

# CNC NEWS

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## Sam Fairchild Receives First Annual Distinguished Alumni Award

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation Samuel W. Fairchild received CNC's first Distinguished Alumni Award at the Alumni Society's Annual Dinner Meeting held on May 5 at the College. Fairchild, a 1977 graduate of CNC with a B.S.B.A./Economics degree, received the award for his productive citizenship and outstanding service to his community, nation and profession.

After graduating from CNC, Fairchild served as Vice President and General Manager of Photo Associates, Inc. in Poquoson.

In 1983, Fairchild moved to the Washington, D.C. area where he served as a Senior Special Assistant in the Transportation Department and managed several key issues, including the Department's position on the Eastern Airlines strike and airline competition.

As Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Fairchild currently serves President Bush as manager of the international affairs program, chairman of the Interagency

Maritime Policy Group, representative on the White House's Trade Policy Review Group and the President's Task Force on Competitiveness. He also chaired public meetings during the development of the President's National Transportation Policy.

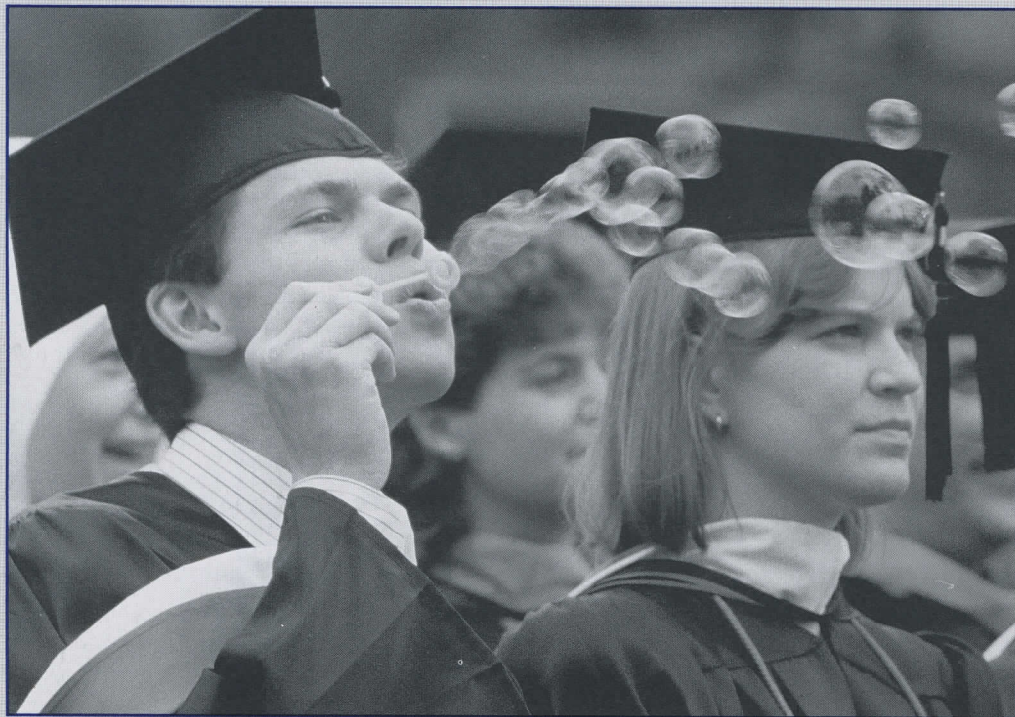
In an interview with Heidi Bloch of the *Denbigh Gazette*, Fairchild stated, "I enjoy what I'm doing and I've had to learn a lot. It's a difficult area - on paper, my peers seem more educated, but I feel as prepared as I need to be. CNC is substantially underrated. It's a good place to go to school and provides a strong basis for success, partly because it attracts very good professors who are willing to accommodate their students. CNC is an extremely valuable resource to the community."

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Fairchild has exhibited an impressive commitment to volunteerism. An Eagle Scout with Palms, Fairchild has served

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Sam Fairchild, '77 (by JoAnn Barbour)



(Photo by Valenda Campbell, staff photographer for Daily Press, Inc., Newport News.)

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## From the President...



**Dr. Anthony R. Santoro**

Another exciting academic year has ended with the usual flurry of activity associated with the end of the Spring term on a college campus.

As promised, let me bring you up-to-date on how the College fared in this session of the General Assembly. Where the mood was decidedly conservative in its fiscal tone, the College fared reasonably well. Some of the legislative activity relevant to the College includes: a base budget adjustment providing 12 full-time instructional faculty positions; approval of the status upgrade allowing CNC to offer graduate work beginning with the Master of Arts in Teaching degree; and \$25,000 in funds to plan how Ferguson High School will be utilized by CNC when it is transferred over to the State by the City of Newport News. This support by the legislature, and in particular our whole Hampton Roads delegation, enables the College to continue in its strong position of enrollment growth and program development.

We were honored to have State Delegate Alan Diamonstein participate as the guest speaker at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Alumni Society on May 5. Another highlight of the evening was the conferral of our first Distinguished Alumni Award, given to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation Samuel W. Fairchild.

Delegate Diamonstein received an honorary doctoral degree from the College at Commencement Exercises on May 13. The College also awarded an honorary degree to Miss Ethel Gildersleeve, a prominent Newport News educator who devoted her entire professional life to teaching area school children. As Miss Gildersleeve accepted her degree, she characterized her years of teaching as "having fun - and at 91, I'm still having fun!"

I leave you with that wonderful message on the importance of having fun. I hope that you have fun in your work lives, as well as on vacations days. Best wishes for the success of all your summer plans!

## Distinguished Alumni Award

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the Boy Scouts of America on local, national and international levels, most recently by coordinating their 80th Anniversary Report to the President. For the past several years, Fairchild has planned the annual Patriot Breakfast for the National Capital Area Council, one of the largest fund-raising events for the Washington area Boy Scouts.

Fairchild also donates his fund-raising talents to the American Red Cross. For the past three years he has served as Vice-Chairman and Cochairman of the Red Cross Waterfront Festival, each year returning a record donation.

When Fairchild was notified about the award, he was also given the good news that

his class ring, stolen some time ago, had been recovered by police and traced to him through the Office of Alumni Relations. In his speech at the dinner meeting, Fairchild expressed how the return of his ring further highlighted receiving the award.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes outstanding graduates of Christopher Newport College. Any alumnus(a) of CNC who has rendered outstanding service to the College or community is eligible for the annual award. Any member of the College community can nominate graduates for the honor. Nomination forms will be included in the Winter issue of *CNC News* and are available in the Office of Alumni Relations.

## Sailing Team Gets New Boats



Thanks to fund-raising efforts by the CNC Sailing Foundation, the College's nationally ranked sailing team will practice and compete next season with new boats. "The new boats have been ordered and are on the way," former CNC Sailing Coach Mike Toms said. "Next year, for the first time, CNC will be able to host a regatta without having to borrow most of the equipment." Since collegiate sailing regulations require a school to have a fleet of at least eight boats in good working condition to hold a regatta, replacing the 11 year old fleet was essential.

Unlike sports recognized by the NCAA, CNC's sailing team receives no school funding for equipment. "Although the school gives us \$6,000 annually," Toms said, "every bit of that is needed for traveling expenses."

The Sailing Foundation, comprised of local sailing enthusiasts and CNC supporters, has sponsored numerous fund-raisers on behalf of the team. The Foundation's barbecue and bluegrass party on the James has become not only a successful annual fundraiser, but a tradition among local sailors.

Sailing Foundation Executive Director George Webb, and his wife, Jane, "made the team what it is today," Toms said. "Back when CNC sailing was being organized, the Webbs (both faculty in the Physics Department) went out and beat the bushes for coaches, students, boats and donations. They sparked community interest in the program."

Sailing is an ideal sport for college students, Toms said, because it demands intellectual, as well as physical, concentration. "A good sailor must be a good tactician as well as physically fit," he explained. "Although the traditional approach to sports is to regard them as purely physical endeavors; in sailing, students have to train their minds, as well as their bodies, for a regatta."

As one of the country's top 20 collegiate sailing teams, CNC's sailors devote many hours to practice. In addition to getting out on the water three times a week, the team spends Saturdays and Sundays competing in regattas. In addition, CNC's student athletes repair and maintain the team's boats and equipment. Since the sailing season lasts six months, student athletes must be extremely committed.

The College's national ranking has also increased the number of inquiries from out of state students interested in attending CNC. "Our recruiting efforts are meeting with success because CNC has a lot to offer a student athlete looking for a small college. We have a good academic reputation, a supportive atmosphere, and a nationally established team. At CNC, sailing is also recognized as a varsity sport; that means a lot to students," Toms commented.

Toms, who starts work towards his M.B.A. at Yale University this Fall, is succeeded by Dale Hinman, a 1990 naval architect graduate of MIT who was recently ranked one of the top ten racing skippers in New England.



## Franklin O. Blechman Memorial Trust Established

A unique collaboration between Christopher Newport College, the Newport News Public Schools, and the Franklin O. Blechman Memorial Trust has resulted in an annual CNC scholarship that will be awarded to an eligible graduate of a Newport News high school beginning Fall 1990.

The Franklin O. Blechman Scholarship Program, which honors the late Newport News civic leader, "provides opportunities to disadvantaged students who might not otherwise be able to go to college," CNC's Director of Financial Aid, Sid Dugas said. In addition to awarding full tuition to scholarship recipients, the program will track and encourage potential first generation college students for a six year period beginning in 7th grade.

The scholarships will also serve as a "living memorial" to a man who supported CNC from its inception, Blechman's daughter, Elizabeth David said. "Before CNC existed, my father supported the establishment of an institution of higher learning here on the Peninsula." In recognition of his contributions to the College, Blechman received an honorary doctorate and was appointed to the President's Advisory Council.

The Franklin O. Blechman Memorial Trust was established with the help and financial donations of the Blechman family, their friends and associates, and community businesses and organizations, David said. "Many people in the community have contributed to this program," she continued. "Our board represents people who care."

The Trust provides funding for the scholarships and CNC will offer opportunities for scholarship candidates and their families to visit the College. CNC will also assign mentors to incoming Blechman scholars, to assist them in the transition to college. Like CNC, the Newport News public schools will play an active part in the program, identifying students eligible for the award and assisting in scholarship selections.



Dr. Santoro, Mrs. Franklin O. Blechman and Mr. Donald S. Bruno, Superintendent of Newport News Public Schools, at the signing ceremony of the Trust.

According to Dugas, programs like the Blechman Scholarships offer a means of encouraging high school students to take college preparatory courses. "Studies show that students whose family members have not attended college are frequently unaware of the availability of financial aid. Too often, by the time college representatives visit the schools, these kids have decided college is not a viable option for them and have failed to take the proper course-work to get in."

"Everyone connected with this program wants to see first generation students have an opportunity to succeed at college," Dugas explained. "We hope this sort of approach will increase at CNC."

According to Dugas, CNC's Financial Aid staff will advise all parents of Blechman candidates about additional sources of financial assistance. "We want to encourage

candidates not selected to stick with a college track program."

The Blechman Program, Dugas continued, "serves as a challenge to other organizations to fund additional scholarships. Many man hours went into planning this; now, we have a model for more programs of this type. A scholarship that covers tuition and fees is a wonderful thing to be able to offer a student. With tuition costs continuing to increase at a faster rate than financial aid resources, we are grateful for every private scholarship."

Besides its primary purpose of ensuring that financially needy students have an opportunity to go to college, the Blechman Scholarship Program will also ensure a stronger working relationship between CNC and the Newport News community.

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## Faculty Spotlight

### Coach Vince Brown Recipient of Prestigious Awards

CNC Coach Vince Brown, who has guided the women's track team to six NCAA championships in seven years, recently received two prestigious awards for his contributions to CNC athletics. CNC's Board of Visitors awarded Brown the Distinguished Service Medallion, an honor that has been conferred only 14 times in the College's history. In addition, the Peninsula Sports Club named Brown "Sportsman of the Year."

Receiving the Distinguished Service Medallion, which recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to CNC, "came as a real shock," Brown said. Prior to Brown's award, the Board of Visitors had not bestowed the medallion since 1986. "It is extremely gratifying to me that the Board of Visitors recognizes the hard work that everyone in our association has put into the [track] program," Brown said. "I may have received the award, but the assistant coaches and athletes are responsible for it."

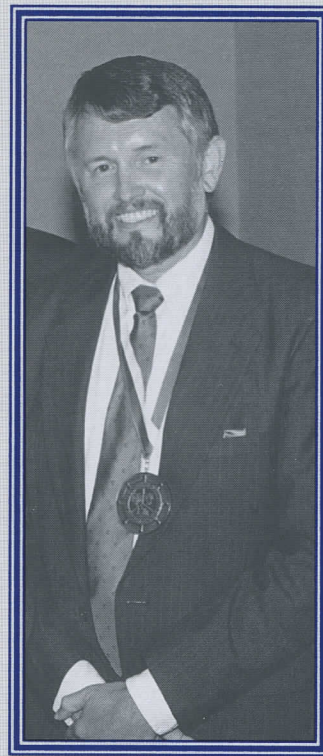
Brown expressed similar sentiments about winning the Peninsula Sports Club's 41st Annual "Sportsman of the Year" Award. "I think you have to be a Peninsula native to understand what it means to me," Brown said. Since former winners include basketball coach Lefty Driesall and football stars Norm Snead, Lawrence Taylor and Henry Jordan, "just being considered for the honor was humbling," he continued.

Along with national recognition, Brown has spearheaded numerous improvements in CNC track and field. "When I arrived, in 1979, CNC had no women's program and no track," he said. Today, CNC's track and field complex boasts bleachers, a new walkway, P.A. system and landscaping. Brown remarked, "former CNC athletes who come back to visit us are impressed to discover our track isn't surrounded by a big mud bath anymore." Along with coordinating the track's development, the coach did much of the landscaping.

In addition to administrative support, the track and field program needs CNC alumni. "This year, for the first time, we're getting alumni support," Brown said. "Some of our former athletes have started helping us out at meets, but we still need more volunteers. Running a meet takes 30 to 40 people, so getting enough manpower is a big problem."

CNC's large non-traditional student population and the absence of dorms on campus present unique challenges for a coach striving to produce nationally ranked teams. Brown feels, "if the college wants national recognition, we've got to get dorms."

In addition to that goal, Brown hopes to attract more athletes to CNC and continue upgrading the track facility. "But as long as I'm here," he continued, "my top priority will be offering a well-rounded program that our students can enjoy being part of."



Coach Vince Brown

### Foreign Language Requirement Expands in Fall 1990 Semester

America's increasing need for bilingual professionals was a factor in a recent curriculum change requiring all CNC students to study a foreign language, according to Dr. J. Richard Guthrie, Chairman, Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.

Under the new curriculum, which applies to CNC students who enter the school Fall 1990 or later, Bachelor of Science candidates must demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language through the 102 level. The two year foreign language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree remains unchanged.

Until recently, CNC remained the only college in Virginia not to require foreign language of all its students, Guthrie said. Besides promoting the academic integrity of a CNC degree, the new requirement will improve job prospects for business majors. "I get calls all the time from companies seeking business students who speak German, French or Spanish," Guthrie explained.

"Foreign language courses also prepare students for graduate school," he continued, since Master of Arts programs require students to pass a reading examination in a foreign language and Ph.D. programs require that students read two foreign languages.

The new requirement is one of several changes in the Department of Modern Languages. In Fall 1990, the Department will

offer biweekly sessions allowing students to practice conversational Spanish, German, Japanese and French. The sessions will be led by native speaking students, Guthrie said, since "people are less intimidated practicing with other students than they are with their instructor, and there will be no grading."

The sessions are one example of the department's emphasis on practical knowledge. "We like to get students speaking the first day of class," he explained.

"Although we live in a society that promotes instant gratification, learning a language is a slow process," Guthrie continued. "It takes about four years of study to be fluent in a language and that frustrates many students. But I keep reminding them of what they will have in the end. Foreign language students do more than conjugate verbs; they develop a respect for other cultures."



## GRADUATION '90

Graduation festivities began Friday, May 11, when the Office of Alumni Relations and the Alumni Society hosted CNC's First Annual Graduates' Reception following graduation rehearsal. Graduates were treated to a buffet in the cafeteria which had been appropriately decorated for the celebration. Over 300 students attended the event, which gave them "an opportunity to get together as a class prior to graduation," Director of Alumni Relations Liz Bryant said. "We (the alumni organizations) wanted to recognize the graduates' hard work and we wanted to introduce them to the Alumni Society," she continued.

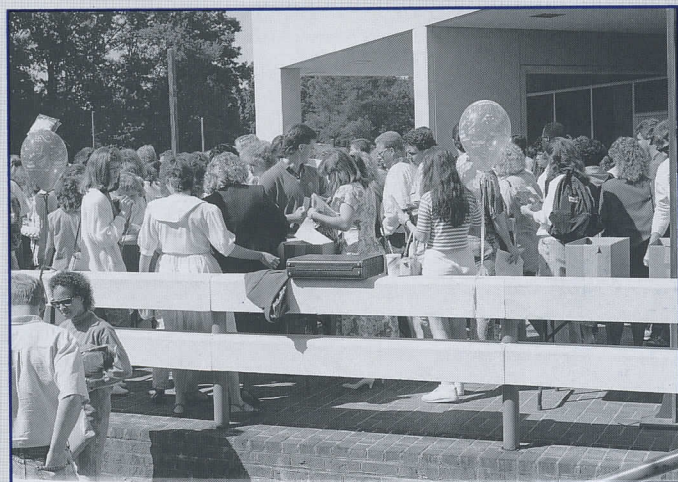
"The reception gave me a chance to see classmates I hadn't seen in months," Amy Williams, '90, said. Her classmate Lanie Lord added, "I appreciate all the effort the Society went to to make us feel special."

During the annual Honors Convocation, Saturday, May 12, three CNC students received the President's Award for Academic Excellence for graduating with 4.0 averages. The award recipients were Zora Gibbs, Accounting; Julie Glass, Economics; and Susan Guinn, Psychology. Each of the three also earned departmental honors.

Seven CNC students were commissioned U.S. Army Officers in a ceremony sponsored by the ROTC department the morning of graduation. Dr. Mario Mazzarella, Chairman, Department of History, was guest speaker and Capt. Dewey Patrick was officer in charge at the ceremony which conferred second lieutenant bars to Glynn Garcia, Stephen Lemons, Sean Quinn, Douglas Schuetz, Evonne Dickey, Alan McCabe and Kevin Cochran.



Graduation rehearsal gets under way.

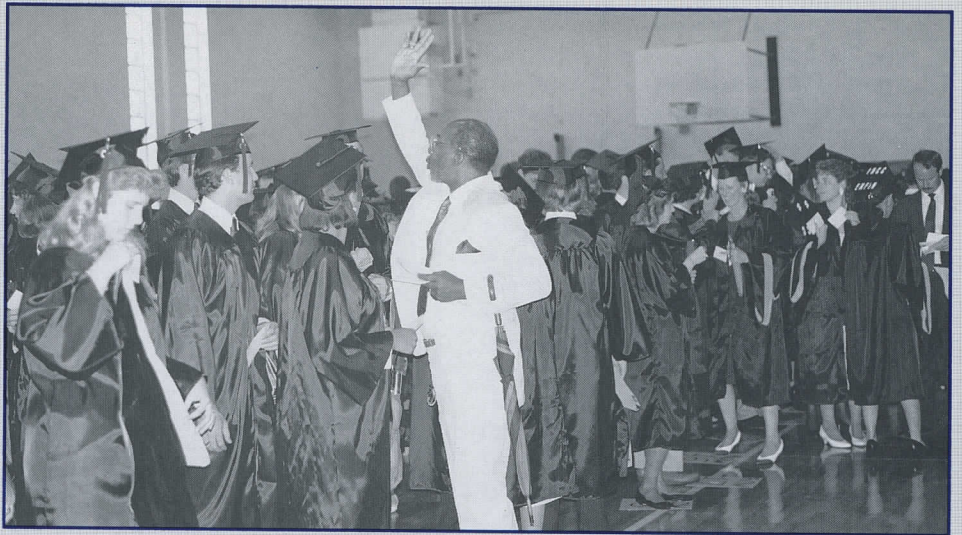




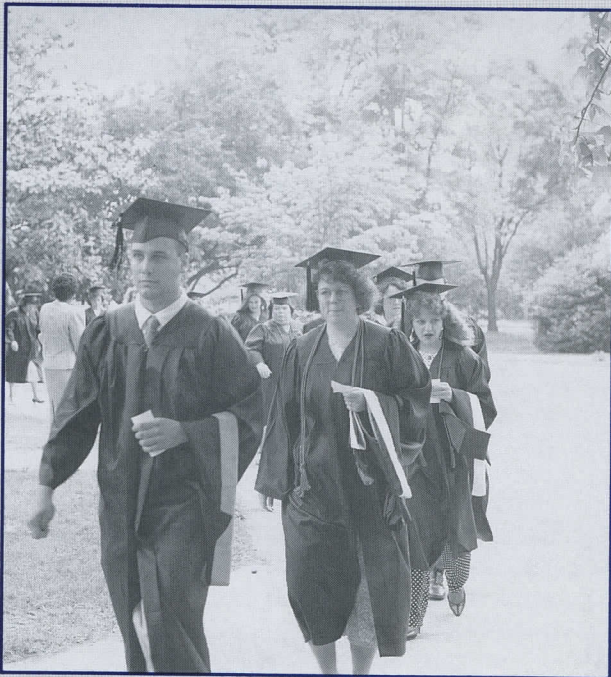
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Steven Lemons has lieutenant's bars pinned on by his wife and MSG Bynum during the commissioning ceremony.



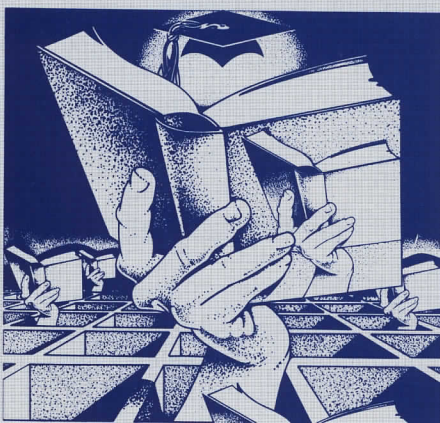
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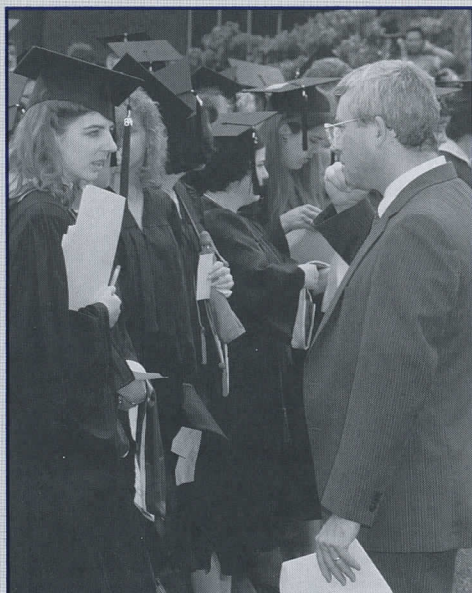
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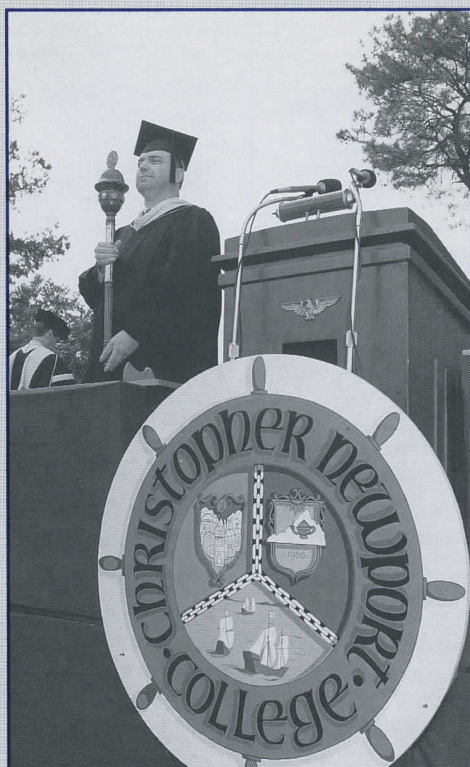
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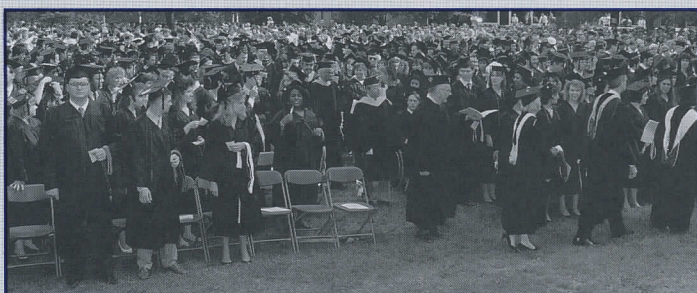
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**Tisa Mason, Director of Student Life, and Dr. Charles Behymer, Vice President for Student Affairs, discuss last minute details.**



**Investiture of the Mace by Senior Professor Mr. L. Barron Wood.**



**Board of Visitors and graduates take their places.**



**Graduates and their guests are seated as the commencement ceremony begins.**

Cloudy skies provided drama while 91-year-old Ethel May Gildersleeve added a touch of humor to Christopher Newport College's 58th Commencement Exercises, Sunday, May 13, on the College lawn. Though some speeches were echoed by thunderclaps, the class of 1990 and their guests remained dry through the afternoon ceremony.

One of the day's highlights came when CNC Rector William O'Neill and President Anthony Santoro conferred the Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Miss Gildersleeve. Expressing surprise at being honored for doing a job that she loved every day of her 44 year career, Gildersleeve kept her remarks brief since she said she suspected that was what the graduates wanted.

Gildersleeve, who received a standing ovation from the graduates and faculty, was born in Newport News in 1898. A graduate of Newport News High School, she earned a bachelor's degree from State Teachers College (now Longwood) in 1920 and a master's degree from Columbia University in 1932. From 1920 to 1964 she was a Newport News High School Faculty member, serving as a teacher, Dean of Girls and Assistant Principal. Today, Gildersleeve is in her 40th year of teaching Sunday School and participates in community groups. Last year a Newport News middle school was named in her honor.

Alan A. Diamonstein, a 23 year delegate of the General Assembly of Virginia, received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree. A native of Newport News, Delegate Diamonstein earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Virginia and served in the U.S. Air Force. Presently, Delegate Diamonstein chairs the General Laws Committee of the General Assembly, as well as the Virginia Housing Study Commission, the Virginia Economic Development Study Commission, and the Southern Caucus of the Democratic National Committee. He is a member of many state and community organizations.

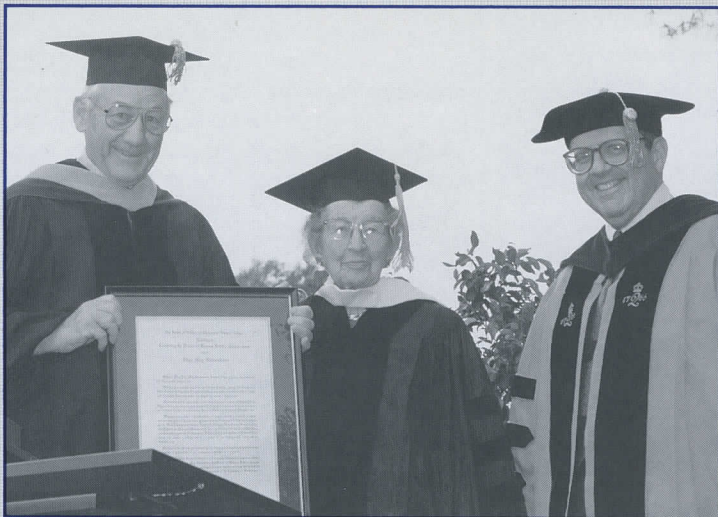
Mr. Joseph D. Cantrell, President and Publisher of the *Daily Press* and *The Times Herald*, delivered the commencement address to 420 graduates, their families and guests. He challenged graduates to view America's problems of economic and social decline as "opportunities for improvement... a chance to revitalize our competitive spirit through our greatest asset: Democracy."

Alumni Society President James West concluded the commencement exercises by extending a year's free membership to the graduates, and encouraging their sustained relationship with CNC as alumni.

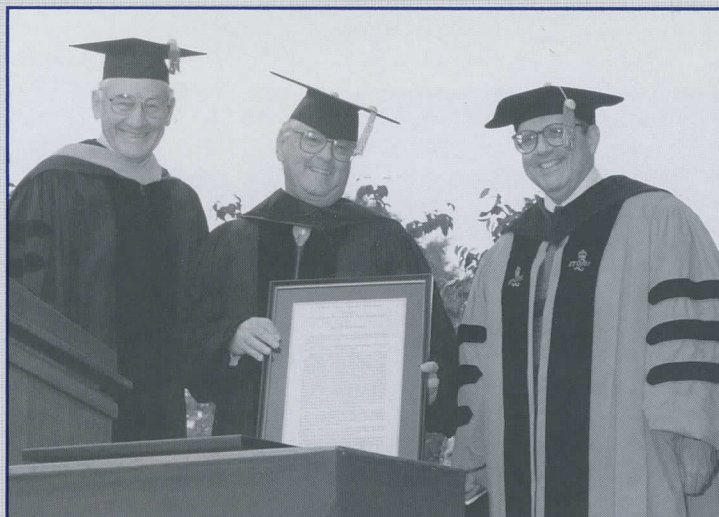
Graduates and their guests enjoyed a reception held "under the pines" immediately following the ceremony.



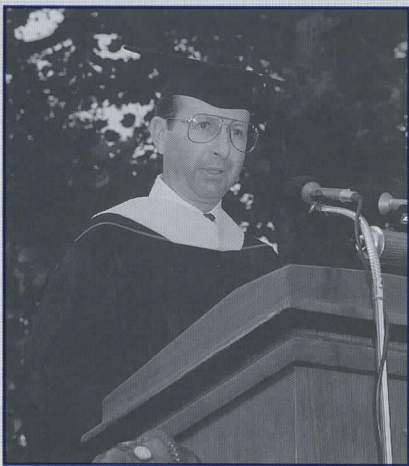
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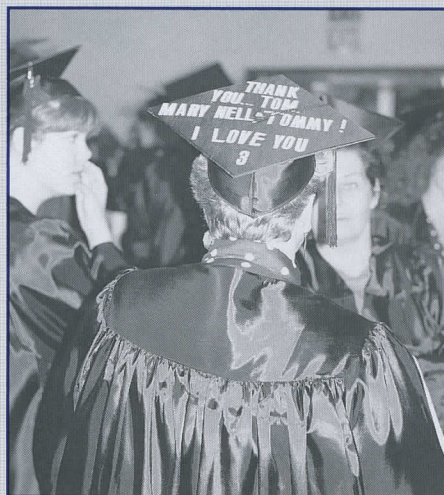
Rector William T. O'Neill and President Santoro confer the Doctor of Humane Letters Degree upon Miss Ethel May Gildersleeve.



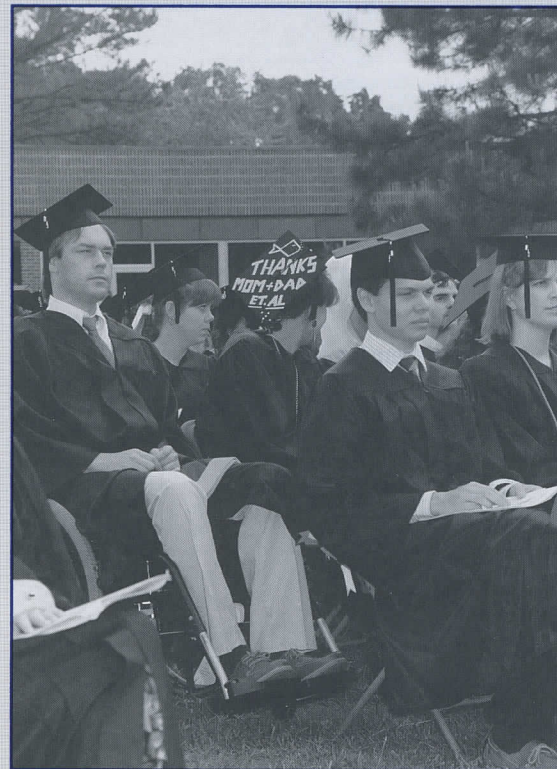
Delegate Alan A. Diamonstein, recipient of the Doctor of Laws Degree, with Rector O'Neill and Dr. Santoro.



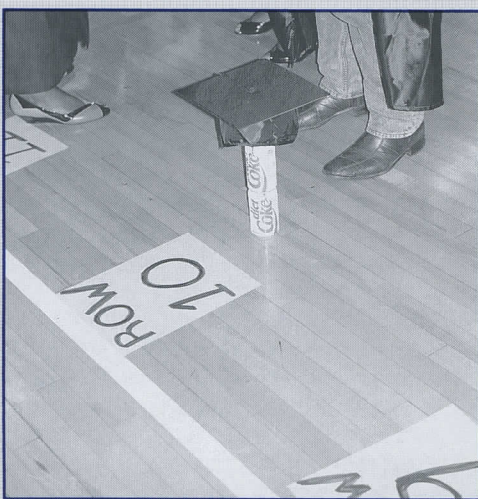
Commencement speaker, Mr. Joseph D. Cantrell, addresses the graduates.



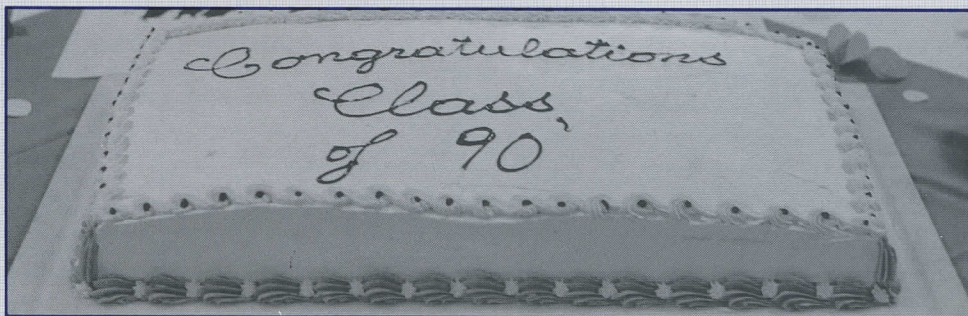
Graduates express...



...their thanks.



A refreshing graduate leads Row 10.





## Alumni Spotlight – Jim West

Jim West will face some major challenges when he assumes the office of Newport News City Councilman July 1, but challenges are something the CNC alumnus enjoys. As the 1989-90 Alumni Society President, West took on the challenge of defining and expanding the alumni organization and assisted in the development of several new alumni programs.

A 1975 graduate of CNC, West did not begin college until he was a married father of three. An alumnus of the Newport News Shipyard's Apprentice School, he had worked for the shipyard for years when he realized that "in order to become a part of the management team, I'd have to get more formal education." Enrolling as a freshman at CNC, he went on to earn a degree in business.

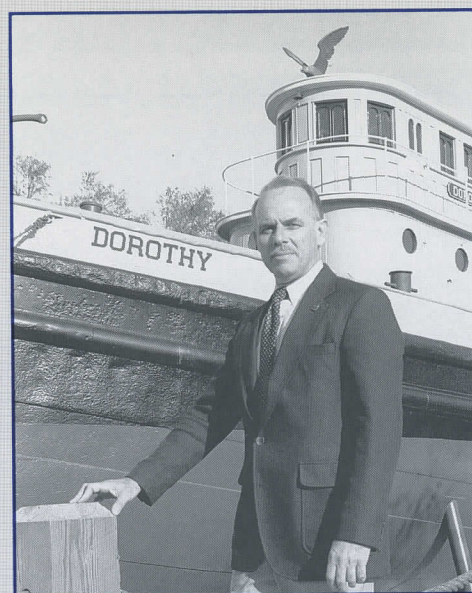
A lifetime resident of the Peninsula, West said he has seen the College "make enormous strides." Since he remembers a time when CNC was housed in one building, the College's physical growth and active pursuit of Ferguson High School are exciting developments for him.

West has also seen a change in CNC's civic role. "I'm pleased by the change in the College's approach to the community," he

said. "The president is taking an active role in the community, which is highly important for CNC's future. As a former chairman of the Newport News School Board, I think the community has grown increasingly aware of what the College means to them." In the future, West hopes CNC becomes even more involved in the local community. "We can do that by getting involved in the city on every level — political, business, and volunteer."

Despite a busy schedule of volunteer work, West took on the job of Alumni Society President because "I think this College means a great deal to the city and it's important to participate in civic affairs. This was one way of helping."

Alumni Society membership offers many benefits, West continued, including the opportunity to get involved in a dynamic organization. The Alumni Society initiated several new projects this year, including the reestablished Alumni Scholarship, Distinguished Alumni Award, and outreach programs to students. And besides serving as a support network for the school, the Society gives its members "connections with the worlds of work and politics."



Jim West, '75

(by Mike Hazlewood)

One of the things West enjoys about the Alumni Society is that its membership reflects CNC's diverse student body. "Our Board of Directors represents a broad base of interests," he said. "Although right now things are at a grass roots level, we're becoming increasingly active all the time."

## Alumni Scholarship Recipient – Susan Guinn

That Susan Guinn earned her college diploma while raising four children and working two jobs seems commendable. That she graduated in May with a perfect 4.0 average seems extraordinary. But then Guinn, the first recipient of the reestablished Alumni Society Scholarship, scarcely resembles a typical coed.

Beginning college at the age of 44 presented Guinn with special challenges although she never doubted she would succeed — her positive attitude fostered remarkable achievements. This Spring, in addition to the Alumni Scholarship, Guinn received CNC's President's Award for Academic Excellence, the Dean's Award for the School of Social Science and Professional Studies and the Highest Academic Achievement Award for the Department of Psychology.

Waiting 26 years to go to college increased Guinn's enthusiasm for studying. Although Guinn always planned to work with the mentally and emotionally ill, until three years ago she felt her own children needed her at home. "Some of my children have special learning needs," she explained. "I felt it was important to wait to go back until my youngest was mature enough to handle it."

As a single parent, Guinn's most formidable challenge was finding adequate time for her children, while simultaneously putting herself through school. She did so by working several nights a week at Riverside

Hospital; with her income from that job, she hired a part-time assistant for her daycare business. By working at night, she could be with her children during the day; by hiring an assistant, she managed to operate a business and still attend classes.

Guinn had to be just as creative in finding study time. "Besides not sleeping much, I'd carry class notes in my pocket all the time," she said. Guinn credits her remarkable energy to exercise and a healthy diet. During her years in school, Guinn also eliminated sugar and caffeine from her diet.

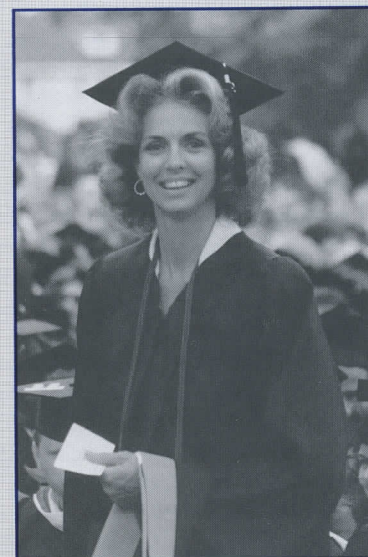
"One thing Guinn felt positive about was her decision to attend CNC. "My professors encouraged me and I enjoyed the younger students. Now that I have graduated, I'm learning that my age is a plus for a lot of employers."

Guinn's plans for the future are characteristically ambitious. In August, she begins a master's program in Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University where she will commute two days a week while continuing to work in the local area. Eventually, she hopes to earn a doctorate. "I don't look at my age as a barrier," she said. "If I don't finish school until I'm in my '50's, then I'll still have 10 years to contribute something to my field."

Receiving the Alumni Scholarship, Guinn said, served as a "validation of my efforts to reach a meaningful goal against difficult

odds." Guinn's achievements were recognized at the Annual Alumni Society Dinner held May 5.

Alumni Scholarships provide \$500 to students like Guinn. Currently, at least one scholarship will be awarded each semester to a full time junior or senior with a 3.0 or higher GPA and with financial need. For additional information about the program, contact Director of Alumni Relations Liz Bryant at 594-7712.



Susan Guinn, '90



# Alumni Society Board of Directors Holds Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting of the Alumni Society Board of Directors was held June 14, 1990. The following individuals were elected to office:

President.....	Stan Clark, '77
President-Elect.....	Charlie Ciccotti, '85
Vice President for Planning and Special Events.....	Steve Tross, '85
Vice President for Membership and College Development.....	Mark Suiter, '77
Vice President for Communications and College Relations.....	Teddy Marks, '86
Vice President for College Assistance and Student Relations.....	Tom Carpini, '74
Secretary.....	Ruth Daniels, '89
Treasurer.....	Ginny Zimmermann, '88
Historian.....	Kay Smith, '84

## Board of Directors

Claudia Bolitho, '77	Shelley McPhail, '82
Gerald Bright, '82	David Merryman, '88
Oscar Crawford, '75	Arnie Nourse, '85
Brian Deibler, '88	Freeman Phillips, '82
Jimmy Draper, '68	David Pisle, '75
Cary Epes, '77	Gail Rehmet, '77
Hector Gonzalez, '86	Marie Smith, '66
Jim Johnson, '73	Bill Thompson, '81
Tommy Joy, '76	Jim West, '75
Robert Kimsey, '79	Deran Whitney, '89
John McCroskey, '88	

Board meetings, which are open to all alumni, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Board Room on the following dates:

Thursday, September 27  
Thursday, November 29  
Thursday, January 24  
Thursday, March 21

Saturday, May 4 - Annual Dinner Meeting - Terrace/Christopher's

Please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 594-7712 if you are interested in serving on a Vice President's committee or you would like more information.

## Student Leadership Association Creates Award of Excellence

The Student Leadership Association, a newly formed campus organization that is made up of graduates of the Student Leadership Institute, has established an Award of Excellence for members who are graduating seniors. The award is based on scholarship, leadership, accomplishments and awards.

Those seniors who want to be considered for the award make application which includes an essay question on their leadership experiences.

The Alumni Society sponsors the award, and members of the Nominating and Elections Committee within the Society serve as selectors. A plaque is presented to the recipient at the Student Leadership Institute graduation by the Alumni Society President.

This year's recipient was Troy Alexander D'Agostino who graduated with a B.S.G.A./International Studies degree.



## Alumni President's Corner

The academic year has ended with much excitement and activity for the College and her alumni.

We began Spring with the Alumni Telethon and over \$20,000 pledged. The College depends on our support for continued growth and development of scholarships, the library, equipment and other programs. I encourage you to support the Annual Fund and continue your investment in CNC.

The Alumni Society also sold the beer concessions at Spring Daze in April and raised over \$300 towards our scholarship fund. You have read earlier in this issue about Susan Guinn, the first recipient of the reestablished Alumni Scholarship, and we are proud to already see such positive results from this program.

Our Annual Dinner Meeting was held on May 5, and I was honored to serve as the Master of Ceremonies. It was a pleasure to meet and recognize Mr. Sam Fairchild, '77, as our first Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, and also have Delegate Alan Diamonstein speak to us. This event is a very enjoyable way to culminate the year.

Our First Annual Graduates' Reception, held after graduation rehearsal, was also a big success. Graduates enjoyed the food and socializing and we look forward to making this a tradition.

Graduation is always a time of celebration, and I was pleased to be the first one to formally congratulate the Class of 1990. We look forward to their new role as alumni and encourage them to continue their commitment to CNC.

As I close, let me say it has been an honor to serve as your President during the past year. It's very rewarding and satisfying to be part of such a growing organization, and I look forward to the great things that CNC and her alumni will continue to accomplish.

Jim West, '75



# Alumni Notes

'71 Dr. C. K. (Ken) Jordan is assistant Principal at Luray High School and Director of Talented and Gifted Programs for Interagency Management Services. He lives in Shenandoah where he serves on the Board of Directors of the Natural History Association.

'76 Ken Evans is the Sales Development Manager for Southeastern Virginia with Allstate Insurance. He resides in Midlothian.

'76 John M. Peach is the Owner and Operator of Commonwealth Pools and Spas in Hampton.

'78 Elizabeth A. McKenna is the Director of Administration for the Corporation for Enterprise Development in Washington, D.C. She lives in Alexandria.

'79 LeRoy (Lee) Hurbert, Jr. is the Virginia Coordinator of World Educational Student Travel – a foreign exchange student program based in Paris. His home is in Williamsburg.

'81 Carrie Graham Bristow owns a landscaping business with her husband, Danny, in Carrollton. They have three children.

'81/'87 Leigh Turner Moorhead is an Elementary School Teacher in Newport News. She and her husband, William, '81 who is a Senior Buyer at Newport News Shipbuilding, reside in Hampton.

'81 Mark E. Young, Sr. received his M.B.A. from Old Dominion in 1989. He is now in middle management with Bath Iron Works in Maine.

'82 John J. Hendershot received his master's in Aviation Administration from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He is an Air Traffic Manager with the F.A.A. at Charlottesville Albemarle Airport.

'82 Denise Raunig Storey lives in Suffolk and has one son.

'82 Capt. Martin A. (Tony) Trevino is the Program Director for the installation of a new Personnel Computer Network (PC-III) at L.A.F.B.

'83 Teresa (Terry) A. Henderson Cole is a Budget Analyst for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Ft. Monroe. She married Richard Cole in September, 1989.

'83 Charlie C. Trotter is a Lieutenant with the Portsmouth Police Department in charge of the Auxiliary Police Unit, Crime Prevention Unit and Civilian Volunteers.

'84 R. Stuart French is a Revenue Officer with the Internal Revenue Service in Winchester.

'84 Donna Gibson Gilland teaches Biology and Math at Warwick High School in Newport News. She married Kerry Gilland in June, 1987.

'84 Larry S. Moore is a Transportation Analyst at Chesapeake Corp. in West Point.

'84 Cynthia J. Freed Pittman is a Senior Caseworker Military Social Services with the Emergency Services of the American Red Cross in Newport News. She also teaches ASAP Intensive Alcoholism Education.

'84 Carol Kopelson Sanders is an Activity Director at James River Convalescent Center in Newport News. She married G. Robert Sanders, Jr. in May, 1989.

'84 Rita (Murphy) Warren-Yeaw is a Contract Specialist with the U.S. Army at Ft. Eustis. She is married to Donald Yeaw, '83.

'85 Beverly Epps Belvin works in the Accounting Department at Newport News Savings Bank. She married Stephen Belvin in January, 1986 and they have one son.

'85 Tim Wahlstrom is Coordinator of Software Development at Inter-National Research Institute in Yorktown. He lives in Newport News with his wife, Ann, and their daughter.

'86 Catherine J. Patterson Dresbach is an Operations/Financial Analyst with VMS Realty Partners, Inc. in Newport News. She is married and has two sons.

'86 Michael Stump, CPA is the Systems Audit Manager at the College of William and Mary where he is also enrolled in the Master of Science in Math and Operations Research Program.

'86 Beth Hueser Toms and '87 Tracy Toms were married in July, 1987 and reside in Davie, Florida. Beth is a freshman at Nova University in the PsyD program (clinical psychology) and Tracy is the Recreational Specialist for Pembroke Pines Recreation Department.

'86 Janet Y. Washington works for the U.S. Postal Service in Norfolk and is applying to graduate school. She lives in Hampton.

'86 Carol B. Whitson is a Sales Representative for the Bush Group, Inc. in Williamsburg.

'87 Laura Crisler Campbell works for Lockheed Engineering at NASA Langley Research Center. She is pursuing a master's degree in Human Resource Development at George Washington University and married Richard Campbell in August, 1988.

'87 Stephen T. Cook is working towards a master's degree in Urban Affairs at Virginia Tech.

'87 Ronald F. Dobias received his M.S. in Human Resource Management from Golden Gate University in September, 1988, and retired from the U.S.A.F. in August, 1988. He is employed as a Senior Logistician at C-Cubed Corp. in Maryland. He resides in Grafton.

'87 Lorraine M. Rand received her M.A. in English from the University of Tennessee in 1988. She is currently an Assistant Education Officer at The Mariners' Museum and is an Adjunct Instructor of English at Thomas Nelson Community College.

'87 Kristine Lally Wisely is Program Manager for the Ft. Eustis Family Member Employment Program and serves as Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserves at L.A.F.B.

'88 Leigh Ann French is teaching French at Davis Middle School and English at St. Mary's School, both in Hampton. She is also a CNC student again, pursuing a second degree in middle school education.

'88 Thomas J. Nisley is a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic working in a reforestation project and other community development projects.

'88 Linda Cecil Reams is teaching third grade at Petsworth Elementary School in Gloucester.

'88 Ellen Fisher Zehmer works at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and is in Opera Theatre at VCU.

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# ALUMNI TELETHON A BIG SUCCESS

Starting with a \$16,000 goal, the Alumni Telethon ended with *over \$20,000 pledged* from 670 of our alumni (and a few parents too).

This year's telethon was held April 16-19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and over 30 students and alumni volunteered to call.

Whistles and noisemakers livened the mood as students competed for cash prizes. Sophomore Brian Lamprecht and Junior Randy O'Neill won \$50 checks for securing the highest amount pledged and highest number of pledges received.

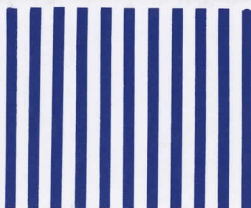
"The volunteers were great," said Liz Bryant, Director of Alumni Relations. "On the last night we were several hundred dollars away from the \$20,000 mark and they kept calling until we passed that."

The Alumni Telethon is an integral part of the Annual Fund Campaign that is being chaired this year by Mrs. Anna Van Buren McNider. The goal for 1990 is \$260,000.



Randy O'Neill (left) and Brian Lamprecht (right), student winners at the Alumni Telethon, celebrate their victories with "whoopie" whistles.

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