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## passing of Dr. Jean Pugh

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To: faculty@cnu.edu, employees@cnu.edu

I share with you the sad news of the passing of an important faculty member in CNU's history, Dr. Jean Pugh, a founding professor of our biology program who eventually retired emerita in 1988. Jean was a generous financial contributor to the University, including after her retirement.

Her obituary is available on line, [here](#), which indicates that the interment will be private. Directions are provided should one wish to make a donation in her name.

In what follows, Dr. Edward Weiss, Chair of the Department of Organismal and Environmental Biology, offers a poignant reflection of Jean's lasting impact on CNU:

Here are some of what my memory holds about Jean and her contribution to CNC.

She came to CNC from ODU in the mid-60s to build a biology program and dept.

She hired most of the early biologists who built the foundation of the biology program that grew

and grew until it became two. She always did what needed to be done, as was the case when the

first women's basketball team needed a coach. Though not her forte, Jean became the coach,

and the provider of uniforms, and the driver, and whatever else she needed to do.

She loved her students and taught many as she was a mainstay in the General Biology courses,

then taken by both majors and nonmajors. I still encounter folks in the community who when they

learn I am at CNU want to tell me they were taught by Jean. And they always tell me how much they

enjoyed having her as a teacher. Though a bit crusty on the exterior Jean

had a heart of gold.

She loved being a biologist and a teacher and she loved interacting with students.

On her retirement the BCES Dept created an award in her name.

It recognized students who had become truly involved in the dept at all levels.

Not just the best students, but the students who participated, contributed, engaged, and went above and beyond.

That is what Jean did.

Her support for students never wavered! A very special person was Jean!

I know that Dr. Pugh's family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

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