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Ferguson Purchase Complete

After years of planning, negotiations and a statewide funding referendum, the purchase of Ferguson High School is complete.

David Peebles, rector of the CNU Board of Visitors, President Anthony R. Santoro, Newport News Mayor Barry Duval and Newport News Schools Superintendent Eric Smith signed the contract March 13 on the steps of Ferguson High School.

Rector Peebles and President Santoro then presented the Mayor and Superintendent with a check in the amount of \$10 million. Upon closing, the City will lease the high school from CNU until June, 1996. CNU will receive more than \$45,000 per month for the facility.

The City of Newport News will use the \$10 million to help pay for the construction of two new high schools at the opposite ends of the city.

"This is truly a great day in the life of

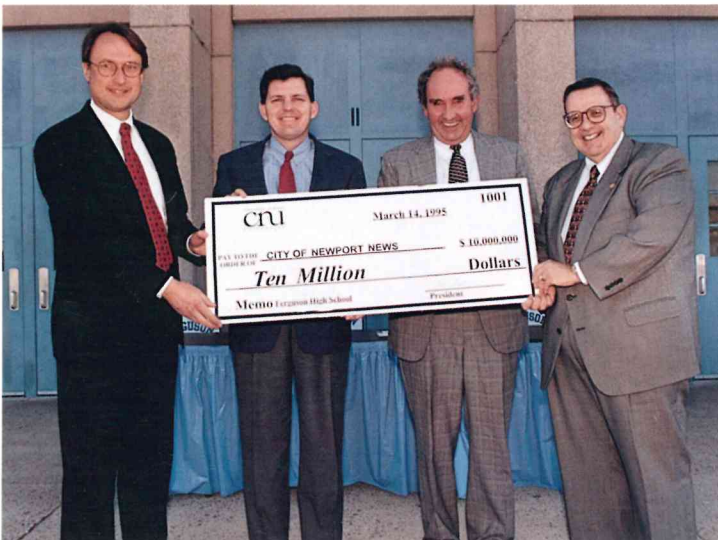


David Peebles, rector of the CNU Board of Visitors, signs the purchase contract as (from left to right) Dr. Eric Smith, Mayor Barry Duval and President Anthony Santoro look on.

Christopher Newport University," said Dr. Santoro. "Inside this one building is the equivalent space (202,000 sq. ft.) of the nine existing buildings on the main campus. Additionally, we are adding 30 acres of land to our 75-acre campus, and we'll have frontage on Warwick Boulevard, which will expose us to more than 60,000 people per day."

Plans are in the works to move the College of Arts & Humanities and the College of Social Science & Professional Studies to Ferguson during the summer of 1996. Some of the classrooms will be renovated into offices for the faculty from those colleges.

Eventually, the exterior will receive a face lift that will make Ferguson similar in appearance to the main campus buildings. For now, the only other change will involve the purchase of new student desks.



Smiles all around as the \$10 million check is given to the city.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Anthony R. Santoro

We have worked diligently these past few months trying to define just what Christopher Newport University is. The obvious answer, of course, is that we are a comprehensive university in the Hampton Roads area. However, that description is too simple.

Just as each student is different, so is what each expects when he or she arrives on campus. We provide the basics to which they are entitled with quality and pride. Students expect a qualified faculty, up-to-date information in the classroom, and a transcript or degree from an accredited university.

In our quest to define CNU, we have determined that our student body is diverse in more than just the usual demographic ways. We are not merely an institution that serves the first degree needs of an 18- to 22-year-old population, but rather an institution that serves the educational needs across the adult lifespan. CNU is a university that provides courses or second degrees for students pursuing career changes.

CNU provides courses to keep students current in their jobs or that satisfy personal interests. In addition, CNU is a home-away-from-home for many students. These students need a campus life that continues through the weekends. At the same time, the commuter students need a campus that involves them in the life of CNU.

How can one university excel in the service to such a diverse client? By focusing on the basics: a willingness to be innovative in teaching methods (e.g., CNU-Online) and scheduling (e.g., weekend courses and seven and one-half week subsemesters); cultivating an expectation of success on the part of our constituents and continually striving to offer courses and activities that will serve the students in their careers and private lives.

The statistics generated by various groups indicate that at the turn of the millennium, colleges and universities will play a critical role in retraining and extending the credentials of those already in the world of work. CNU will be here to meet your educational needs.

NEWS NOTES...

Golf Classic

The playing field is already full, but you can still be a part of the 5th Annual CNU Golf Classic!

A few sponsorships remain, but they're going fast. If you or your organization have not signed on, you are missing a golden opportunity to reach more than 200 of the region's business, civic and political leaders.

Call (804) 594-7712 to learn how you can be a part of the best game in town.

Honor Roll of Donors Shifts to Fall Issue

To those of you who are long-term readers of CNU News and were anticipating the annual Honor Roll of Donors, which usually appears in the spring edition, we want you to know that the Honor Roll of Donors will now appear in the fall edition.

The reason for this is due to a calendar change by the CNU Educational Foundation, Inc. CNUEF has changed its operating calendar to coincide with the University's fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30. In order to properly recognize all of our supporters, the fall edition will contain an honor listing for an 18-month period. That means this year's Honor Roll will list all those who made commitments from Jan. 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995.

The 1996 Honor Roll of Donors will list those who have given between July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.

Alumni Recruitment & Referral Program Seeks Interested Alums

In response to inquiries from alumni, the Office of Admissions has developed a new program which will enable interested graduates to assist with recruitment of new students.

The Alumni Recruitment and Referral program will offer a range of opportunities -- from simply providing the names of prospective students to delivering admissions packets to high schools in your area to staffing (with an admissions officer) a "CNU table" at a local college fair.

Your level of involvement and the activities in which you elect to participate will be at your discretion. The bottom line is, that by sharing "the CNU experience," you help your alma mater grow and continue its tradition of providing a quality education.

For more information on the Alumni Recruitment and Referral Program, call Cindy Lackey '89, Office of Admissions, at (804) 594-7015 or (800) 333-4CNU.

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CNU Relationships Blossom into Marriage

Not only have CNU alumni made many special friendships while pursuing their studies at the university, but nearly 200 students have met their spouses-to-be and courted romances on the campus as well. Christopher Newport University would like to highlight a couple of those special relationships that began on our campus.



The Voegelins

"I first saw him walking around campus and wondered who he was," said Lorrie. "I first saw her at a baseball game, but we didn't start talking to each other until we met in the library," said Mark.

The couple, Mark and Lorrie Voegelin, graduated in 1986 and 1984, respectively. Mark earned a

B.A. in Political Science, while Lorrie took a different route and earned a B.S. in Management.

Mark is a special agent for NASA with the inspector general's office, and Lorrie up until recently worked at a veterinary hospital. She is now a stay-at-home mom.

The couple has a five-month-old daughter named Lindsey, along with two husky Labradors and three parakeets, all of which, Lorrie said, keep her busier than when she worked.

Another couple, Mindy and Chris Goddin, credit the Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity for bringing them together. Chris said, "Our first date was at one of my fraternity dances at the end of the 1987 fall semester." The Goddins said they also remember having lunch at the Terrace and studying together.

Chris graduated in 1989 with a B.S.B.A. in Finance. Mindy finished her studies in 1991 with a B.A. in International Culture and Commerce. Chris is a concrete paving foreman with E.V. Williams Company, Inc. in Hampton, and Mindy is a billing clerk with Casey Imports in Denbigh. Mindy is also the CNU chapter adviser for Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Mindy hopes to go back to school in the fall to work on a master's degree in health administration. Chris said he's hoping to "get rich and retire early."



The Grants

"We met in 1980 during summer school in a U.S. history course. We became friends talking to each other during and after class," said Keith.

The couple, Keith and Almeria Grant, graduated in May 1985. Keith received a B.S. in Psychology. Almeria earned a B.A. in Psychology with a concentration in industrial/organizational. Almeria also holds

an M.S. in Human Resource Development. Almeria has worked as a consultant for Bell Atlantic for 19 years.

Keith is an epidemiologist representative with Newport News' health department and is going back to school to get his master's in human relations.

The happy couple keeps busy with family and a dog named Sha-sha and is expecting another addition to the Grant family later this summer.



The Goddins

Alumni President's Corner



Thomas D. Carpini '74

Your Alumni Society has had a busy year to date and we have several more events planned this spring.

Our Homecoming activities in February were well-received. Especially noteworthy was our Alumni Reception honoring Dr. Marshall Booker and Dr. Harold Cones, our 1994 Outstanding Professors of the Year, and all Emeritus Faculty. We were delighted that so many of you were able to attend this event including Jeff and Suzie Neyer from North Carolina and Bob and Marie Fulgher from South Carolina.

Spring activities include an after work event in Gloucester on April 18th. If you live in that area, make sure you reserve the date. Please call the Alumni Relations Office at (804) 594-7712 to RSVP or for more details.

Another major highlight is our Annual Dinner on May 6th at Christopher's in the Campus Center where our Distinguished, Outstanding and Honorary alumni are recognized, and your new board will be formally presented. Reservations and prepayment for the event are required by May 1st. Please make sure you return your ballot to vote for your choice of candidates for the Society's Board of Directors.

Our major fundraising event is the 5th Annual Golf Classic on June 14. Funds from previous events have funded scholarships, campus benches, furniture for the residence halls and our locator signs that greet you when you return to campus.

I've enjoyed the opportunity of serving as your president this year. Please remember to support the activities of CNU and give back a little of what was given to you.

Canon Language Lab Brings the World to CNU Students

Boxes of computers and printers, a few chairs and a desk. This is what June Schultz, Spanish instructor and language lab coordinator, found awaiting her when she opened the Canon Language Laboratory at Christopher Newport University last summer. Schultz said the lab didn't even contain electrical outlets or a telephone.

It's a far cry from what the lab looks like now with computers containing Japanese word processing software packages and laser printers and a Sony audio control console which is linked to 25 individualized monitoring stations.

"People have been really good to us...from physical plant to university staff and the library; everyone has been so supportive of the lab." Schultz especially credits Dr. Jouett Powell, dean of the College of

Arts and Humanities, for helping to find the money to further develop the lab, which was a gift from Canon Virginia, Inc.

Dr. Powell said the lab teaches students some things that just can't be taught in a classroom situation. "Learning a language involves a great deal more than just sitting in a classroom and responding to questions from professors. The language lab provides a more multi-faceted means through which students can learn."

Powell compared the lab to a young child who wants to

have a story read over and over again, until she can repeat it back by herself. "The ability to repeat a lesson over and over again is not very practical in the classroom. The lab can provide this one-on-one training."

Schultz agreed saying the lab really does provide a unique enrichment opportunity in which students can enhance their learning in a self-paced manner. "The possibilities that are available are infinite. Short of going to another country, you can do it here. This is one place where a student can immerse himself in a foreign language."

Besides Schultz, the lab is staffed by several students, including Cristina Hernandez-Ordonez, a graduate student from Puebla, Mexico who is attending CNU on a full scholarship. The international exchange student maintains files, makes tapes and tutors students. Ordonez said, "Working in the lab gives me an opportunity to meet different people and interact with different cultures."

Clinton Robinson, a junior French major and Japanese minor, is a student assistant at the lab. "It's a friendly environment and we try our best to give them (the students) the information they need to be successful."

Files at the language lab show more than 3,700 students have used it since the facility first opened in the fall of 1994.



From left to right: Cristina Hernandez-Ordonez, Prof. June Schultz, Clinton Robinson, Katrina Elam, Christopher Gunn, Kendra Square

Small Business Television Program Airs on Cable Television

Christopher Newport University has developed a new television program designed to help entrepreneurs and small business owners tackle real world problems.

It's Your Busine\$\$ provides viewers with important information such as financing a business with venture capital, computerizing a small business, leading and motivating employees, planning your tax strategies, etc.

In addition to the lively discussion, CNU business faculty members answer specific questions from Peninsula business owners. The show is hosted by Dr. Linda McCallister, dean of the College of Business and Economics.

"This show will be a great way in which to get much-needed information to owners of small businesses," said Dr. McCallister. "Entrepreneurs and other small business owners just don't have the time to take a class or conduct heavy research to answer their questions. They need specific answers and they need them now."

It's Your Busine\$\$ will give them the information they need to help them be successful," she said.

Anyone with a business-related question is welcome to write to It's Your Busine\$\$, College of Business and Economics, CNU, 50 Shoe Lane, Newport News, VA 23606-2998.

In order to fully answer the question as it applies to a specific business, we request that the owner also provide us with the type of business he/she is operating, the number of employees, location, hours of operation and any other information that might be considered relevant.

It's Your Busine\$\$ is broadcast at 8 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the Newport News City Channel, Cable Channel 10.

The show also airs on the Newport News Public Access station, cable channel 12, Tuesday nights at 7 p.m.

Gloucester Cable began broadcasting the show in late March. Other cable systems may choose to broadcast the program in the future.



Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Arlene Stepnick Leads Nursing Program into 21st Century

What do you do when you're a 40-year-old single mother looking to start a career? Well, if you're Arlene Stepnick, you get a Ph.D. in nursing from one of the best nursing schools in the country and become the department chairman of nursing for CNU. Dr. Stepnick has held that position since she arrived at the university in 1989 and said she's enjoyed every moment of it.

"Our mission is different from most other departments in that we are preparing students for the practice of nursing science and the art of nursing. That's a pretty unique mission, due to the fact that our graduates will be both professionals and artists," she said.

Currently, the nursing program consists of one track, which takes licensed nurses through a four-year program in which they earn their bachelor's degree. But come May, major expansions will take place.

First, the department will begin nursing classes in a second undergraduate track, in which students interested in professional nursing, but who are not yet registered nurses, can earn their baccalaureate degree and then take the National Licensure Exam.

In September, the department will implement

a new master's program in case management, the forefront of a new health care model called "managed care." Managed care is a process of service planning and coordination of health care costs, quality health care, health care decisions and quality client outcomes.

"This is a new role for nurses. The focus of the program, case management, will prepare students for the role of case managers. It will also place CNU's nursing program on the cutting edge of health care reform."

Dr. Virginia Purtle, dean of the College of Social Science and Professional Studies, said she is very excited about the nursing program expansion. Dean Purtle said, "A state-of-the-art program like this has been needed in the community for some time, and we are extremely pleased to be offering this. I think it is just further testament to the dedicated and hard-working faculty we have here at CNU."

Since joining the faculty, Dr. Stepnick has already achieved one of her major goals, gaining full accreditation for CNU's undergraduate program in nursing by the National League for Nursing.

Dr. Stepnick is a member of the faculty reviewcommittee, and was instrumental in begin-

ning the *Registered Nurse Organization*, the *Nursing Students' Organization* and the *Honors Society*.

Off campus, Dr. Stepnick serves on the board of directors and executive committee for the Hampton Roads Health Coalition and is president of the Virginia Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Dr. Stepnick is married to Dr. Robert Durel, department chairman and professor of sociology.



Dr. Arlene Stepnick

Family Centered Resources, Inc. -- A Small Business Providing Big Answers

1994 was a busy, but exciting year for CNU sociology graduate Deborah Ogren. As Ogren sat at her desk, looking outside the window of her new home and office, she laughed. "In January, I got married; four months later I opened up my business, and in May we finished building our home."

Ogren has four sons, (Carl, Shane, Matthew, and Blake) from a previous marriage and two stepchildren (Tom and Ginger) with her new husband.

In the midst of juggling a new family, home and career, Ogren's business, Family Centered Resources (FCR), has thrived. Ogren said she never really had any doubts about being successful. "Being in the field and seeing a need that wasn't being filled, I knew that if I could provide companion/homemaker services at an affordable rate, people would buy it (the service)."

FCR provides non-medical resources for families of all ages through its staff of licensed resource assistants and case managers. Ogren said, "Our home help includes support with transportation, housekeeping, 24-hour companions, meal preparation and even yard work. We help families carry on day-to-day activities when other family responsibilities, jobs or distance keep them from being there."

FCR operates with a staff of 16 and solicits its clients strictly by word of mouth and through referrals from Riverside Regional Medical Center and Mary Immaculate Hospital, where Ogren worked before she began her business.

Ogren said her commitment to FCR stems from her family and her experience at CNU. "I wasn't able to find reliable help for my parents when they became ill. They needed supervision and I couldn't

always be there. After I became a student, (Ruth Kernodle, then director, of CNU's Gerontology Program), encouraged me to start my own business. She said, 'Social support is very important for families.'"

Kernodle said she remembers Ogren as one of her most mature students. "She had a wonderful background, a lot of good experience in the field (of gerontology) and good contacts within the community. I know what she's doing will take more time to get established, but the need is there and I think she'll be successful."

Cheryl Matthews, CNU director of social work agreed. "It's an up and coming business and is so needed in our community. As the government continues to privatize social services, people like Debbie with the know-how and capability will be rewarded."

FCR serves 24 families, 16 of them on a day-to-day basis. Ann Hemenway, CNU alumna and FCR client, relies on Ogren's business for day care and respite care for her mother, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimers. "FCR means I can go away in the morning without worrying that mom will get lost, and have the peace of mind that she's receiving warm, kind care all day long."

Ogren said at first she wanted to run a small agency and not look toward expansion, but experience has changed her mind. "Now I believe employers with really good case managers can expand into different localities, and I'd like to take my base from Newport News, Poquoson and Hampton, and expand in to the Southside."

Outside of home and work, Ogren is a support group leader and is part of the Board of Directors for the Hampton Roads Alzheimer Association.



Deborah Ogren '86

Alumni News...

Samuel Kamber Khoshaba II '94 is a second semester graduate student at Radford University, studying school psychology. He is a teaching assistant for undergraduate students who are taking psychological statistics.

Jill Fisher Landry '94 works as a physician billing administrator for the Florida corporate office of Behavioral Medicine Associates at Colonial Hospital. She got married in July 1995 and recently visited Rome, Italy with her husband, who is stationed aboard the USS Shenandoah.

Lt. Thomas C. Lettis '94 is halfway through a six-month overseas deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, which so far has included duty in the Persian Gulf near Iraq and in the Adriatic Sea off of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Douglas S. Mick '94 will marry Misty T. Hatcher on June 3, 1995 at Reformation Lutheran Church on Warwick Blvd.

Rodney T. Mills '94 is working as a Senior Collector for Monogram Credit Retail Service Inc. in Hampton.

Christopher A. Mueller '94 is a park ranger for Newport News Parks and Recreation. He graduated from the Hampton Roads Regional Academy of Criminal Justice.

Cindy M. Parks '94 married Gregory S. Swift on Jan. 7, 1995. They reside in Reedville, Va.

Tracey L. Smith '94 teaches first grade at Abingdon Elementary School in Gloucester County. She resides in Hayes, VA.

Robert G. Stromer '94 started law school at the University of North Dakota School of Law.

Katy Shield Adams '93 and husband, Bill, bought The Village Engraver in Gloucester County and have renamed it Village Engraving and Specialty Gifts.

Muriel Hamlin Artis '93 was promoted to sergeant/senior drill instructor at the Dept. of Corrections Boot Camp and is responsible for the training of probation for 90 days.

Melissa Rae Lemon Atchley '93 married Greg Atchley on Sept. 3, 1994 in Chattanooga, TN. She is employed with Liberty Baptist Church as the Family Life Center assistant director. They reside in Williamsburg, VA.

Delilah Cooper Lassiter '93 works for Western Temporary Service in sales and marketing.

Jennifer Martin '93 married Allen C. Livingston on July 17, 1994 and is working on her master's in education at Radford University.

John Joseph McCarthy '93 is a sales representative with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. and is also involved in local soccer programs for children in Greenville, NC.

Lori Phillips '93 is working on her teacher certification at CNU.

Christine Small '93 is pursuing an M.S. degree in botany/plant ecology at North Carolina State University. She expects to graduate in May, 1996.

Timothy Watts '93 was promoted to auditor with the Virginia Dept. of Taxation. He and his wife, Lynne, were expecting their first child in March.

Raymond Willis Jr. '93 is an associate manager at Security Pacific Finance, Inc. and is part of the manager trainee program.

Darrell C. White '93 is working on a Ph.D. in plant ecology at Illinois State University in Bloomington, Illinois.

Suzi C. Bredahl '92 lives in her hometown, Austin, TX and works at the Texas Dept. of Commerce. She is a finance specialist with the Texas Capital Fund, which helps rural communities attract business to stimulate local economies.

Gerald Keith Delles '92 received an M.A. in English from Old Dominion University in August, 1994. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in English at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.

Monica Madden-Delles '92 is a computer software instructor for Executrain of Kansas City.

Robert Dubberly '92 has joined Goodman & Company, L.L.P., CPA's Newport News staff.

Elizabeth A. Stewart Englert '92 is a substitute teacher for Newport News. She will begin working at Busch Gardens this spring in the "Land of the Dragons."

Steve Guion '92 and his wife, Nageen, celebrated the birth of Adam Talibi Guion on Jan. 18, 1995. Steve is in management at QVC Network, Inc. distribution center in Suffolk, VA.

Birgit R. Kingsbury '92 received an M.S. in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in August 1994. She and husband, Randy, moved to Hawaii in February. He is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Andrew C. Kozlowski '92 is employed with Starter Corporation as a manager. He married Michelle Janke, who is a senior at CNU, on June 11, 1994.

Linda L. Lane '92 graduated in December, 1994 from Old Dominion University with a master's degree in nursing. She was inducted into Sigma Tau Delta and the International Nursing Honor Society.

Kenneth G. Walker '92 married Jennifer K. Van Bommel on Dec. 10, 1994 at the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel. He works at Electronics Boutique while working towards a second bachelor's degree in secondary education. They reside in Columbia, MD.

Jennifer Shoemaker Ardis '91 and her husband, Jon, and children, Abigail and Avery, have moved to Lebanon, TN. She is at home with her daughters awaiting a teaching position.

Donna L. Busbin '91 moved to Arlington, VA and is a program analyst, GS13, with the Dept. of the Army at the Pentagon.

Terry Crumble '91 works as a telecommunications analyst and is attending Averett College for a master's of business administration.

Lisa Martin Harvey '91 works as a contract specialist at NASA Langley Research Center. She had her first child in March, 1994.

Craig T. Holloway '91 married Amy Hubof '92 and is a purchasing agent for Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. in Raleigh, NC.

Angela Jones Watkins '91 is an account manager for Lucas Control Systems Products. She and husband, Andy, celebrated the birth of Nicholas on Nov. 18, 1994. They reside in Poquoson, VA.

J. David Weber '91 received his master's degree from Old Dominion University in May, 1994. He teaches eighth grade civics at Huntington Middle School in Newport News.

Paula L. Harcum '90 is a chapter one reading specialist for K-5 at Rappahannock Central Elementary School. She received her master of arts in education in June, 1994 from the College of William and Mary.

Elizabeth Raiford Lemon '90 married Fred Lemon and has one child, four-year-old Cameron Elizabeth. She is employed by Health Care for the Homeless in Hampton as a case manager.

Nadine Christian Harrell '90 is employed by Coastal Video Communications Corporation in Va. Beach, VA as a government sales specialist.

Steven Cappendyck '89 is working with Southwest Distribution as a human resource generalist in Washington, D.C.

Kevin B. Glover '89 works for Coca-Cola as an area field installations manager for the Southern Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia market. He resides in Falls Church, VA.

Susan Stapleton McLaurin '89 will graduate with an MFA from Old Dominion University in May, 1995 with a GPA of 4.0.

Deran R. Whitney '89 is married to Conjo V. Galloway Whitney, who also attended CNU. He is the assistant principal at Southwestern Elementary in Suffolk, VA and she is a kindergarten teacher in Suffolk. She will complete her master's degree in elementary education at Old Dominion University in May, 1995. They reside in Suffolk.

Martha Chase McCarthy '88 gave birth to her first child, James Flexmer Chase McCarthy on Dec. 9, 1994. They reside in Blackstone, VA.

Amy D. Prillaman '88 lives in the San Francisco bay area and is the regional manager for Pacific Business Corporation.

Lori Torres '88 gave birth to Tanner Michael on July 14, 1994. She also teaches first grade.

Cynthia Engelken Wagner '88 moved to Pt. Pleasant, NJ with her husband, Bill, to raise their four children: Dylan, 6, Harrison, 4, Mary Gibson, 3, and Isabel, 1. Bill is a corporate attorney on Wall Street.

Karen S. Nelson '88 and husband, Andrew, celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Blair Sarris Nelson, on August 1, 1994.

Brian D. Francis '87 received a Ph.D. in economics from George Mason University in January, 1995. He is an economist

with the analysis and studies division of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C.

Charles P. Lucy '87 married Heidi Marie Ledbetter on Jan. 14, 1995 in the Wren Chapel in Williamsburg. They reside in Yorktown, VA.

Jeff P. Meyer '87 just became vice president and account executive of Business Insurance Operations, Inc. His wife, Becky, gave birth to their second child, Alexander James, on Oct. 7, 1994. They reside in Charlotte, NC.

Louise Foley Stokes '87 received a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University Institute for Ministry in New Orleans, LA in May, 1994.

Stewart D. MacInnis '86 opened a free-lance writing and public relations consulting business after six years as public affairs officer for the Virginia National Guard and 10 years as a newspaper reporter.

Lt. Cmdr. Anthony P. Carambia '85 recently received a Letter of Appreciation. He was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned at Fleet Training Center, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

Michael Grounds '85 and his wife, Lisa Schwartzkopf, have a daughter, McKenna Jordan, who was born on Nov. 22, 1994. He owns Andy's Pizza in Newport News and Lisa is a critical care RN at Riverside. They reside in Denbigh.

Virginia (Jenny) Burton Pauls '85 rebuilt a home in Hayes, VA. She is working on a master's degree through Florida Tech. and will complete classes in Dec., 1995.

Mary Elizabeth Cotton '84 has had her poem, "The Sea," published in "A Far Off Place," a book of poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry.

Louis Mark Hudson '84 transferred from the TraDoc Contracting Activity, Ft. Eustis to the Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC) in June, 1994. He was promoted to GS12 Contracting Specialist at the JWFC in November, 1994.

Audrey Lynn Humphrey '84 is a full service wedding consultant with Mother of the Bride Wedding Consultants. She is a professional member of June Wedding, Inc. (an association for event professionals) and the Association of Bridal Consultants. In 1994, she earned the designation of Professional Bridal Consultant as a distinguished graduate of the professional development program.

Paige McKinley Lile '84 is married to David Lile '85. She was promoted to director of the Riverside Wellness and Fitness Center in Denbigh and the Riverside FitStops in Oyster Point and Williamsburg in January, 1994.

Dorothy Dean Thomas-Provenzano '84 and husband, John, welcomed their first child, Rebecca, on September 27, 1994.

John J. Gill '82 married Deborah Gergely Adams '94, and they have built a house in Newport News, VA. He is a candidate for the Virginia Senate in 1995.

Donna S. Jolly '82 married Philip Michael Villiott on Aug. 21, 1993 and resides in Midlothian, VA. She is an associate energy efficiency representative for Virginia Power in Richmond, VA.

Major Michael L. Wacławski '82 received an MBA from Syracuse University in 1990. In October, 1990 he married Pamela K. Gravely '92 and they reside in Watertown, NY. He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and Staff College in June, 1994 and served as chief of personnel plans and operations for Combined Joint Task Force 190, in Haiti from September, 1994 to January, 1995.

Jeffrey P. Thomas '82 was promoted to Senior Vice President of Farm Fresh, Inc. in January 1995.

Arthur Thatcher '81 completed his first year as women's volleyball coach at CNU. His wife, Lisa, was expecting their first child on March 11, 1995.

Alan J. Pew '80 was named personnel officer at the Garden State Reception and Youth Correctional Facility in Yardville, NJ.

Kevin Callanan '78 was promoted to Major, U.S. Army Reserves and Deputy Area Executive Director of the American Heart Association in Charlotte, NC. He is also working on his MPA at UNC-Charlotte.

Kevin Perry '75 has been working for Energy Corp. at its systems operating center in Pine Bluff, Ark. His wife, Sara Perry '75, has recently completed all requirements to become an LPN. They reside in Benton, AR with their daughter and son.

Local CPA Firm is Made up of CNU Alumni

What started out as a dream by '82 CNU graduate Mary Stern in 1987, has slowly blossomed into a small, but sturdy business which now serves hundreds of what Stern fondly terms "mom and pop shops" across the Peninsula.

Stern began the venture inside her home on a part-time basis in 1987, mostly doing taxes. Five years later she, rented a 9' X 11' spare room from a friend, until moving to her current location in Oyster Point.

"Starting my own business is something I've always wanted to do, however, my long-term plan was to open part-time just to see if I could do it." Stern said the plan was foiled after she was forced to take eight months sick leave at her previous place of employment. It was then that Stern decided to step up plans to begin her own business while she was home recuperating.

Besides Stern, the office is staffed by Stern's mother, Barbara Hoare, class of '79; Mary's brother, David Hoare, class of '92, and a close friend, Karen Bever, class of '88, all CNU graduates.

Mrs. Hoare said she enjoys working in a family atmosphere, and for a woman who's taken on four different careers in her lifetime (mother, letter carrier and drug and alcohol counselor) she considers herself a jack of all trades. Hoare is now the payroll and data entry administrator for Mary K. Stern, CPA, P.C.

Bever, staff accountant, said there are a lot of things she enjoys about working in the firm. "I especially enjoy the closeness; we all care and are a team here."

Stern's brother, David, agreed. "As a family business, there's more interest in the client. We have confidentiality and trust among

my sister, mom, Karen, and myself." Hoare, who also owns Alpha Accounting, provides tax work, computer maintenance and book-keeping services for the firm.

The majority of Stern's clients are made up of small business owners like herself. "They need all the help I can give them, managing cash flows, understanding accounting and saving on their taxes...the goal of this company has always been to serve small clients and make a living."

Stern attributes a lot of her success to her studies at Christopher Newport University.

"At CNU we got a strong understanding of why we're doing all this. If I didn't get the training, theory and axioms from CNU, I wouldn't have had the foundation to begin my own business."

Since graduating, Stern has kept close ties with the university, both academically and socially. Stern awarded a \$500 scholarship to an accounting student last September and serves on CNU's Alumni Society board of directors. Stern also participated in CNU's homecoming parade in February and volunteers each year for CNU's annual Golf Classic.



From left to right Mary Stern '82, Karen Bever '88, and Barbara Hoare '79.

Alum Preserves History of CNU Through His Artwork

Name almost any Virginia landmark and chances are Christopher Newport University alumnus Mark Weiner '85 has drawn it. Weiner also has a collection of prints he's put together of CNU buildings, including one of the old Campus Center.

He began doing the prints 10 years ago, after some encouragement from Dr. Paul Killam, professor of government and public affairs, in one of his site planning and design courses. "What impressed me most was his (Weiner's) enthusiasm and motivation. He has a fascination with works of architecture," Dr. Killam said.

Weiner said making the transition from a career in political science to art, really wasn't that big of a jump. "I've always been interested in architecture and with a few extra art courses on the side in 3-D design and basic sculpting, it seemed only natural to follow my instincts and begin making prints."

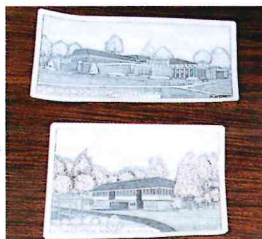
Weiner designed his first set of prints in 1982, beginning work on what he calls the Virginia Series -- pictures of the Lincoln Memorial, Monticello and Colonial Williamsburg.

Of all the prints Weiner has constructed, his favorite is the U.S. Capitol, which he developed over a three-week period in 1987. "I did a study for each block of the grand stairway, the dome and wings of the Capitol."

Weiner compared the print to making a movie, where the director films one scene at a time and splices it all together. "It took 10 separate sketches to construct the final print."

Over the past 10 years, Weiner has created more than 100 prints, including a series on Busch Gardens, Hilton Village, Washington, D.C., Anheuser-Busch Brewery and the University of Virginia, in addition to his Virginia and CNU series.

Weiner's prints may be purchased at the CNU bookstore in the Campus Center for \$14.



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CNU Alumna Wins Award for Best Financial Analyst in USAF

Success is something you have to work at. It doesn't just fall in your lap."

This is something CNU alumna Dorothy Walters said she has learned through her work as a non-appropriated funds financial analyst (NAFA) for Langley Air Force Base.

Walters was first recognized as the best NAFA within the 24 bases that comprise Air Combat Command in December. In February, she was honored with The Air Force Award -- recognizing the best within the branch's seven commands.

As a NAFA, Walters has financial oversight over all Air Force services, including Langley's officer and enlisted clubs, golf course, bowling center, aero club and child development and youth centers.

Walters began working for Langley as a secretary 20 years ago. Several years later, she was promoted to an audit clerk and then an accounting technician. She then decided to go back to school and get an accounting degree. Walters attributes most of that decision to her husband and present and past supervisors.

Walters said after 8 1/2 years of taking two

classes a semester while working full-time, she completed CNU's program and graduated with a B.S. in 1987.

"Going back to school at 37 wasn't easy. It was hard to get back into the swing of things. But I kept telling myself I started this and now I'm going to finish it."

Walters remembers one course in particular that really challenged her. "Instead of taking the introductory accounting class, I decided to enroll in the intermediate one. I ended up auditing the class and having to take it all over again."

Walters said her professor for the course, Mr. John Dawson, gave her the encouragement to continue. "He was always glad to work with me and a great help." Walters said besides intermediate accounting, she also took governmental and advanced accounting systems under Dawson.

After receiving her degree, Walters became the financial operations supervisor and was later promoted to her current position as the NAFA.

Walters said, "doing different things," is what she enjoys most about her job. "It's

not routine. Everything I look at is a challenge. There never seems to be a dull moment here."

Walters has already set another goal for herself. She's hoping to be promoted from a Grade 11 civil service



Dorothy Walters '87

employee to a Grade 12, which she admits is setting her sights high, but believes, like the other goals she's reached, that this one can be accomplished as well.

"You've got to work at it. If you don't have the determination and ambition to succeed, then you won't." Good words of advice from a CNU alum who's worked her way up from a secretary to the best financial analyst in the U.S. Air Force.

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