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Sheri Huffman, '91 Crowned Miss Virginia

On July 14, Sheri Huffman, '91, was crowned Miss Virginia 1992 in Roanoke. Sheri, who received her BS degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in marketing and communications, graduated from CNC in May with a 3.1 GPA.

At a reception held in her honor at President Santoro's home in August, Sheri was quick to emphasize that the highlight of this year had not only been winning the Miss Virginia title, but graduating from CNC as well.

A most gracious and poised young woman, Sheri grew up in Hampton and graduated from Phoebus High School in 1986. Since then, she has been a Big Sister in a teenage crisis pregnancy home, sang for Vice President Quayle, performed for the Washington Redskins and participated with

the National Bone Marrow Program where she is currently on their registry. She became

interested in this program after her grandmother died of leukemia.

After her reign, Sheri will use the \$5,000 scholarship money she received from the pageant to pursue a graduate degree in communications. Her ambition is "to become a creative consultant in the cable television industry and ultimately achieve a senior level executive position with a major cable network."

But that will have to wait for now as she represents Virginia (and CNC) during the coming year. Editor's note: Sheri competed for the Miss America title on September 14 and won a \$1000 scholarship as non-finalist in the talent competition. She sang "If I Can Dream."



Sheri Huffman, '91 cuts the cake at a reception in her honor at President Santoro's home.

Lamont Strothers Drafted By NBA

During the second round of the NBA draft on June 27, 1991, members of the CNC community gathered together in the Terrace to witness CNC's own Lamont Strothers, 23, be drafted by the Golden State Warriors. He was then immediately traded to the Portland Trail Blazers (who had last pick in the draft)

Lamont Strothers is congratulated by Coach C.J. Woollum and others after being drafted by the NBA.

in a prearranged deal for two future draft picks. Lamont was the number 43 pick in the draft - higher than any other Division III player in NCAA history.

Shattering numerous CNC, local, state, regional, and Division III records, Lamont has been described as a "Broadway talent

playing community theater." But the future has not always been so bright.

A native of Suffolk, Lamont grew up in the Pleasant Hill section of the city and credits his mother with reinforcing his desire to play ball.

"My mom kept a ball in my hands all the time," he says. "My brother and I would play until dark after school. When it snowed, we would clean the snow off the courts. We were just determined to play."

This determination paid off when Lamont lead the Peanut District in scoring as a senior at Forest Glen HighSchool. And while a scholarship at the University of Georgia was forfeited (he was 10 points away from qualifying on the SAT), Lamont insists "It's worked out for the best."

It was a year later that Lamont met CNC's assistant basketball coach Roland Ross at the Suffolk Invitational. "I dunked on him," Lamont remembers. Working at Gwaltney of Smithfield and only playing pickup ball, Lamont let Coach Ross know he was looking for a place to play.

Ross couldn't believe he wasn't in school and told him to come see him the next day. By the following season, Lamont was enrolled at CNC, had joined the Captains and was on his way to becoming the most outstanding player in CNC history.

Lamont left for training camp in Portland in mid September and the Trail Blazers' 12 man roster should be finalized by the end of October.

"I think he stands an excellent chance of making the team," states C. J. Woollum, CNC's head basketball coach and Director of Athletics. "By the time alumni and friends read this, Lamont's fate will have been determined and we certainly hope as a bonified member of the Trail Blazer's team."

From the President...



Dr. Anthony R. Santoro

Once again, I extend my greetings to you as we enter on what promises to be an exciting year ahead for CNC.

Your College continues to grow. This fall we registered more than 5000 students for the first time. This is a most gratifying tribute to the quality education we provide.

Some other recent milestones of note include: a total of 41 graduate students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching program; the first CNC Golf Classic held at Kiln Creek that netted \$10,000 for honors scholarships; and our many friends that have donated more than \$200,000 to our Annual Fund this year. We especially appreciate such generosity in these hard economic times.

Looking to the future, our proposed Master of Science in Applied Physics program has been approved and we expect to offer our first courses in the fall, 1992. Plans for our first dormitory are being examined by the Governor's office and we hope to begin construction by spring or summer of 1992. Our international studies program is expanding. We have signed student exchange agreements with universities in the Dominican Republic, Japan and England, and have foreign students living in a house purchased by the Educational Foundation. Our expanded has nursing program recommended for accreditation and we have applied to the American Bar Association for accreditation of our legal studies program.

We are proud of you, our graduates, and are always happy to learn of your accomplishments. I hope that you are proud of CNC as it moves forward to become, with your help, an even finer jewel among Virginia's colleges.

MAT gets Underway; MS in Physics Approved

Dr. Linda Morgan of the Education Department and Dr. Harold Cones of the Biology Department made CNC history on July 1 when they each began teaching the first courses of CNC's first graduate program.

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program with a concentration in Mathematics and Science received the State Council of Higher Education's final approval in May. The "Statement of Readiness" was the final hurdle in the process by which colleges and universities can offer new degree programs.

CNC's first graduate class is composed of 40 part-time and one full-time student of which 37 are women and four are men. Students can enter the program in one of two ways: as certified teachers seeking the master's degree or as holders of bachelor's degrees in math or science who wish to become certified teachers.

Within days of offering these first classes, CNC received approval to begin offering a second master's degree - the Master of Science in Applied Physics.

Classes in this program will begin during the fall semester of 1992.

CNC's Master of Science in Applied Physics is designed to serve students with bachelor's degrees in physics, computer science, electrical and computer engineering, mathematics or chemistry who need a stronger preparation in material properties and systems of instrumentation.

"The National Research Council has reported that, nationally, more than 30 percent of all employed physicists, astronomers and chemists work in the field of material properties, and many are not satisfactorily prepared," said Dr. George Webb, chairman of the CNC Department of Applied Physics and Computer Science. "CNC's program will produce graduates ready to make strong contributions to the professions."

The program is designed for the part-time student who is employed in one of the many local companies or organizations that require technologically sophisticated professionals. All courses, therefore, will be offered in the evening.

For more information on the Master of Science in Applied Physics program, please contact Dr. George Webb at 594-7082.

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Students Spend Summer Studying Migrant Health

The following article appeared in the August 1, 1991 edition of <u>The Washington Post.</u>

Ten students at Christopher Newport College in Newport News, Virginia, are spending their summer at 40 Eastern shore migrant worker camps and in nearby potato, tomato, cucumber, bean and corn fields, interviewing thousands of workers from Mexico and Guatemala.

The students, who will travel later this month to the Mexican and Guatemalan villages where most of the migrant workers are from, are taking part in what college officials said is the first major medical study of migratory workers in this country. The study is a joint project by the College and the School of Public Health of Mexico.

In particular, the students will track work-related injuries and communicable diseases that migrant workers bring with them and, more often, contract here and take back to their villages. . . .

"We hope to be able to formulate a comprehensive list of diseases, crop-specific injuries and other maladies affecting the workers so as to provide them with better health care both here and in their own countries," said Lea Pellett, a professor of sociology and social work.

The students, Pellett and Elizabeth Hansen, director of the school's international studies program, also are continuing the school's 10-year effort on behalf of the 5,000 to 7,000 migrant workers who come annually to the Eastern Shore. The four-year commuter college of 5,000 students helped establish and run a halfway house for migrant workers near Accomac from 1979 to 1983.

In 1987, the school helped set up a shelter and advocacy program to assist migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. The shelter recently was turned over to a private organization.

Assisting in the medical study is Jorge Oviedo, of the School of Public Health of Mexico, who is studying in the United States on a Fulbright scholarship.

Patricia Lang, of Newport News, who is majoring in sociology, said taking part in the program is "almost like going away to summer camp. It's both an educational and recreational exercise" for the students and helps "improve the quality of life for migrant farm workers and their families."

The students live in a house rented by the college in Onancock, but they pay their own expenses. They will get credit for their work as part of a summer school social research course, though not all are majoring in sociology. "It's a diverse group," Pellett said of the students, whose majors include French, political science and history.



Student Veronica Dahlberg with migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. (Photo by Roberto Gonzalez)

Military Honored

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More than 100 CNC active-duty military students and alumni joined President Santoro, College staff and local military representatives on July 2 at a Military Appreciation Picnic sponsored by Board of Visitors member Fred Carter and John Moore of Saluda. (L-R: Commander Margaret Earle, USN; Staff Sergeant Brian Davis, USAF; CNC's "Uncle Sam" and President Santoro pose with the flag cake.) The event was held on campus and participants enjoyed food, volleyball and music provide by Marybeth Landis of Oldies 95.7.

CNC Celebrates 30 Years of Educating Students

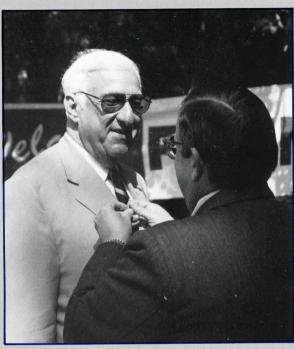
Christopher Newport College marked a major milestone September 19 when the College celebrated Founders Day 1991.

This Founders Day commemorated the 30th anniversary of the College opening its door to provide higher education to area residents. (Since 1961, when the first entering class totaled 171 students, tens of thousands of local, state, national and international students have come to CNC to study.)

The Founders Day celebration kicked off at 11:30 a.m. with a dedication of Wise Woods, a large grove of trees that pays tribute to

Dr. E. Spencer Wise, professor emeritus and member of the biology faculty from 1964 to 1981.

Other events included the induction of former Rector and Board of Visitors member Erwin Drucker into the Society of the Founders Mace, the organization that sponsors Founders Day and whose membership is limited to former members of the Board of Visitors; a presentation of the College flag by the Alumni Society; and keynote address by Dr. James Windsor, who was President of CNC from 1970-1979.



Newly inducted Founders Mace member Mr. Erwin Drucker has a replica of the CNC Mace pinned on by President Santoro.



Dr. Harold Cones (left) assists Dr. E. Spencer Wise with the unveiling of the Wise Woods dedication plaque.



Alumni Society President Charlie Ciccotti presents President Santoro with the College flag.

First "Residence Hall" Opens

(The following story was written by student Claudia Scott.)

CNC opened its "first residence hall" on property adjacent to the College at 26 Shoe Lane in August. Purchased by the CNC Educational Foundation, the residence is currently being used as the "International Student House."

President Santoro initiated the idea of the International Student House to provide foreign exchange students with easy accessibility to campus grounds.

Two of the students currently living in the house are from Japan. Yuko Asada and Aki Ochi are a part of the College's exchange program with Kansai Gaidai University in Osaka, Japan. Both girls are English language majors.

Gabriela "Gaby" Gomez, from Mexico, is the house's resident assistant. While attending a private American high school in Mexico, Gaby was taught by an exchange program education major from CNC. This experience aided her in making the choice to attend CNC where she is presently majoring in international culture and commerce.

Since attending CNC, Gaby, Yuko and Aki say they have noticed differences between college students in America and in their own countries. For example, Aki says that in Japan "college students are more dependent on their parents."

Both Japanese students also noticed differences in the way that American professors teach their classes. Yuko



Students (left to right) Yuko Asada, Aki Ochi and Gaby Gomez in front of the International House located at 26 Shoe Lane.

comments, "In American colleges, professors allow students to give their own opinions more often than professors in Japan."

When asked to state their opinions of Americans, Aki relates, "I feel Americans are not very punctual." Added Yuko, "Americans are a little lazy." For example, she says, "A clock in the administration building was broken and two days later it was still broken. In Japan if there is something broken it will be fixed the very next day."

Living in a house with different nationalities has proven to be a rewarding experience for the students. Gaby says, "It works out really well. We talk among ourselves about the cultural shock experiences that we have living in a house with various nationalities."

Overall Gaby, Yuko and Aki enjoy being in America. Aki says, "I think America is a good country because they accept foreigners. I feel comfortable here."

John Gaines: CNC Benefactor

For over 15 years, John Gaines has visited the Captain John Smith Library scan-

ning the pages of <u>Value Line</u>, <u>Outlook</u>, <u>Money Magazine</u>, and <u>The Wall Street Jour</u>

JOHN W GAINES

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Mr. John Gaines poses in front of the theatre.

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When his investments began to mature, Mr. Gaines wanted to give something back to the institution that had supplied him with such valuable information.

The result: a trust agreement established in 1985 between Mr. Gaines and the Christopher Newport College Educational Foundation, Inc.

"A trust agreement can be a very smart investment working for the benefit of the individual and institution," states Paul Holcomb, CNC's Vice President for Development. "Both CNC and Mr. Gaines have been extremely satisfied with the workings of this agreement," he continued.

In honor of his gift, CNC named the theatre located in the campus center for Mr. Gaines. The theatre is used constantly for numerous performances and presentations and a fund drive is currently underway to refurbish the seats in the theatre that have become extremely worn with constant use.

If you are interested in further information on trust agreements, contact the College's Office of Development at 594-7038.

Alan Witt, '76 Elected Rector

The CNC Board of Visitors elected Mr. Alan S. Witt, '76 as Rector at their meeting in July. This is the first time a graduate of CNC has served as head of the College's governing body.

Mr. Witt is a long time Peninsula resident graduating from Menchville High School in 1972 before receiving his BSBA degree with a concentration in accounting from Christopher Newport College.

He has been with the accounting firm of Rauch, Witt & Company since its inception in

1979, became a partner in 1982, and is currently

Managing Partner of the firm.

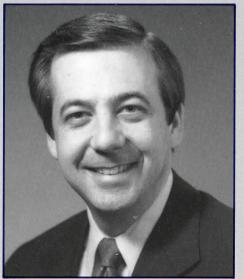
Mr. Witt is involved in numerous professional, civic and community activities and has served on CNC's Board of Visitors since July 1, 1985.

He is married to Deborah Q. Witt, '78 and they have three sons.

Also elected in July were Mr. Gordon L. Gentry, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Newport News Savings Bank as Vice Rector and Mrs. Betty N. Levin of Williamsburg as Secretary.

Reappointed to the Board was Mrs. Anna Van Buren McNider who was previously fulfilling the term of Mr. J. Dewey Wilson who passed away in December.

Peninsula developer William H. (Trip) Ferguson, III replaced Mr. Erwin B. Drucker who had served since July 1, 1983 and was ineligible for reappointment.



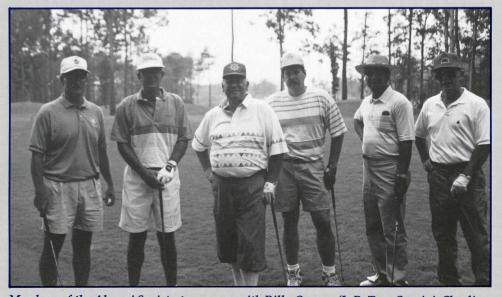
Alan S. Witt. '76

First Golf Classic Big Success

CNC's first Golf Classic was held Friday, July 12 at Kiln Creek Golf and Country Club. The field of 110 players enjoyed beautiful weather during their afternoon round, and were welcomed to hole number four by golf great Billy Casper who posed with each team for a commemorative picture.

Proceeds of approximately \$10,000 from the tournament went to support the CNC Honors Scholarship Fund.

Special thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made this such a successful event, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Second Annual Golf Classic scheduled for May 29, 1992.



Members of the Alumni Society team pose with Billy Casper. (L-R: Tom Carpini, Charlie Ciccotti, Billy Casper, Terry Laufer, Oscar Crawford, Jim West)

Alumni President's Corner

The summer has drawn to a close and the 1991-92 academic year is underway.

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Alumni Society have been working hard this summer. We are planning several projects for the coming year, one of which is to assist with the second CNC Golf Classic. The first golf tournament was held on July 12 and was an overwhelming success. The Alumni Society hopes to become a major part of the Classic in the future.

A special congratulations are in order for three outstanding alumni: Alan Witt, '76, newly elected Rector of the CNC Board of Visitors: Lamont Strothers. drafted in the second round of the NBA draft with the Portland Trail Blazers. and last but not least Miss Sheri Huffman, '91, winner of the 1991 Miss Virginia Pageant.

I would like to personally thank our

most recent past President Stan Clark, '77 for his outstanding leader-ship during his tenure. The Society has really begun to take a more active role and is coming together as a group with identity and purpose. I feel that there are several individuals who have been major players in guiding our growth. would like to give a special thank you to the following individuals: Liz Bryant, 83, Director of Alumni Relations; Paul Holcomb, Vice President for Development; John Campbell, Assistant Vice President for Development and College Relations. We also very much appreciate the assistance and support given the Society by President Santoro

and Audrae Wear. As President this year, I will be leading a Board of Directors that will have to rise to new heights. Our College has been adversely affected by the budget crunch. Although President Santoro had to make some unpopular cost saving cuts, the College still has a bright future. I have spoken with President Santoro and am convinced that the overall wellbeing of the College is his primary concern. Your College needs your support now more than ever. If you are not presently an active member in the Alumni Society don't put it off any longer. This is your opportunity to give back to Christopher Newport College a little of what it gave you.

Charles E. Ciccotti, '86

Alumni Notes

'68 Vera Kenz England serves in the Learning Skills Program at Christchurch school for boys

on the Chesapeake Bay.

'71 Sandra Élaine Godwin Hundley and '74 Jack Wayne Hundley live in Frederick, Maryland where Sandra is an Administrative Specialist for Frederick County Government and Jack is Business Manager for Chelsea School in Silver Spring. They previously served overseas with the International Correspondence Institute in Brussels, Belgium.

'74 Paul Q. Darden is the Advertising Sales Manager with the Peninsula Transportation

District Commission in Hampton. He resides in Newport News.

'75 Anthony E. Yankus is a Sports Collectibles Broker. He and his wife, Karen, live in Naples, Florida.

'79 Scott Dalzell is the Branch Chief of The Work Force and Financial Resources Unit for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's nationwide Meat and Poultry Inspection Program in Washington, D.C. He resides in Vienna, Virginia.

'80 Debra F. West Thompson is employed with the 1912 Computer Systems Group (Civil Service) at LAFB, and recently received her MBA from Florida Institute of Technology.

'82 Michael Lay is Chief Project Manager at Production Arts Lighting in New York Čity. He resides in Lodi, New Jersey.

'82 John Polak is a Special Agent Accountant with the Virginia State Police. He lives in Windsor.

'83 David R. Burris received his MBA from W&M in 1989 and is a Commercial Account Manager at Crestar Bank in Williamsburg. He is married to **Nancy Kirks**, **'83** and they reside in Newport News with their two sons.

'83 Keturah "Kitty" Johnson married Erik Zobrest in June 1990 and is currently studying

graphic design at the University of South Carolina. She resides in Columbia.

'83 Marcia Miller is a Discharge Planner at Cooper Hospital University Medical Center in Camden, New Jersey. Her daughter, Lori Miller '88, is presently working in New York City. '83 Helen Wails Roach and '83 Charles David Roach live in Lake Worth, Florida where Helen is a Director Board Member of the Lake Worth Art League and Charles is continuing his art education at Palm Beach Armory Art School.

'84 Jim Branner, Jr. completed his BSME and MSME at VPI and works for

Cummins Engine Company in Columbus, Indiana.

'84 Kevin Diamonstein graduated from George Mason University School of Law in May, 1990 and passed the Virginia Bar Exam in October, 1990. He is an attorney with Diamonstein & Drucker in Newport News.

'84 Andrew Hirshorn is the Computer Systems Manager for Gee & Jenson Engineering in West Palm Beach, Florida. In addition, he is President of All

Computer Services, a local computer dealer.

'84 Louis Mark Hudson is a Contract Specialist with TRADOC Contracting Activity at Ft. Eustis. He was selected to be published in <u>Who's Who in American Business in the South and Southeast</u>. He and his wife, Debbie, reside in Hampton and have one daughter.

'84 Doug Peterson received his MS degree in Computer Science from W&M in 1987 and founded USAN. Consult, Inc. in 1989. He lives in Newport News.

'84 Linda Collins Wise Riley is a Systems Analyst at BASF Corp. in Williamsburg. She and her husband, Thom, reside in Newport News with their three sons.

'85 Almeria C. Hart Grant and **'85 Keith A. Grant** were married in November, 1990. Almeria is employed by C&P Telephone and Keith works in the Adolescent Unit at Peninsula Hospital. They reside in Hampton.

'86 Brian Sykes is Assistant Department Head of the Botany Slides Department at Carolina Biological Supply Company in Burlington, North Carolina.

'86 Alonzo R. Bell received his MBA degree from W&M in May 1990 and is Section Manager of Cost Engineering at Newport News Shipbuilding. He is currently serving on the Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Delegate Alan Diamonstein's Advisory Subcommittees on Finance and At-Risk Students.

'86 Douglas Davis is an Accounting Manager with Marriott Corp. at their

headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland.

'86 Katherine Page Allsbrook Kilgore has one daughter and resides in Hampton. '87 Beverly S. Banks Castonquay owns The Clothes Exchange and is a representative for Primerica Corp. Financial Services. She has two children and resides in Newport News.

'87 Susan M. Krauss received a graduate degree from Texas A&M in May 1990 and is a Trade Show Specialist with Consolidated Freight ways in Irving, Texas. '87 Gary Littlepage earned his master's degree in Counseling from W&M in May, 1990. He is a Career Counselor for Ithaca College in New York.

'87 Brain Schuhart is Assistant Manager of Pro Sports in Newport News.

'88 Sandy Busic graduated from Norfolk State University with a master's degree in Social Work in May, 1990. She is currently working as a Mental Health Therapist at the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board.

'88 Brenda Scott Tyndall Daugherty teaches physical education in Ashton, West Virginia. She and husband, John, live in Pt. Pleasant.

'88 Gabriella J. Fanning is Assistant Dean of Student Services at Commonwealth College. '88 Deborah A. Stall passed the CPA exam in May, 1990 and is a Supervisor with Malvin, Riggins & Carmines, P.C. in Newport News. '88 Lynn West Taylor is a Retail Branch Manager at Bank South in Atlanta, Georgia. '89 Jane Snead Buchanan is Associate Project Analyst and Budget Coordinator for Hudson Development Corporation in Fairfax.

'89 Katherine A. Scott Butler is a Teacher in York County and married Gary Butler in

January, 1991.

'89 Allen James Joyner is a Second Lieutenant in the US Army and just completed a tour at Camp Casey, Korea.

'89 Lori Torres is an Elementary School Teacher in Hampton.

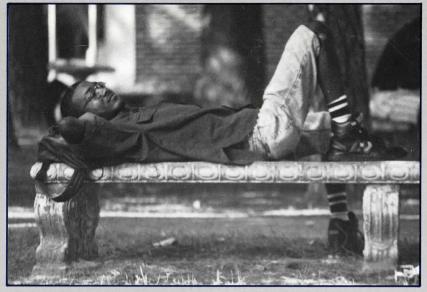
'90 Donald R. Dittmer received his MBA from George Mason University in August, 1991. He lives in Annandale.

'90 Kris E. Keyes is Administration and Billing Supervisor for Newport News Waterworks.

'90 Sue A. Steberl is Director of the Colonial Williamsburg Employee Child Care Center.

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Enrollment Exceeds 5,000 - Expanded Registration



An unidentified student takes a break during the first day of classes.

Well Received

In an effort to provide more opportunities for students to design and set up their schedules, the registration period was dramatically expanded on campus this year.

Beginning July 1, students were able to register for courses on a daily basis. In addition, registration was scheduled to end August 21 but was extended through the 23rd in order to meet the increased demand for classes.

This demand is truly reflected in the enrollment figures for fall, which show an undergraduate and graduate headcount of 5,034.

"Breaking the 5,000 mark is a definite milestone for the College," commented Keith McLoughland, Dean of Enrollment Services. "It's especially significant given the economic situation, more stringent admission standards and increase in tuition."

Also significant is for the second year in a row, full-time students outnumbered part-time students, and while instate students increased 1.9 percent, out-of-staters increased 11.6 percent.

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