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Dr. Edward Weiss has retired

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CNU Faculty and Staff,

I want to let the CNU community know that our good friend and faculty colleague, Dr. Edward Weiss, has decided to retire after thirty-three years of service to CNU. He will be greatly missed.

Ed came to CNU in 1980, after finishing his Ph.D. at the University of Georgia. His area of specialization was botany, and his thesis was titled, "The Effects of Fire and Nutrient Availability on the Pitcher Plant *Sarracenia flava* L."

While working his way through the academic ranks, Ed became well known for three things: his interest in students in and out of the classroom, his willingness to serve the CNU community, and his love and care for his wife Marsha through the years.

In addition to being an engaging teacher in his classes, he, along with his friend and colleague Harold Cones, took students on numerous short course "field trip experiences" to Maine, Florida and the Mid-Atlantic states. These were typically two-week camping trips involving specimen collection, data analysis and report writing, and students loved them.

Ed's service to CNU has been extensive. He has worked on numerous committees and task forces and is well known for his expertise in curricular matters, having served on the curriculum committee almost continuously for nearly 20 years. He has also been active in the local community as a judge at many science fairs.

In 2008, Ed took over the chairmanship of the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science, and when the department was divided in 2011 he became the inaugural chair of the Department of Organismal and Environmental Biology.

I am pleased that Ed has established an endowed scholarship fund that will continue his legacy of caring for CNU students far beyond his retirement. It is my hope that others within the CNU family will find this fund a meaningful way to honor Ed for his lifelong commitment to our students.

As he moves into retirement let us keep Ed in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave

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