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I recently met with a group of department chairs – Drs. Harold Cones, Susan St. Onge, Peter Verhoven, Scott Pollard and Terilyn Goins – who underscored the need to enhance communication on our campus and to build a greater sense of community. I could not agree more and am very grateful for their leadership and good counsel.

Today I share with you the first edition of an electronic newsletter to all faculty and staff that reports on a number of items of interest. This “CNU Outlook – Notes from Paul Tribble” will come to you every 2-3 weeks and is intended to deliver more timely information on the myriad of initiatives underway on our campus – everything from academic matters to bricks and mortar to special events.

You will notice that many features allow you to access a corresponding website with a simple click. I hope you will take the time to explore these sites as they will often contain expanded information such as architectural renderings, floor plans, photos and virtual tours.

I hope this initiative will be helpful and informative and I welcome your comments or questions.

Town Meetings with Instructional Faculty

I invite all instructional faculty to join me on Wednesday, April 3, at 3:00 p.m. in Gaines Theatre to discuss matters of interest or concern. There will be no formal presentations or agenda, rather this is an opportunity for us to have a conversation about CNU and for me to answer your questions and to listen and learn from you.

Going forward, I will schedule 7 town meetings every academic year. Town meetings will be held in the months of September, October, November, February, March, April and July.

Town Meeting with Staff

I invite all members of the CNU staff to join me for a town meeting on Friday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Gaines Theatre. This will be an opportunity for me to personally report to you on our remarkable successes and to answer your questions. Please join me for what I hope will be an informal and informative discussion about the life of our University.

Executive Planning Council and Budget Advisory Committee

The Executive Planning Council (EPC) has been reactivated at the request of the Faculty Senate. The EPC will be chaired by the President and includes the following members: the President of the Faculty Senate, the Provost, the Chief of Staff, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President for Advancement, the Dean of Students and the President of the Student Government Association. The Council will meet monthly and will hold its first meeting on April 8.

The Faculty Senate also recommended that the Budget Advisory Committee continue its work through the next biennium. The committee is now reviewing the actions of the General Assembly and will recommend appropriate adjustments to the budget reduction plan for the next fiscal year. The recommendations of the committee will guide the development of tuition and fees and the operating budget for FY 2002-03. Tuition and fee recommendations will be presented to the Board of Visitors for approval in April and the operating budget will be presented to the Board in June.

### Weekly Meetings with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and I have been meeting regularly since February 13. President Siochi and Drs. Marshall, Keeling, Broschious, Wymer and I meet on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We share information and insights and I have enjoyed and benefited from these gatherings with the leaders of the faculty.

### Please Join Us for CNU Family Day

I would like to extend my personal invitation to you and your entire family to join us on Saturday, April 6 for CNU Family Day! With the arrival of spring, it's a great time for our faculty and staff to gather on the Great Lawn with lots of food, fun and fellowship. Click on the link below for information and photos!

<http://www.cnu.edu/outlook/#picnic>

### Josiah Bunting, III to Speak At CNU Graduation

Josiah Bunting, III, Superintendent of Virginia Military Institute, will speak at our commencement ceremony on May 11. A respected educator, lecturer and writer, Si Bunting has led VMI during the time that school reinvigorated its academic programs, successfully admitted women and was ranked among America's top public national liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News and World Report*. Click on the link below for complete biographical information.

<http://www.cnu.edu/outlook/#speaker>

### York River Hall

As the scenery along Shoe Lane evolves, construction of another magnificent residential complex is well underway. This beautiful facility will be home for 538 freshmen in the fall of 2002, and will provide state-of-the-art accommodations for CNU students. Please click on the link below for a virtual tour around York River Hall and to view the room designs and see artists' renderings of the buildings' exterior.

<http://www.cnu.edu/outlook/#york>

### CNU Live Will Unite Campus Information Systems

Over the next two years, the information systems central to the success of our students, faculty and staff and to critical decision-making at CNU will be extensively enhanced. CNU Live will establish a central repository of information from across the University, integrating formerly separate systems and significantly reducing data duplication. Improved services will include shared calendars, enhanced e-mail, admissions, financial aid, and housing status updates, class schedules, grade information and on-line registration.

When fully implemented (by fall of 2003), CNU Live will provide the CNU community with the ability to access and update information any time, any place, on any browser - a live connection to information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It will dramatically increase the availability and timeliness of service to students, faculty and staff and will allow us to provide an even higher level of personalized attention - one of the hallmarks of CNU! For a graphic representation of how CNU Live will enhance services throughout the CNU community, please visit the link below.

<http://www.cnu.edu/outlook/cnulive.html>



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March 27, 2002

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Because a "family style" buffet has been so successful and so well received in the past, we want to follow that same format for this event. Dr. Harold Cones and his colleagues in the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science have graciously offered to provide "the best barbecue EVER...!" for everyone and we are asking all attendees to join in the festivities by bringing a covered dish large enough to feed 10 people. CNU will take care of soft drinks, cole slaw, all paper products, table, chairs, entertainment and tents if necessary.



**CNU Family Day - Saturday, April 6, 2002 - 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

The barbecue buffet will "open" at 12:00 noon so please plan to have your family and your "culinary contribution" there before that time.



We really want to make this an event that your entire family will enjoy and with that in mind, we are planning activities for all ages - balloon tosses, volleyball games, face painting, music and much more!! I hope you will make plans to spend this very special afternoon with your colleagues and their families. For planning purposes, please call Margaret Yancey at 594-7942 and let her know how many family members will be joining you. Rosemary and I look forward to seeing you!



### **Josiah Bunting, III to speak at CNU Graduation**⬆

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A noted educator, lecturer and writer, Si Bunting has led VMI since 1995. During his tenure as Superintendent, VMI reinvigorated its academic programs, successfully admitted women to the Corps of Cadets and was ranked among America's top public national liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Bunting, a 1963 VMI graduate, came to VMI after serving as headmaster of the prestigious Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, President of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and as President of Briarcliff College in New York.

As a cadet at VMI, General Bunting exemplified the qualities which would lead to his successful career in education. He rose through cadet ranks to become Regimental Commander, was a member of the Honor Court and captain of the swimming team. As an English major, he graduated third in his class and was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

After receiving a B.A. and M.A. from Oxford University, he entered the United States Army in 1966. During six years of service, he reached the rank of Major with duty stations at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Vietnam (Ninth Infantry Division), and West Point, New York, where he was an assistant professor of history and social sciences at the United States Military Academy. His military citations include the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Honor Medal - 2nd class, Presidential Unit Citation, Parachute Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, and Ranger Tab.

Bunting spent one year at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. During that year he was Professor and acting head of the Department of Strategy, and he finished the last year of a three-year fellowship in the Department of History at Columbia University.

Bunting is the author of five books, including *The Lionheads*, named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 10 best books of 1973; *An Education for Our Time* (1988) an imaginative prescription for the ultimate higher education experience; *Small Units in Control of Civil Disorder* (1975); and *The Advent of Frederick Giles* (1974). *All Loves Excelling*, his most recent novel, has received critical acclaim for its frank look at the excesses of competition for entry into America's elite higher education institutions.

He has also edited new editions of Thomas Babington Macaulay's *The Lays of Ancient Rome* (Gateway, 1997) and John Henry Cardinal Newman's *The Idea of a University* (Gateway, 1999).

A sought-after lecturer, who holds honorary degrees from several colleges, he is a member of numerous honor societies and fraternities and has been a trustee of many educational institutions and entities. He has been president of Phi Beta Kappa at the College of William and Mary for the past three years and serves as a trustee of the George C. Marshall Research Foundation and the Guggenheim Foundation.

At Hampden-Sydney College, he taught five different courses in English, and at the Lawrenceville School he taught a course in Leadership in Democratic Societies. At VMI, he is a Professor of humanities and has taught a history course in Democracies at War, an English course in Prose of the Victorian period, and a political science seminar entitled "Political Military Leadership."

Bunting is married to the former Diana Margaret Cunningham. They have four children; two sons, Josiah IV and Charles and two daughters, Elizabeth and Alexandra.



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Two pavilions, maximizing the interior public spaces and serving as a stunning backdrop for the beautifully landscaped grounds, will physically link the four brick and stucco buildings. Each of the pavilions will serve as the primary entrance and exit points for the halls and will house spacious lobbies. Our students will be able to gather in inviting seating areas enhanced by spectacular stone fireplaces. Meeting rooms, study lounges and computer labs will be available for student use at all times.



Each of the large, freshman suites will contain two separate bedroom units connected by a common bath area. The rooms will be

equipped with basic cable service, high-speed Internet access, study desk with two-position chair, loftable beds, microwave, sink, apartment refrigerator, wall-to-wall carpeting, and a closet. Brand new in all residence halls this year, will be the addition of a digital-based telephone system that will give all students the best in phone service, voice mail and caller ID capabilities.

I hope you will take a moment to explore the website for a virtual tour around York River Hall. In less than 2 minutes, this spectacular 360 degree panorama will enable you to visit this new facility months prior to its actual completion! You will enter through re-routed Shoe Lane and "drive" around the magnificent buildings complemented by well-established trees, shrubs and lush immaculately trimmed lawns. Once you have experienced this virtual tour it will be abundantly clear why this residence hall has created such excitement and enthusiasm among the members of the class of 2006.

View the artists' rendering [Full Size](#) (919k), view the [room designs](#) (1.55M), or [take the Virtual Tour](#) (3.5M) (requires [RealPlayer](#))

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