of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Culture and Commerce, and, in concert with the academic deans, department chairmen and appropriate committees, will develop the program's curriculum and course scheduling. Assisting in the development of funding initiatives for international studies and exchanges will also be part of her duties.

"Dr. Hansen comes to CNC with a wealth of experience in international studies and development," said College President Dr. Anthony R. Santoro. "She brings a distinctive perspective to the College's ongoing efforts to enhance and expand its programs and curricula in the areas of international education and exchange programs with other nations."

Before coming to CNC, Hansen was Assistant to the President for International

Education at the City College of New York, where she coordinated international exchange programs with universities in Japan, the People's Republic of China, Kenya, Nigeria, France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Hansen's experience includes a Rockefeller Foundation Research Fellowship in Columbia, work as a consultant to the Latin American and Caribbean Program of the Social Science Research Council and faculty positions at several institutions of higher education.

"I look forward to working with the students, faculty, and administrators at CNC to further enhance the College's already rich international focus," Hansen said. "Since this is such an important role in the program's success, I plan to become a clearinghouse – providing information and resources to those who need them."

Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and French, she holds a doctorate in anthropology and Latin American development from the City University of New York.

#### On-Campus Greek Life Thrives at CNC

Greek life thrives at CNC. In 1980, Christopher Newport College was home to only one local sorority, known then as Pi Kappa Sigma, but we now house five social organizations.

Our fraternities include Sigma Piand Sigma Tau Gamma, both members of the National Interfraternity Conference. Our sororities include Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta, members of the National Panhellenic Council, and Gamma Phi Beta, a member of the National Panhellenic Conference. CNC's newest sorority, Phi Mu, (also a member of the National Panhellenic Conference) began their colonization this fall, and plans for additional colonizations are underway.

The presence of these groups on campus is more than obvious. Greek names appear on bulletin boards, posters, park benches,

and sweatshirts. Around every corner you'll find a fraternity or sorority activity aimed at achieving one of the goals that all of these organizations have in common: to encourage leadership among their members, and to support philanthropic, scholastic and social endeavors.

But contrary to popular belief, these groups do not exist for the social endeavors alone. "The image of Greek organizations is changing," says Tisa Mason, Director of Student Life at CNC. "They are becoming more pro-active, both toward their own members and toward philanthropies."

Each semester Greek organizations on campus hold benefits, festivals and fund raisers for local charities. This not only improves the name of the College, but it provides opportunities for the students that they might not otherwise have and also brings a sense of community to campus that's hard to achieve at a commuter institution.

According to Mason, many people hear "fraternity" or "sorority" and all they think of is parties, but these organizations are designed to instill a sense of ethics and conscientiousness in their members as they progress into adulthood. Greek affiliation is a lifetime commitment — members learn the true meaning of responsibility and dedication.

If the students benefit from these activities, the College does, as well. The representation of these groups, both in the community and at National Conventions, helps to gain recognition for the institution. Or, as Petter Sveum, a member of Sigma Tau Gamma, puts it, "Our work definitely helps to put CNC on the map."

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#### **CNC News**

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#### **Annual Fund Update**

CNC's Annual Fund ended December 31, 1990. Chaired this year by Mrs. Anna Van Buren McNider, the goal was \$260,000. "We've had a year of building," said Vice President for Development Paul Holcomb. Several new programs have been developed including the President's Council for donors of \$1000 or more. In addition, Holcomb plans to launch a series of special events in 1991 – including a golf tournament, black tie auction and dinner dance to generate funds for the school

The Vice President also hopes to expand sources of private revenue by involving students and their parents in the fund-raising process. Possible outreach projects include a Parent's Council, CNC Family Day and a questionnaire soliciting parental feedback on various programs.

CNC's diverse student population comprises another untapped source of private revenue. "I think it's important to give students the opportunity to contribute to their College," Holcomb said. Prior to any such program, however, students would be surveyed to ascertain what type of project they might be interested in supporting.

Although alumni comprise a traditional constituency for the College, Holcomb envisions the Alumni Society expanding its role in the future. Since a school's success enhances the value of alumni degrees, this group needs to take a more active role in fund-raising, Holcomb stated.

As state budgets shrink, CNC's need for gifts substantially increases; many programs, such as scholarships, rely on private funds. Since Office of Development budgets reflect the budget squeeze, Holcomb anticipates needing more help from CNC supporters.

For additional information about the Annual Fund Campaign or other contributions, contact the CNC Office of Development at 594-7038.

## Faculty Spotlight Dr. Harold Cones, alias Dr. Earth

Dr. Harold N. Cones, Jr., know as "Dr. Earth" on local radio and television, has been awarded a Certificate of Recognition by Governor L. Douglas Wilder for his contributions to environmental conservation.

Dr. Cones, Chairman of the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Sciences, has been teaching for 22 years and has made an effort to concentrate on pressing environmental issues. As a field biologist, Cones considers the environment his workplace and has developed a great respect for it – a respect that he hopes to pass on to his students.

It was for these reasons that Laura Coffey and Chris Wilson of local radio station WWDE chose Cones to represent them on environmental issues and soon dubbed him "Dr. Earth." Cones was the perfect choice, not only for his ties to the original earth day in 1970, but also for his ability to express modern environmental views.

Coffey and Wilson donned Cones with a bandanna, a pair of jeans, a T-shirt, and a multitude of pins and set him to work doing radio and television spots known as *Down to* 

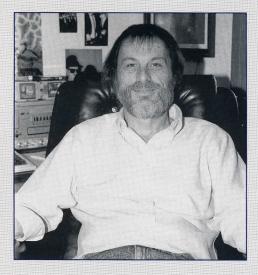
Earth. "The neat thing about Dr. Earth," says Cones, "is that's who I am."

His efforts both as "Dr. Earth" and as "Dr. Cones" prompted Gov. Wilder to select him as one of the few recipients of the Certificate of Recognition. But Cones wasn't in it alone. Coffey and Wilson, impressed by Cones' hard work and the tremendous pubic response to it, gathered the information necessary to nominate him for the award, unbeknownst to Cones himself.

"They felt moved to do it on my behalf," Cones said, "and that's worth more than the certificate." The certificate came as a complete surprise. "This award tells me that perhaps I've been successful with what I've been doing for the past 22 years," he stated.

Cones' work over that time period has not been limited to the classroom. He has been involved in the community for years and is presently developing the environmental education program at the Mariner's Museum.

But much of his pride and efforts still centers on the CNC campus. "People drive through our campus in the spring just to look at all of the beautiful flowers and landscap-



ing," he says, "and we're proud of that."

It's also important to Cones that the CNC campus stay that way. He says he'd like to see the full maintenance of the grounds continue and to see the College preserve money for that purpose. On a wider scale, Cones hopes that someday every course taught at CNC will have some environmental overtones, a project he says that would be as simple as changing the subject of word problems in math courses.

In the meantime, Cones continues to teach with an enthusiasm that never ceases.

### Soviet Scientists Visit Campus



Professor Kaminskii examined research underway in CNC's superconductivity laboratory, and is shown with Dr. Raouf Selim of CNC's Physics Department observing a graph plotter of superconductivity.

September 21, 1990 marked the beginning of a new level of scientific cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union. Dr. Anthony Santoro, President of Christopher Newport College signed a partnership agreement with the Russian Academy of Sciences. Representing the USSR was Professor Alexander Kaminskii, Director of the Solid State Laser Laboratory in the Institute of Crystallography.

The partnership agreement established an exchange of information concerning laser type crystals as well as scientists for a four year period. This is significant because Professor Kaminskii's laboratory has been responsible for developing 65 percent of the solid state laser materials known to date.

Since 1976, the Physics Department at Christopher Newport has been studying the optical and electronic properties of the laser materials. Most recently, CNC's research has focused on the materials' optical properties for use in environmental testing.

## HOMECOMING '91 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday Night, February 15

9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. "One Enchanted Evening" Christopher's

Free

Music by: KRAKAJAX

A six-piece vairety band that plays music from the early '50s to the most current chart hits. Everything from The Kingsmen to Janet Jackson, KRAKAJAX is guaranteed to get the crowd moving with an energetic horn section and extremely versatile repertoire.



#### Saturday Night, February 16

5:30-7:00 p.m. – Alumni Tailgate Party

The Terrace

\$5.00 per person

Menu: Pork or Beef Barbeque on Buns

Cole Slaw

**Baked Beans** 

Potato Chips

Cookies/Brownies

Lemonade and Tea (Cash Bar of Beer and Wine)

#### Reservations due by February 11, 1991

Make chacks payable to Alumni Society of CNC and include name(s) of guest(s)

Mail to: Office of Alumni Relations Christopher Newport College Newport News, VA 23606-2998

7:30 p.m. – Men's Basketball Game vs. NC Wesleyan Ratcliffe Gym

Alumni *with* Alumni Society Membership Card Free Admission

Special Section for Alumni

General Admission - \$3.00

#### Reception Held for Alumni at Newport News Shipbuilding



Graduates employed at Newport News Shipbuilding are greeted by Dr. Santoro at a reception held on November 8. (Caroline Kiehner – NNS)

# 10th Annual Community Forum on Aging Planned

Christopher Newport College, Riverside Regional Medical Center, and the Peninsula Agency on Aging will celebrate ten years of institutional cooperation when they sponsor the 10th Annual Community Forum on Aging. The forum, entitled "A Decade of Aging: A Look Back, Looking Ahead," will be held March 13, 1991 in the Campus Center at Christopher Newport College.

The keynote address will be given by an official representative from the office of Governor L. Douglas Wilder. Cheryl Matthews, Director/Gerontology and Social Work at CNC, is the Chair of the 1991 Planning Committee, and will also give the official welcome. The schedule includes Exhibits and a Heart Healthy Lunch. Professional



workshops will address not only medical and ethical issues in aging, it will also focus on the roles that creativity and fitness play in an aging population.

A special committee has been appointed this year to honor the people who have worked so hard to develop the forum into a highly successful community activity. The honorees will include numerous CNC alumni, who as highly effective and enthusiastic volunteers, have played a very essential role. The committee would like to take this opportunity to invite all alumni and friends of the College to register for the 10th Annual Community Forum on Aging and help celebrate its accomplishments. For registration information call 874-2495.

#### Alumni President's Corner

I attended the CNC Board of Visitors Meeting on October 24, 1990 and was encouraged by the interest and commitment of our existing Board. I was also delighted to see and meet the new Board members who promise to bring fresh ideas, knowledge and perspective to the College. These community leaders, many of whom are not Alumni of CNC, unselfishly devote substantial time and energy to the pursuit of excellence at our College.

On October 19, 1990, the CNC Alumni Society, in conjunction with the SGA and CAB, sponsored the CNC "Party on the Lawn," a fall festival event. Many students, alumni and some faculty and staff attended the event which featured live music, food and drink on the lawn in the main campus courtyard. The weather and temperature cooperated and a good time was had by all.

The Alumni Society sold beverages at the "Party" and while sponsoring the event we raised approximately \$320.00 to be applied to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. With that successful event behind us, we are looking forward to the Homecoming activities on February 15 and 16, 1991. The activities will include some Alumni events as well as other entertainment activities and a quality basketball game. We encourage you to attend these events and look forward to seeing you.

The Board is continuing to explore additional fund raising activities and we hope to sponsor such an activity for the spring of 1991. Membership is still a top priority and I encourage all alumni to contribute and join our society and participate in our activities.

If you know other CNC Alumni, consider giving that individual a membership in the Society by making a gift to the College in that graduate's name, or make a New Year's resolution yourself to join and give back to CNC a little of what it gave you. Best wishes in the coming new year.

Stan D. Clark, '77

#### **ALUMNI NOTES • ALUMNI NOTES • ALUMNI NOTES**

'71 Robert Clark Schlagal received his M.A. in English, 1976; and Ph.D. in Reading, 1982 from UVA. He is currently an Associate Professor at Spring Hill College in Fairhope, Alabama. He is married and has three children.

'72 Donald L. Gunter is Regional Sales Manager for Sony Corp. of America for the Washington, D.C. region. He and his family live in Howard County, Maryland.

'73 Chris J. Yeapanis is Director of Management Information Services at National Electrical Benefit Fund in Rockville, Maryland. He and his wife, Betty, live in Fairfax. '74 Paul Q. Darden is owner of Creative Concepts - an advertising/marketing/

public relations company in Newport News.

'74 Mary Oldershaw Self works for Dyn Corp. in Sierra Vista, Arizona and has been included in Who's Who American Women, 16th ed. and Who's Who in the West, 22nd ed. '74 Robert J. Sowell is a Family Counselor with York County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. He is married to Robin Whisnant Sowell, '76 and she is employed as a Medical Social Worker with the Virginia Dept. of Health in Newport News. They reside in Gloucester.

'76 Gene Coulson is the State Supervisor for Marketing Education for the West Virginia Dept. of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Marketing Education Resource Center in Columbus, Ohio. Last summer, he presented Marvin Brown, a former CNC instructor who is now the State Supervisor of Marketing Education for the Georgia Dept. of Education, with the Marketing Education Award from the Marketing Education Association.

'77 Claudia Almquist Bolitho is Director of Development and Marketing at Pentran in Hampton.

'78 James R. Cobb obtained his Certified Purchasing Manager certificate in 1980 and is the Nuclear Technical Purchasing Supervisor at Virginia Power in Glen Allen. He and his wife, Jerry, live in Richmond and have one daughter.

'78 Jeffrey A. Kaye is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with Riverside Psychiatric Institute in Newport News.

'78 Gary Walter received his M.S.A. in Personnel Management from George Washington University in 1981. He retired from the USAF in 1985 and is currently a Senior R&D Pricing Analyst for McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company in Mesa, Arizona.

'80 Kristi Kimble Rohnstock is a bilingual Executive Secretary for the attorney for the Superintendent of Merced School District in California.

'81 Diana Scher Albis is a Financial Systems Manager at Sentara Hampton General Hospital. She and her husband, David, reside in Virginia Beach.

'81 Suzanne N. Gregoire Howell completed her M.Ed. in Counseling from W&M in 1989. She is working as an Elementary School Guidance Counselor at two schools in Virginia Beach and lives in Newport News.

'81 James R. McElheney is an Acquisition Administrator for the Department of Vehicle and Equipment Services for the City of Newport News, and is working on his M.P.A. degree from ODU. He and his wife have three daughters.

'82 Jim Roughton is a Certified Safety Professional and is a Quality Control Engineer at Mars Electronics International in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

'83 Jan Rawlings Hershberger is Second Vice President, Personal Financial Services Division at Northern Trust Bank in Lake Forest, Illinois.

'84 Frank W. Haislip is Assistant Vice President with First American Bank at Partick Henry Mall in Newport News.

'85 Edward R. McConnaughy is stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard on the Cutter Pt. Thatcher. He married Natasha Walls McConnaughy, '90 in 1989 and she is Project Director with Spiller and Reeves Research Associates in Venice, Florida.

'85 N. Scott Millar is a Personnel Analyst with the City of Newport News and pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration at ODU.

'86 Jacqueline Class is President and Owner of J. Class and Company - a word processing/editing service in Anderson, South Carolina. She has one son.

'86 Susan Pflugradt Jett teaches first grade in Lancaster, Virginia. She and her husband have one son.

'86 James M. McRoy completed his Masters degree in Organizational Management and Administration Science at GWU. He works as a Risk Consultant for the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies and lives in Williamsburg.

'86 Stephanie A. Lipinski Molnar received her J.D. degree from W&M and was admitted to the Bar in 1989. She is employed with the Virginia Department of Taxation in the Tax Policy Division.

'86 Denise G. Price Francum is employed with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. in Owensboro, Kentucky.

'86 Bonnie Lee Todhunter is the Director of College Programs for the Fort Hood Campus of Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas. Husband, Eric C. Todhunter, '86, is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

'87 Dane Bryant is an Associate Industrial Hygienist at Newport News Shipbuilding.

'87 Jeffrey A. Helm teaches art at Abingdon Elementary School in Gloucester. Wife, Kay Back Helm, '89, is Director of Broadcast Services for WBH-TV in Gloucester. '87 Patricia L. Keating Templeton is Branch Manager for Central Fidelity Bank in Hampton. She married L. Scott Templeton in June, 1990.

'87 William S. Rawles, II is a Cost Estimator with Intermarine USA in Savannah, Georgia.

'88 Eric R. Jackson, Jr. is a Police Officer with Prince William County.

'88 Todd E. Leck is Coordinator, Office Automation for Instrument Society of America in Raleigh, North Carolina. He married Mary Zimmerman in June, 1989.

'88 Susan D. Hale Mosbrucker is General Manager at Homestead Landscaping in Las Vegas, Nevada. She married Anthony Mosbrucker in February, 1988.

'88 Mary Jo Ferdinand Sherrock is employed with Service America Corp. under contract with the Bordentown School District as Director of Food Services. She is married, has three children and lives in Philadelphia.

'89 Brigitte Cherry Jones is Director of Marketing for the Devonshire in Hampton. She married Alvin Thomas Jones, Jr. in October, 1990.

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#### Distinguished Alumni Award **Nominations Sought**

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Society is seeking nominations for the second Annual Distinguished Alumni Award.

Any graduate of CNC who has distinguished him/herself through personal or professional accomplishment or who has rendered outstanding service to CNC or to the Alumni Society is eligible for this award. Productive citizenship is considered the basic quality of all Distinguished Alumni.

Members of the Alumni Society Board of Directors are ineligible.

Alumni and friends of CNC are requested to nominate individuals for the 1991 Distinguished Alumni Award by March 1, 1991. The recipient will be announced at the annual Alumni Society Dinner Meeting on May 4.

Mail nominations to CNC Alumni Office, DAA Nomination, 50 Shoe Lane, Newport News, VA 23606-2998.

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