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Beamers Establish Honors Scholarship

Karl and Elizabeth Beamer celebrated his 74th birthday last November 15 by pledging \$100,000 to CNC. An endowment was established and the interest will be used to fund a full tuition and fees scholarship in the honors program.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamer have been Peninsula residents for the past 30 years and wanted to give something back to the community that has been so good to them. Mr. Beamer built a successful construction and real estate company in the Denbigh area before retiring five years ago.

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Karl and Elizabeth Beamer are thanked by President Anthony R. Santoro for their \$100,000 gift.

Lady Captains Win National Track Championship



Victorious Lady Captains are welcomed home.

For the fourth straight year, CNC's women's track team has won the NCAA Division III Championship, and they have Sheila Trice to thank for it.

Ms. Trice, a junior from Louisa, won first place in the long jump, triple jump, 55-meter run and 55-meter hurdles.

This is the first time any individual has won four events and the first time any Division III team has won four consecutive championships.

"This team has continued a tradition that we started four years ago in building a national power in women's track and field," said Coach Vince Brown. "We're giving the College national exposure as we dominate in this area."

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President's Column

President Anthony R. Santoro



I was happy to have the opportunity to visit with some of you at the Alumni Cocktail Buffet. It's always a welcomed experience to talk with our alumni and friends about CNC and to have events such as Homecoming that bring us all together. We look forward to a more complete weekend next year without the intrusion of a snowstorm.

You'll be pleased to know that enrollment was up again this semester in comparison with spring 1988, by nearly 12 percent. Significant progress was made on the renovations to McMurrin (formerly Newport) and Gosnold Halls. The pre-planning study on the first residence hall is progressing well; the architects have worked with us in the preliminary design of a facility that brings residential living closer to reality.

A special gubernatorial committee known as the Commission on the University of the 21st Century is hearing presentations on economic, demographic, access and equity issues that may affect Virginia higher education into the next century. At CNC we look forward to the findings of this Commission and to the increasingly important contribution this College can make to the education of citizens in our Commonwealth.

For CNC to continue serving greater numbers of students in quality programs now and into the 21st century, our energy and enthusiasm are boundless. We count on your continued interest and support.

Count on us to do the rest.

Scholarship Established

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He selected CNC as the recipient of his gift on the advice of his lawyer and after a meeting with College President Anthony Santoro. Mr. Beamer hopes to inspire other community businessmen and leaders to help CNC. "Christopher Newport can become a bigger and better school if the community follows my lead and supports it anyway they can," he was quoted.

Selection for the "Karl E. and Elizabeth H. Beamer Honors Scholarship" will be made by the Honors Council based on economic need. Recipients must be full-time students enrolled in the honors program and show a demonstrated dedication to math and science.

Christopher Newport is extremely pleased to accept this donation and President Santoro "hopes this will help prove that CNC is an excellent institution to invest in."

Student Leadership Institute Well Underway

The Student Leadership Institute is a program designed to cultivate and enhance the abilities of students with an emphasis on leadership skills.

The program was initiated by Director of Student Life, Tisa Mason, and is directed by a steering committee. It is modeled after the Leadership Institute of the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. The curriculum is composed of an orientation/reception, retreat, 10 class sessions and a graduation ceremony.



Student Leadership Institute class members participate in "round-table" discussions.

National Track Champions

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An official at the meet held at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, commented that he had never heard of Christopher Newport College. He told the team after the meet that he now knew who CNC was and he'd never forget it.

All the members of the team won All-American honors. Patina Walton, a sophomore from Georgia, finished third in the 400 meters. The 1600-meter relay team, composed of Barbara Robb, a sophomore from Williamsburg; Jennifer Martin, a freshman from Vinton; Maura McColgan, a freshman from Arlington; and Patina Walton finished fourth.

Congratulations ladies!

Full- or part-time students may make application to the program in the fall and 20 are selected by early December. Each of the developing leaders must identify one CNC student organization in which to serve as an intern.

The Institute, now in its second year, has been a big success. When asked how the program made them better leaders, several students named confidence and a wealth of resources as key features.

Alumni, Grants and Public Relations Positions Filled



Liz Bryant, Alumni Relations



Julie Norman, Grants Development



Lynda Whitley, Public Relations

The Office of Institutional Advancement has welcomed three new directors: Elizabeth (Liz) Lafoon Bryant for Alumni Relations, Julie M. Norman for Grants Development and Lynda J. Whitley for Public Relations. These positions complete the staff in the newly created office that is headed by the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Dr. Terry L. Maris.

Mrs. Bryant is a 1983 *magna cum laude* graduate of CNC with a degree in Business Administration. She worked in CNC's Institutional Advancement office and at Newport News Shipbuilding prior to accepting this position.

She is responsible for maintaining the alumni information system and coordinating the Office of Alumni Relations

and the work of the Alumni Society where she has served as the Vice President for Membership and College Development. She is also editor of the College newsletter, *CNC News*.

Mrs. Norman joined CNC four years ago as an instructor in the Department of Physics/Computer Science and Biology/Chemistry/Environmental Science. She will continue to teach part-time while assisting faculty members in the administration of, and application for, research and development grants.

She was previously employed by Virginia Chemicals, Inc. and Eastern Virginia Medical School. She received her B.A. degree in Chemistry from Mary Baldwin College and her M.S. degree in Chemistry from Purdue University.

Both the alumni and grants positions were created by the General Assembly last year.

Ms. Whitley fills the public relations position which was vacated last fall. She comes to the College after two years as Public Relations Coordinator for Newport News Shipbuilding. She was previously a sports reporter for the Daily Press, Inc.

Ms. Whitley earned her B.A. degree in English from Longwood College. She is responsible for media relations, community relations, special events, publications and the College's Speakers Bureau.

Each new director is enthusiastic about contributing to Christopher Newport's future development.

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594-7712 or 594-7268

For Details

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Sandra Greniewicki – CNC Nursing Pioneer

When CNC advertised for someone to start the Nursing program in 1985, they got one of the best. Dr. Sandra Greniewicki has not only met and excelled in creating the Nursing Department, but become a prominent leader in the health care community as well.

Dr. Greniewicki has the enthusiasm, devotion and energy possessed by few. She is committed to doing her part toward providing quality health care services by educated health care professionals in our community.

As a result of her skill and leadership, Christopher Newport now offers a B.S. degree in Nursing in conjunction with Riverside Regional Medical Center. Graduates of the Riverside School of Professional Nursing now have the opportunity to get their B.S.N. degree while continuing to work. This degree increases their career mobility and is a stepping stone to specialization within their profession.

Dr. Greniewicki is proud of the nursing graduates who will participate in the graduation ceremonies in May and what their accomplishments mean. Their success makes the possibilities of this program endless. Dr. Greniewicki is currently working toward offering School and Geriatric Health Nurse Certification, establishing a health care facility on campus and opening up the B.S.N. program to the public.

"We are here to serve the community and their needs," emphasizes Dr. Greniewicki. And it shows.



Dr. Sandra Greniewicki



Annual Fund Campaign Kicks Off

In the midst of record enrollment and unprecedented growth, CNC has launched the Annual Fund Campaign.

The Campaign is chaired by Mrs. Rona Drucker, a past United Way Campaign chairman with over 10 years of community fund-raising experience. Mrs. Drucker, whose husband Erwin is Vice Rector of the Board of Visitors, is very excited about the fund drive.

"Christopher Newport is a vital asset to this Peninsula and we want to educate the community about our needs. Most individuals don't realize that all of our funding does not come from the State. We must increase support for the College through our alumni and friends so we can continue and expand our programs and services," stated Mrs. Drucker.

The fund drive will end this year on June 30 instead of December 31. "We felt it was important to have the annual campaign on the same timetable as all other academic programs on campus," said Dr. Terry L. Maris, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Dr. Maris is coordinating the campaign for the first time since his appointment to Vice President last August.

Alumni Society Annual Dinner Meeting Planned

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Alumni Society will be held on Saturday, May 6, 1989 at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. Details have been mailed to all Alumni Society members. If you are not a member of the Society but would like more information on the dinner meeting, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 594-7712 or 594-7268.

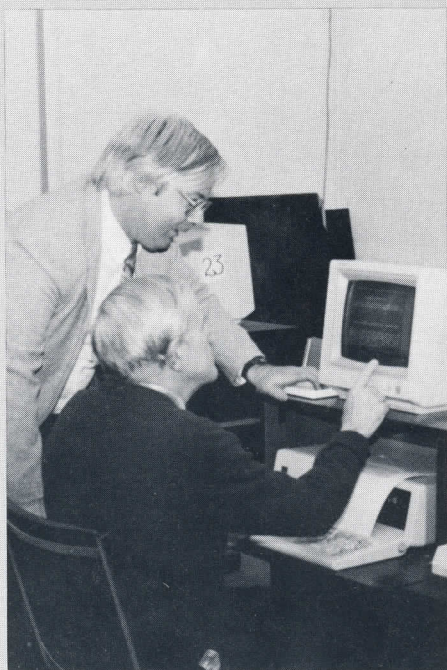
Continuing Education Office — Here To Serve You

The Office of Continuing Education and Public Service is self-supporting and responsible for all noncredit programs on campus. Geared toward responding to community needs, the Continuing Education Office not only offers classes, but sponsors numerous workshops, seminars and conferences.

Classes offered through Continuing Education range from foreign languages and marketing strategies to cooking and quilting. Last year there were 110 courses offered and 1,361 students enrolled. Special programs also cover a wide range of topics including the following:

Leadership Institute of the Virginia Peninsula— cosponsored with the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. This program is designed for current business leaders and specifically tailored to acquaint them with unique needs and characteristics of the Peninsula. The class is limited in size and participants must apply for admission. The seventh annual program begins in September, 1989 with graduation the following spring.

Writers Conference— held on campus each spring. The Conference is open to the public and has made it possible for the works of several local authors to be published. A writers' contest is an integral part of the event.



ElderLearning Society computer workshop.



Board of Visitors member, Mary Alice Spear, teaches a class in natural cooking.



ElderLearning Society— dedicated to persons of retirement age who seek opportunities for learning in an environment of sharing and fellowship. The curriculum consists of short courses, lectures and field trips. This membership program, coordinated by CNC Professor Dr. Jim Moore, has 127 participants for the spring semester.

Peninsula Business Breakfast— a series of Tuesday morning talks by business leaders in the Administration Building Auditorium on campus. Cosponsored with Wheat First Securities and the *Daily Press/Times Herald*, the monthly programs are free and do not require registration.

Teen Health Conference— planned by 18 local community organizations in recognition of their awareness that many young people are making unwise decisions which affect their health and well being. Local high school principals are invited to send 15 to 20 students to a day of workshops.

Summer Institute for the Arts— a six-week fine and performing arts program cosponsored by Newport News Public Schools. Directed by CNC Professor Dr. Rita Hubbard, students are accepted by audition. Over 100 teenagers participated last year in the recital/exhibition which closes the session.



The success of these and other programs reflect the College's dedication to meeting the educational interests and professional requirements of the diverse population on the Peninsula and surrounding areas. For more information on courses and programs, please call the CNC Office of Continuing Education at 594-7158.

Alumni Spotlight

Mary Cotton – CNC's Internal Auditor



Mary Cotton, Internal Auditor

Mary Cotton keeps "tabs" on the dollars at Christopher Newport. Since August 1987, she has been the College's Internal Auditor and responsible for reviewing all financial operations for compliance with federal, state, local and college rules, regulations and policies. She reports directly to the Board of Visitors.

A January 1984 *magna cum laude* graduate, Mary received her B.S. degree in Accounting and was a member of the National Honor Society. She passed the CPA exam the following May.

After graduation, Mary took a job with the Auditor of Public Accounts. She was in charge of CNC's state audit for two years before applying for the position at the College. She is currently a member of the Association of College and University Auditors and the Alumni Society of CNC.

Asked how she likes her job at the College, Mary replied, "I enjoy the diversity of my job and love being back at CNC."

Maribeth Trun – CNC's Comptroller



Maribeth Trun, Comptroller

Maribeth Trun likes a challenge, and it's a good thing. Since March 1987, she has held the position of Comptroller at CNC and is responsible for the day to day financial operation of the College. She deals with every department on campus and meets new challenges each day. She reports to the Vice President for Finance and supervises a staff of 15.

College for Maribeth started at Kent State in Ohio and finished at CNC in 1980. She has a B.S.B.A. – Accounting degree and passed the CPA exam in November of 1986. She worked for the Auditor of Public Accounts after graduation and until she accepted the position at the College. She is currently a member of the Alumni Society.

Maribeth loves accounting and this is reflected in the approximately 60 hours a week that she works. She feels fortunate to have a job she enjoys and that offers such diversity and the opportunity to work with the entire College community.

Alumni President's Corner

Welcome to our new Director of Alumni Relations, Liz Bryant. We are very pleased to have this position filled and Liz is doing a great job. Call her with any of your comments or concerns (594-7712 or 594-7268) — she's here to serve us!

I enjoyed visiting with some of you at the Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Buffet. The weekend was cut short due to the blizzard, but we were pleased to have the opportunity to help plan such an event. We are already looking forward to next year.

The Annual Fund Campaign is well underway and I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Alumni constituency. Many people assume that because CNC is a state school, we are fully funded. Unfortunately, many areas throughout the College must rely on monies from other sources for funding. These other sources are you and I.

There is an old Biblical proverb that says "It is better to give than to receive." Well, CNC has given many of us the opportunity to receive an education that may have otherwise not been possible. It is now time for us to give something back.

CNC is more than a campus of higher learning in an oasis in Newport News. It is a part of you and me. Please join me in supporting our alma mater because an investment in CNC is an investment in yourself.

I look forward to seeing you at the Alumni Society Dinner Meeting on May 6.

David Pisle, '75

Alumni Notes

David C. Bessom, '71, relocated back to Virginia in 1988 after four years in Nashville, Tennessee. He is Director of Materials Management at Cumberland Hospital.

Ernesto R. Bretana, '74, is a local builder/developer and owner of Bretana Properties. He is building Christopher Newport Commons condominiums on Jan Mar Drive and says they could serve as housing for students and faculty at CNC.

Cheryl A. Boerner Brewer, '83, lives in Canadaigua, New York. She is married and has one son.

Amber Leafdale Cook, '77, was promoted to Engineering Assistant within the Avionics Department at Northrop Corporation in Pico Rivera, California. She is continuing her college education and working toward securing an engineering degree.

Earl E. (Gene) Coulson, '76, is currently Supervisor for Marketing and Entrepreneurship Education for the West Virginia Department of Education. He is also State DECA Advisor.

Beverly M. Horne Daly, '82, is employed as a Research Analyst in the Urban Studies Center at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Robert E. (Bob) Dely, '77, received his J.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1980. He was appointed as the Deputy Commissioner in charge of the Norfolk office for the Industrial Commission of Virginia on September 23, 1988.

Darbi Spjut Dillon, '85, works as a Contract Administrator for Civil Service in Seattle, Washington. She was married September, 1988 to Lt. Mark Dillon.

John S. (Jack) Dolby, '85, is employed by Gately Communication Company in Hampton as a Data Processing Manager.

Kenneth R. Easterling, '85, received his M.B.A. last year from Tarleton State University in Texas. He is working for the University of Maryland's European Division in Camiso, Sicily as a lecturer in information science.

J. Richard Elliott, Jr., '80, works at the University of Akron in the Chemical Engineering Department. He spent a month last summer touring Turkey and introducing his daughter to her Turkish relatives.

Sidney W. Finley, '86, is a student at the University of Maryland working towards his M.B.A.

Cathryn J. Gaherty, '88, presented her musicology paper, "The Life and Work of Robert Jones" at the University of London. Cathie was the only representative of a U.S. College to participate in the Royal Musical Association Student Conference.

Lisa M. Hassenger, '87, transferred from Newport News Cablevision to Coastal Cablevision in Georgia where she is the Office Manager.

William T. Horan, '86, graduated from Salve Regina College in Newport, Rhode Island last year with a M.A. in International Relations. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College and is currently Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter "Escape" in Charleston, South Carolina.

William Edward Irwin, III, '80, is working on his M.B.A. at Arizona State University. He also works for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Phoenix and is in charge of their Engineering Training Program.

Mary Allen Jones, '88, works for Middlesex County Public Schools. She is married to **Phillip W. Jones**, '87.

Jay Kashouty, '86, was a ROTC graduate and currently a 1st Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment "Airborne" in Georgia.

Sheri Lascola, '85, is a Manager Trainee at Central Fidelity Bank. She will marry **Edward Gretka**, '89 on July 22.

Susan Staik Lowrey, '73, is a Water Sampling Coordinator for the Myakka River Basin Project in Sarasota, Florida. This project is targeted to develop a basin management plan for the river and Charlotte Harbor Estuary.

Lynn Erica Meyer, '86, was promoted to Jewelry Manager of Best Products in Wilmington, North Carolina. She started with the company in July, 1987 as Assistant Jewelry Manager.

Jim. A. Minton, Jr., '85, is Assistant Branch Manager at Bay Savings Bank in Williamsburg. He is also a driver and statistician for the Isle of Wight Volunteer Rescue Squad and Chief Engineer for the Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Mark P. Mitchell, '84, is owner/operator of Chick-fil-A at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach. He married Holly Christensen in 1985 and they have one daughter.

Randy W. Myers, '88, is working for Mills & Cavender, CPA's in Suffolk. He married Terri Slayton on October 15, 1988.

Betina Curran Nichols, '88, is working in the Admissions Office at the College of William and Mary. She married Robert B. Nichols on August 20, 1988.

Kim Arthur Pruden, '84, is a second grade teacher at B. C. Charles Elementary School in Newport News.

John D. Robertson, Jr., '83, was recently promoted to Division Manager of the Hampton office for First Investors Corporation. He has been with the company for over four years.

Leslie Smail, '80, received her M.L.S. in 1982 from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She is currently Chief of the Fort Story Library in Virginia Beach.

Donny Smith, '73, recently started Foxfield Farms— one of only two or three fish farming operations to raise hybrid striped bass in Virginia. Foxfield Farms is located in Charles City and specializes in diversified agriculture, aviculture and aquaculture.

Tammie Ambrose Spivey, '85, is working towards her second degree from CNC in Elementary Education. She works part-time at Providence Baptist School and Ware Academy in Gloucester.

Stephen V. Strunk, '79, is President of the Virginia Association of Correctional Psychologists. He's currently working toward his Ph.D. in psychology from California Coast University and teaches psychology at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond.

Alexander P. Turner, '85, is now a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Navy. He is serving on the U.S.S. Guam based in Norfolk. He is married to Marie Fiendies and they have one daughter.

Deanette S. Warden, '83, is teaching in Pennsylvania for Vision Quest—an alternative rehabilitation program for juvenile delinquents.

Nathaniel J. Webb, III, '81, graduated from California Western School of Law in 1985 and was admitted to the Virginia State Bar the same year. He is engaged in general legal practice for Joseph Smith, Ltd., in Hampton and married to **Cynthia F. Jones**, '84 who works as a designer at Newport News Shipbuilding.

Joseph G. White, II, '74, is with Civil Service and works as a Contract Specialist for the Navy. He lives in Hampton.

Alumni Update and/or Address Correction

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Homecoming festivities began Friday night, February 17, with the Alumni Cocktail Buffet. Starting the evening off with plenty of food and drink set the stage for an entertaining show by New York comedian Melvin George. Afterwards, however, everyone was greeted with the snow that cancelled Saturday's events.

The basketball games were rescheduled for Sunday, and the halftime activities moved to Tuesday evening at the DIAC Women's game. Dr. Douglas Gordon, Chairman of the English Department, was named SGA Professor of the Year. Joe King and Kim Trawick, representing the Minority Student Association, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. The dance has not been rescheduled.

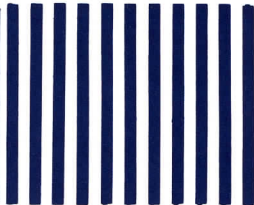
Although the snow dampened Homecoming, it didn't hinder the Captains. The women advanced to the semi-finals of the DIAC Conference and the men won the tournament for the third straight year. Congratulations!

Homecoming '89



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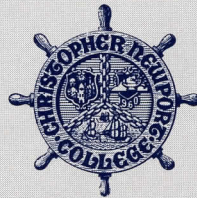
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