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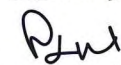
On March 20, 1996 the CNU community celebrated a vision that is carrying us to higher levels of excellence and expanding our reach and reputation. The energy, enthusiasm and hard work of our faculty, students, staff, alumni and many friends has made this a remarkable year.

- Student enrollment increased for the first time in six years and the Santoro Residence Hall was filled to capacity. Today we have 4600 students and 400 of those students live and study on campus.
- Tuition was reduced for all CNU students. This is only the second time in Virginia that any public or private college has reduced tuition.
- Governor George Allen presented CNU's Dr. Susan St. Onge with the Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. St. Onge was one of eleven professors from among the state's 16,000 faculty to receive this award.
- Private fundraising increased by 49.8%. The faculty and staff increased their contributions by 140%.
- The Commonwealth of Virginia increased our public funding by 49%.
- Commitments of \$13 million were secured toward the construction of a Center for the Arts designed by the world famous architectural firm of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners.
- A faculty-initiated economic development project giving assistance to local businesses in the use of the Internet, SEVAnet is credited with creating many new jobs.
- Partnerships were established with the Hampton Roads Regional Criminal Justice Academy and Virginia's high schools and community colleges.
- The Presidential Scholars Program was established which brought 64 outstanding students to campus, and Omicron Delta Kappa, the prestigious national leadership honor society, inducted its charter class.



My thanks to you for making 1996 a memorable and important year in the life of Christopher Newport University. Working together, we will make 1997 even better.

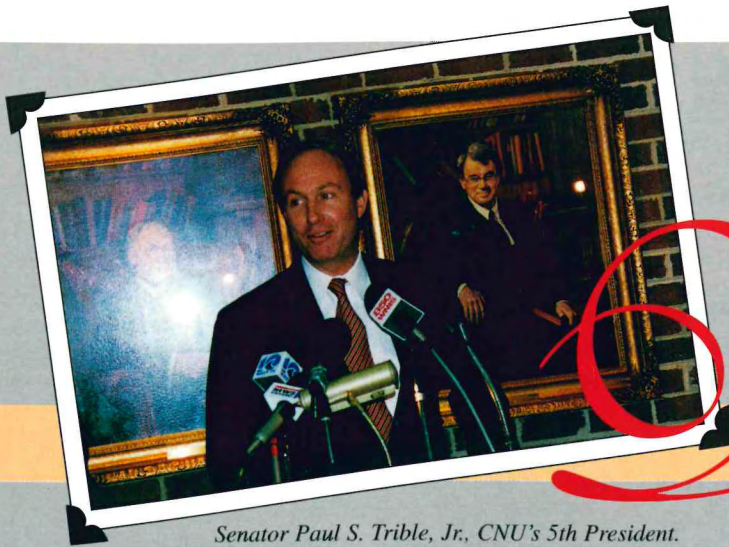
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**Statement of President Paul Tribble
at Christopher Newport University
March 20, 1996**

Today we gather to celebrate our success and talk about the future of Christopher Newport University. First, to our students, faculty and staff my special thanks for your warm welcome and encouragement. And to the many friends of CNU who have joined us today, we are honored and encouraged by your presence. This is my 80th day as President of Christopher Newport University.

Our job is to tell the CNU story more powerfully and persuasively and with your help to take this gem of a school and polish it a bit and share it with the world. We will start with our friends and neighbors on the Peninsula and then we will reach across this Commonwealth until CNU becomes a University of choice for all Virginians.



Christopher Newport University campus.

Local

Tribble sets growth as goal for CNU

By Mark Di Vincenzo
Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS

Christopher Newport University President Paul S. Tribble Jr. today will offer a six-year plan for CNU that includes increasing enrollment, raising more than \$10 million in private funds and building a second dormitory, a sports and convocation center and a performing arts center.

Today — Tribble's 80th day as CNU's president — "is a good time to report on the first 80 days and share the dreams I have for CNU," he said Tuesday in a meeting with Daily Press reporters, editors and editorial writers.

He said he is convinced CNU can accomplish these goals by "telling our story more wisely, more persuasively. I don't think people know a lot about CNU. The challenge is to tell a good story ... throughout the commonwealth of Virginia."

Tribble said he has been busy doing just that. In his brief tenure, he said he has delivered 23 speeches and met seven times with legislators in Richmond and 17 times with individuals about raising private funds for CNU. Tuesday night he was to meet with guidance counselors from high schools throughout Virginia.

"We need to establish CNU as a university of choice for all of Virginia," he said. "We want people to know this university, respect this university and be happy to be a part of this university."

In today's speech, titled "Vision 2002: Setting the Course for the Future of CNU," Tribble will speak of plans he has revealed before, including his desire to increase enrollment, raise more money and build new buildings.

He said that by March 2002, CNU will:

- Increase enrollment from 3,400 full-time students to 4,000, reversing a slow but steady five-year

enrollment decline. "We will always be a smaller alternative to neighboring universities," Tribble said.

- Complete a \$10 million fundraising campaign.

- Build another dormitory to accompany the 425-room dorm that houses about 300 students now. Tribble said having a residential population of about 800 to 1,000 will increase student spirit and participation, although CNU will continue to be a university that caters to older, commuter students.

- Build a performing arts center that can be seen from the busy cor-

ner of J. Clyde Morris and Warwick boulevards. The General Assembly has authorized the state treasurer to sell \$5 million in bonds to help finance it. Tribble said he will seek help from local communities, though he isn't sure how at this point.

- Build a sports and convocation center where university teams will play and where graduation ceremonies will occur.

"Our graduation is on May 11," he said, "and if it rains, we're all going to get wet."

Tribble hopes it rains a lot this spring because he announced Tuesday that next month CNU will begin

an effort to grow grass on campus where there is just mud and dirt.

"I look out my window and I see a lot of brown grass," he said. "I don't know why. We will watch things become green and lush and lovely."

Tribble today will also announce the first of CNU's 50 presidential scholars, who will receive between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per year. It is Tribble's hope that this scholarship will help attract top-notch students.

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CNU and the future

University deserves recognition as community asset

On Wednesday, Christopher Newport University's new president, Paul S. Tribble, outlined for both the university community and the Peninsula community his vision for the school's future. Although he had been on the job only 81 days, Tribble wanted to use the excitement created by the General Assembly's generosity toward the state supported university to jump start his own plans for improving CNU and its image.

By any measure, the assembly was generous to CNU this year, adding more than \$12 million for programs, salaries and buildings. That's an impressive 49 percent increase, and much of the credit goes to Del. Alan Diamonstein, D-Newport News.

But Tribble knows he must do more to improve CNU's financial condition than to just wait on money from Richmond. He must create more excitement about the university on and off its campus.

Most of CNU's students are commuters. Although 3,400 students are taking at least one course at the university this semester, only 350 live on campus.

There is little sense of community that students find at a residential college. Similarly, although CNU probably has more of its former students living within an hour's drive of campus than most colleges and universities, there's no powerful alumni association or sense of ownership within the community.

Recognizing this, Tribble wants to change that, in part, by adding up to 650 residential students with the hope that a more intense college experience will carry over in terms of financial support.

He is planning a \$10 million fund drive, and he hopes to draw the community to the campus with the construction of a performing arts center. The proposed center offers an opportunity for the Peninsula communities to acquire a long-needed facility and support CNU at the same time.

Tribble says CNU needs to be embraced by the community. He has offered a plan that deserves the community's support. The time has come for the community to take heed of this fine institution.



...Priority number one established by the Board of Visitors is to increase the financial resources available to the University...

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(l to r): Alan Diamonstein, Delegate, 94th House District; President Tribble; Megan Beyer; and Don Beyer, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia.

CNU Comes Out on Top at General Assembly

Christopher Newport University received an increase of **21.4 percent** in general fund operating dollars over last year, the highest of any public college or university in the commonwealth in this year's general assembly session.

President Paul Tribble said at the conclusion of the session, "Every member of our General Assembly delegation was most supportive of our needs and priorities and we are most grateful." He added, "There is one member of the General Assembly whose role was decisive in our success and that member is Alan Diamonstein."

Several major new statewide educational initiatives were approved in the 1996 \$35-billion dollar budget including \$400 million in new spending for college operating costs and construction, and a 2-year freeze on in-state college tuition.

Christopher Newport University was awarded \$2.5 million for technology and equipment, \$1.6 million for the operation and maintenance of Ferguson, \$180,000 for improvements in student services, \$100,000 for applied research lab equipment and \$1.2 million for faculty salaries. In addition, CNU will participate in a pilot project that exempts it from state review for authorized nongeneral fund capital projects.

CNU was also awarded money for two major capital projects: \$5 million for the construction of a performing arts cen-

ter and \$2.4 million for the renovation of Ferguson. Authority to proceed with planning for a sports and convocation center and a second residence hall was also granted.

President Tribble extends congratulations to CNU's Richmond team of Bob Doane, Cindi Perry, Bill Brauer and Pat McDermott.

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STATE FUNDING TO HIGHER EDUCATION A banner budget

Instead of leaving Richmond in a funk as they have for the past several years, representatives of Virginia's colleges and universities departed the capital in a jubilant mood at the conclusion of the General Assembly session.

State aid to secondary education has been flat during the 1990s, but that changed during this legislative session. The biennial budget, which Gov. George Allen is expected to sign, boosts funding for higher education by \$200 million, or 13 percent, over the next two years. Combined with a proposed two-year statewide college-tuition freeze, this is good news for the commonwealth's college students.

Local state schools were big winners. Christopher Newport University bagged an impressive 21.4 percent increase in state funding, or \$5 million. This windfall bears testimony to the combined influence wielded by Del. Alan A. Diamonstein of Newport News and former U.S. Sen. Paul Tribble, president of the Peninsula college.

Christopher Newport gets biggest increase in state funds

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWPORT NEWS — Christopher Newport University has again received the largest percentage funding increase of any public university in Virginia.

This is the second straight two-year budget that Christopher Newport has received a bigger increase.

The General Assembly allocated Christopher Newport 21.4 percent, or \$4.8 million, more in operating dollars for the 1996-98 biennium than the last one.

To compare, public colleges received an average of 13.6 percent more this biennium; Old Dominion University received 17.9 percent (\$16.6 million) more; Norfolk State University, 14.7 percent (\$6.1 million) more; and the College of William and Mary, 11.6 percent (\$6.4 million) more.

State Del. Alan A. Diamonstein, D-Newport News, chairman of the House of Delegates' education appropriations subcommittee, said the school deserved the large increase. "They're a local university in their early stages," he said, "and they needed a push."

Christopher Newport President Paul S. Tribble Jr. said, "It was a very good year for higher education in Virginia and a great year for CNU."

The increase is especially notable, Tribble said, considering Gov. George Allen's proposed budget included a 4.9-percent increase for CNU, the second lowest among four-year colleges.

Some of the money CNU received was earmarked for specific purposes, including:

- \$2.5 million to buy three main-frame computers.

- \$1.2 million for faculty salaries, including average pay raises of 6 percent in the first year of the biennium and 2 percent in the second year. CNU's average faculty salary of \$45,580 for this school year will rise to \$48,315 next school year and to \$49,281 during the 1997-98 school year.

- \$100,000 to build laboratories at the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility, a particle accelerator in Newport News.

The General Assembly also authorized the state treasurer to sell \$5 million in bonds to raise money to build a long-discussed performing arts center at CNU.

Faculty/Staff Gifts & Pledges Increase by More than 140 Percent!

Christopher Newport University's faculty and staff gifts and pledges to the 1996 Annual Fund generated \$136,940, while the school's overall percentage of participation increased to 58 percent in 1996, up from 40 percent in 1995.

Volunteer Chair Briana Richard said, "I was tickled and floored when I saw the number of people and the amount of gifts the University received." Richard credits the enthusiasm of President Tribble, the team approach to this year's campaign and what she called 'enthusiastic movers' who took charge of the Annual Fund. "Hopefully next year even more people will catch the CNU Fever," said Richard.

The University's employees were divided into six teams competing for the highest percentage of participation. CNU's top three teams were Team #4 led by Donna Mitchell and Barbara Copley, Team #1 led by Phyllis Ayers and Angela Young, and Team #6 led by professors Dorothy Doolittle and Jim Forte. Mitchell and Copley who dubbed themselves *Stars of the Sea* spurred their teammates into a competitive mode with innovative team stationery and memos throughout the duration of the fund drive.

Copley said the competitive spirit of the fund drive made it fun. "Prospective business donors look at how many employees give and when they see how many faculty and staff



(l to r): Annual Fund Team Leaders Donna Mitchell and Barbara Copley



(l to r): Richard presents \$250 prize to Library Circulation Supervisor Carol Lockwood.

give, they'll want to get on the bandwagon too," said Copley.

Mitchell agreed, "The staff is excited about the direction CNU is taking and they're very willing to participate and

contact other staff members."

Gifts of appreciation were given to Richard, Mitchell and Copley by President Tribble at a volunteer luncheon on January 7. In addition, names of each of the members of Stars of the Sea were entered in a \$250 drawing set aside by the Educational Foundation. Winner Carol Lockwood said the gift was a wonderful surprise. "For me, it was as much fun as winning the lottery. Working at CNU can definitely be a positive and enjoyable experience."

Each of this year's team leaders thank the University's faculty and staff for their enthusiasm and participation in the 1996 Annual Fund.



President Tribble greets students.

...A second priority is to increase enrollment-to attract more good students and keep them at CNU...

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YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEWPORT NEWS

Scholarly attitude

Northumberland graduate is CNU's 1st presidential scholar

By Mark Di Vincenzo
Daily Press

Four years ago, when Christy Lynn Brown was a 10th-grader at Northumberland High School, she was told she was one of the top five students in her class. She decided she had to stay there.

"I would come home from school, study, eat dinner, study again until 2 in the morning every night, go to school, study in the parking lot before school, go to classes, study at lunch, go to more classes, then go home and do it over again."

It paid off. She graduated with a 3.81 grade point average on a 4.0 scale — good for No. 2 in the class.

Last week, in the middle of a speech by Christopher Newport University President Paul S. Tribble Jr., Brown was announced as the first of 50 presidential scholars

at CNU. It has been a strange trip from Northumberland County to CNU, where she will attend college in the fall.

Brown, now 19, said she has no regrets about all of the studying she did in high school.

"It was what I wanted for myself," she said. "It made me feel so good. I gave the salutatorian speech at graduation."

But she "was burned out." During her senior year, she applied only to the College of William and Mary because she loved Williamsburg and was impressed with the college's lofty academic reputation, but she was put on a waiting list and never got in. She has no



BROWN. Graduated with a 3.81 grade point average.

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CNU PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

- Will be awarded between \$1,000 and \$5,000.
- Must have graduated in the top 10 percent of their class and score 1,000 or higher on the Scholastic Assessment Test if they are incoming freshmen.
- Must have completed 30 semester hours or more of transferable courses and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher if they are transfer students.
- May live in the honors wing of CNU's dorm, Santoro Residence Hall.
- May participate in CNU's honors program; its Student Leadership Institute, which offers leadership training through seminars and reinforces commitment to community service; and its Student Ambassador Program, which develops students' communications skills through interaction with professors, administrators and community leaders at special events.

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regrets about that either.

"I had my heart set on William and Mary, but it was fortunate that I did not go there," she said. "It is so academically challenging. I know students who've gone there. Their minds were blown. I would have studied just as hard there as I did in high school."

"After high school, I really wasn't ready for college," she said. "I needed to grow and mature."

And earn some money. Brown knew she needed money if she went to college, so she decided to get a job. She has worked for two years as an administrative assistant at a real estate company in Northumberland.

Last year she started thinking seriously again about college. Very few students from Northumberland go to CNU, and she didn't know a lot about it, but she learned. She said she likes that it is relatively small and that it is 1 hour and 45 minutes from home — "far enough away but not too far."

She just learned last week that she was CNU's first presidential scholar, an award that is worth between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Brown said she is told she will receive \$2,000.

She's not sure what her major area of study will be at CNU. In high school she was especially interested in studying business and accounting. Her high school guidance counselor called her "highly motivated, trustworthy, intelligent and compassionate."

"Exactly the kind of student we want at CNU," Tribble said.

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Christopher Newport to reduce tuition, room and board rates

BY ANDREW PETKOFSKY

TIMES-DISPATCH STAFF WRITER

NEWPORT NEWS — Christopher Newport University will reduce tuition for in-state students and lower room and board rates for all students next year, the school's board of visitors decided yesterday.

"We are serious about holding the line on costs and making our educational programs more affordable," CNU President Paul Tribble said. "Freezing tuitions is not enough. They should be reduced whenever possible."

In-state tuition will drop \$24, or 1 percent, from this year's rate of \$2,400. Room and board rates will drop \$100, or 2 percent, from the current rate of \$4,750, the board agreed.

With the addition of comprehensive fees, which will remain unchanged at \$950, the full cost of attending CNU will drop from \$3,350 to \$3,326 for in-state students who commute to the school, and from \$8,100 to \$7,976 for in-state students who live on campus.

Tuition for out-of-state students will remain unchanged at \$6,996, which totals \$7,946 with fees included. The out-of-state cost for tuition, fees, and room and board will drop from \$12,696 to \$12,596.

Only 7 percent of the school's approximately 3,400 students live in CNU's dormitory, so the tuition reduction will have a much larger effect than the room and board reduction.

Tribble said the drop in tuition will save students, and cost CNU, about \$90,000. Reductions in the room and board rate will add \$30,000 to that total, he said.

CNU touted itself in a news release as "the first college or university in Virginia to reduce tuition and fees in modern history." However, Michael McDowell, a

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spokesman for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, said the state's community colleges reduced tuition by a small amount in the mid to late 1980s.

"CNU is the first four-year, public college to do this in anyone's recollection," McDowell said.

The school was well equipped to make the reduction, he said, because the 1996 General Assembly granted CNU a 21.4 percent increase in its appropriation from the state general fund, the largest to any public college or university in the state. He said the average increase for all schools was 13 percent.

Tribble, however, said every dollar in the state appropriation already had been allocated to specific programs such as faculty salaries, supplies, technology improvements and other costs. He said specific cuts were

"I think every little bit helps students, and I think there are students for whom \$24 does make a difference," he said.

CNU, like other Virginia schools, has seen sharp increases in fees charged to students. Since 1990, increases in tuition and fees for in-state, full-time students have climbed more than 65 percent, with some one-year increases as high as 25.2 percent between 1992 and 1993, Tribble said, and 16 percent between 1991 and 1992.

He said tuitions at public colleges and universities statewide have become "outrageously high."

Tribble, a former U.S. senator, has promised since his installation several months ago to make CNU "a university of choice for all Virginians."



Christopher Newport University's Carol K. and Anthony R. Santoro Residence Hall was filled to capacity for the first time last year.



CNU Lady Captains Track

Old timers at CNU tell me that this year we have had more school spirit than ever before. I attribute that to the outstanding success of our championship basketball teams and also to the energy and enthusiasm of the CNU cheerleading squad that won the Dixie Conference Trophy...

School Spirit

Christopher Newport Captains Continue A Decade Tradition of Excellence

Christopher Newport University basketball fans have become accustomed to the Captains winning with the likes of All-Americans Lamont Strothers, Ted Berry, Steve Artis and Jo-Jo Chambers in control. For seven straight years CNU has had an All-American. But this year, CNU has put together one of its greatest seasons ever without a true standout player. It's a feat that has head coach C.J. Woollum and his squad pleased to no end.

Woollum said, "There were a lot of question marks when we began the season. We knew we had a good nucleus and hoped our new players would blend in well, but it was certainly hard to predict what would happen." Despite the challenges facing them going into the season, the Captains set high goals for themselves. Players say they set three major team goals: (1) win the conference regular season, (2) win the conference tournament and (3) get to the NCAA tournament.

CNU achieved all three goals. The Captains shared the Dixie Conference regular season title with Shenandoah, defeated the same team to win the conference tournament championship and earned another trip to the NCAA tournament.

Veteran Terry Thomas from Port St. Joe, Florida said this year's team has been unique. "You don't know who's going to have the big night." Senior Andre Bolton from Suitland, Maryland agrees, "Without each member of our team, we wouldn't be where we are. You can't be a one-man team. With this team there is no star, we're all stars."

"If there was ever a year that you talked about being a team year, this year is it," said Coach C.J. Woollum. "Different players have stepped up on different nights. We haven't had to rely on 'quote' the star each night. The talent has been spread around."



Courtesy of Sports Information

The CNU Captains celebrate another Dixie Conference Championship.

In addition to teamwork, Thomas and Bolton attribute part of the team's success to leadership and support from their fans. "To excel as a team, it takes leadership," said Thomas. "The senior players are responsible for motivating the rest of the team. When we're down, the whole rest of the team can go down." Bolton added the support they've received from the Christopher Newport University community has played a big role in their wins at home.

CNU's two home games in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament generated the kind of excitement Woollum hopes will continue. Numerous fans were turned away when Ratcliffe Gym sold out early for both games, demonstrating the need for a sports and convocation center. In fact, had CNU earned the right to host the "Sweet 16", it would have been moved off campus due to Ratcliffe's size.

Woollum, in his twelfth year at CNU, has won 227 games. In addition, he has coached nine NCAA Division III Tournaments, ten Dixie Conference Tournament Championship games and produced the highest NBA draft choice ever taken from a Division III team.

CNU Women 4th in NCAA Track

Christopher Newport University Women's Track team carried on another proud tradition of excellence in 1996, finishing fourth at the NCAA Division III meet.

Sophomore Bridgett Cochran won the individual national title by taking the 100-meter hurdles title at the NCAA Division III Outdoor National Track and Field Championship. Bridgett received one of 13 All-America honors won by women athletes at the outdoor championships as the Lady Captains placed fourth as a team. They had won two other All-America awards at the indoor championships.

The All-America total for the Christopher Newport University Women's Track now stands at a staggering 245 since 1981.

Women's Basketball Wins Dixie Conference Title

The Lady Captains Basketball Team is one of CNU's most successful programs in the Dixie Conference. During the past seven years, Women's Basketball Coach Cathy Parson has led the Lady Captains Basketball Team to six Dixie Conference regular-season championships, two conference tournament titles, and three NCAA Division III National Championship Tournaments. After an extremely tough early season schedule in 1996, CNU Women's Basketball finished the year 16-10 and claimed the Dixie Conference Regular Season Title.

Sophomore Misty Hart was named to the All Dixie Conference First Team and Junior Cynthia Allen was placed on the Second Team.

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2 CNU golfers well on course for excellence

By Jennifer L. Williams
Daily Press

It's not like these two are sabotaging each other's golf clubs or anything. But it's only natural to wonder about the competitiveness between Christopher Newport's top two golfers — Scott Scovil and Scott Causby.

Scovil, a senior, won the NCAA Division III national championship in 1994. Causby, a sophomore, came in two years ago and suddenly was right up there with Scovil.

Although CNU coach C.J. Woollum has kept playing Scovil in the No. 1 slot, the two have gone back and forth in terms of having the team's best stroke average. Sometimes CNU's top finisher is Scovil, sometimes it's Causby.

So, has any of this caused friction? No, both golfers say. They're not that cutthroat — besides, they're on the same team.

"We talk to each other just before we tee off at every tournament and we say: 'Let's go get 'em, me and you one and two,'" Causby said. "It doesn't matter to us which of us finishes first or second; it's a team thing."

It'll definitely be a team thing this weekend as the Captains compete in the Dixie Conference Tournament at Ford's Colony Golf Course in Williamsburg.

Scovil ought to be able to play that course flawlessly, even if you woke him up in the middle of the night and dragged him out there in his pajamas. He taught himself to play golf there after his family moved to Williamsburg seven years ago.

After arriving from Tennessee, Scovil didn't know anybody in the area. He literally just walked out on the course and started trying to figure out the game.

"It was hard at first, but I got hooked and started practicing," Scovil said.

Scovil readily admits that, as can be expected, his game was pretty bad back then. But he learned quickly and earned all-state independent-school honors in his junior and senior years at Walsingham Academy.

Scovil expected that to carry over into his college career. But he had a few false starts before he really got rolling.

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Scott Causby, left, and Scott Scovil will lead CNU into the Dixie Conference Tournament this weekend at Ford's Colony Golf Course. Courtesy of CNU

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I just think we were a truly blessed team this year. So many teams out there would kill to be .500.

C.J. Woollum
CNU men's basketball coach

CNU coach savors 'truly great' year

Final-16 showing caps 24-6 campaign

By Jennifer L. Williams
Daily Press

Christopher Newport men's basketball coach C.J. Woollum says he would have taken it.

If, prior to this season, one had mapped out a campaign for his team as good as the one it actually had, Woollum would have snapped it up. That's how thrilled he is.

The Captains went 24-6 and reached the NCAA Division III tournament's "Sweet 16" before losing to Washington University of St. Louis on Saturday. This year's CNU team equaled the school record for most victories and became the first Captains squad to win two games in the NCAA tourney.

The lineup was a mix of veterans and new blood. Woollum had seniors Andre Bolton at point guard and Terry Thomas at center, plus forward Jeff McLean, who returned after a one-year absence from the team. Throw in sophomore forward David Powell and wing Matt Bryant, both of whom started part of the 1994-95 season, and a strong bench, and you have Woollum's formula.

"I just think we were a truly blessed team this year," he said. "So many teams out there would kill to be .500. But to have a year like this, their coach would just retire after that."

"It was a truly great year. There were question marks going in. But the guys did everything we asked of them, were very goal-oriented and just achieved so much."

Bolton was the glue, masterfully protecting the basketball and running the floor. Thomas held things down inside, while McLean showed that his jump shot is one of the steadiest in the Dixie.

CNU used its usual running, up-tempo style while mixing in potent 3-point shooting.

The Captains won both their own CNU/Fairfield Inn Invitational and the Washington College (Md.) Invitational tournaments during the season. The Captains tied Shenandoah for the regular-season Dixie Conference championship, then beat the Hornets in Shenandoah's gym for the conference tournament title.

The previous two seasons marked the first time during Woollum's 12 years as head coach that CNU had gone two years without winning the conference tournament.

Prior to this season, Woollum hinted that he saw that as a sign of slippage.

He got the tournament championship, and its automatic NCAA bid, back this season.

CNU MEN'S RECORDS

■ **TEAM:** Free throws made (513) and attempted (703), free-throw percentage (73), assists (634).

■ **INDIVIDUAL:** David Powell for 3-point shooting percentage (46), Andre Bolton for free throws made in a game (22), Bolton for free throws made (159) and attempted (197) in a season, Bolton for most free throws made in one game without a miss (12), Bolton for assists (281), Terry Thomas for blocked shots in a season (90) and for a career (271).

"It was one of those years that when you go into it, you say if we could have that kind of year, we'd be thrilled," Woollum said. "It was as fun a year as I've had in 12 years."

Woollum established a good foundation for next season as nine of his 13 players were freshmen or sophomores.

Bolton and Thomas finished their careers as part of the winningest four-year span in CNU history.

Bolton is second on CNU's assists list, and fourth on Division III's all-time list, with 729. He is also third in steals for CNU with 210. Thomas wound up as CNU's second-leading rebounder all-time, with 904, and set a school record for career blocked shots with 271.

Woollum loses them, plus reserve guard Tony Wood.

"Those two are huge losses, plus Tony's defensive and inspirational contributions," Woollum said. "But that's part of it. You have them for a certain period of time, and then you have to let them go."

"But we've got a heck of a nucleus to build on. We know we're going to recruit some kids. The future looks very bright for us."

CNU's women's team finished 16-10, winning the Dixie Conference regular-season championship and reaching the tournament final before losing to Shenandoah.

The Captains lost point guard Tina Martin to an ankle injury and relied on freshman Leema Madden at that position.

CNU got a big boost when Misty Hart, a versatile player who can play just about any position, transferred in from Old Dominion over the Christmas break.

Junior forward Dolmesha Stallings struggled through the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and had surgery last week to repair the tear. Sophomore Dana Edwards and junior Cynthia Allen were the team's leaders.

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Golfers

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"The college game is totally different, and that really threw me off," Scovil said.

He went to UNC Wilmington, then transferred to the University of Tennessee. His college golf plans didn't work out at either place, and he ended up out of college golf for a year and a half.

Then Scovil decided it was time to get straightened out. He talked to Woollum, saying he wanted to come back to this area, and settle down to go to school and play golf.

In his first collegiate match, at Barton College in the spring of 1993, Scovil got off to a bad start. It was a cold, yucky-weather day, and one bad shot led to another.

"I just expected so much from myself," Scovil said. "I had a few bad holes, and then I got mad and stayed mad. It just got worse. If you hit a bad shot, you've just got to blow it off and keep going."

Scovil said that basically in golf, if you get angry, your game suffers. He has learned not to let bad play carry over and cause more of the same.

He rebounded from his horrendous opener to win the Ferrum Spring Invitational and become one of the Captains' top performers.

In his sophomore year, Scovil really hit his stride. He won the Virginia Division II-III state championship and the Division III national championship, setting a school single-season stroke average record of 74.29. But he had a bit of a let-down last season.

"After I won the national championship, I was on such a high for

CAUSBY, SCOVIL AT A GLANCE

SCOTT CAUSBY

■ **SCHOOL:** Christopher Newport.

■ **YEAR:** Sophomore.

■ **HOMETOWN:** Hampton.

■ **GOLFING NOTABLES:** Fourth golfer in CNU history to earn All-American honors, finishing tied for 11th at the 1995 Division III nationals. . . . Had second lowest stroke average (74.33) in school history his freshman season. Was a standout high school player at Hampton Roads Academy.

so long," Scovil said. "I had done so well, and I came back the next year just expecting to win everything. I had kind of a bad year last year, and it was disappointing."

This spring, Scovil has been finishing his career being pushed by Causby. Currently one-tenth of a stroke separates the two in stroke average — Causby is averaging 76.8, Scovil 76.9.

Causby, 27, graduated from Hampton Roads Academy and attended Old Dominion before returning to the Peninsula and getting a job. Then he decided to go back to college to get his degree and play golf.

Although Causby has sometimes finished ahead of Scovil, and at times led the team in stroke average, Woollum has always played Scovil at No. 1.

"After he won the national championship, I promised him that the No. 1 spot was his," Woollum said. "And Scott Causby understands that. They go back and forth on stroke average, but he (Causby)

SCOTT SCOVIL

■ **SCHOOL:** Christopher Newport.

■ **YEAR:** Senior.

■ **HOMETOWN:** Williamsburg.

■ **GOLFING NOTABLES:** Won NCAA Division III national championship in 1994. . . . Set school single-season record with a 74.29 stroke average in the spring of 1994. . . . Two-time all-state independent schools golfer in high school at Walsingham Academy.

will probably lock No. 1 for the next two years.

"Scovil's going to go out of here with all the records. He achieved the ultimate as national champion and has done much beyond that as far as leading the team."

CNU finished second out of 15 teams at last weekend's state Division II-III tournament. Causby finished third among individuals, Scovil sixth.

Scovil will graduate next month and hopes to continue his golf career in some sort of professional capacity. He has worked at Kingsmill and at Ford's Colony, establishing a lot of contacts in the golf community.

"After graduation, I want to play most of the summer as an amateur," Scovil said. "I may turn pro at the end of the summer. I'm looking for some sponsors, and I'd like to do some of the spring mini-tours in North Carolina and South Carolina."

Causby will be back at CNU, with two more years to try to top Scovil's stellar career.



We will be actively engaged in shaping the economic, civic and cultural life of this community. This University will be on the forefront of efforts to promote economic growth, enhance cultural opportunities, strengthen public education and improve the quality of life for all our citizens.

community

(l to r): President Tribble with Chicago Tribune columnist and Pulitzer Prize winner Clarence Page and Daily Press President and Publisher Jack Davis, Jr. following address by Page.

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Students to earn university credits

By Mathew Paust
Daily Press

GLOUCESTER

Gloucester County school administrators gave their School Board a sneak preview Monday of a cooperative program with Christopher Newport University that will be officially unveiled today by CNU President Paul Tribble.

Tribble is expected to discuss the program at convocation ceremonies for teachers this morning at Gloucester High School.

School Superintendent J. Larry Hoover said the program, which will enable high school students to get university credit for taking certain advanced courses, may be unique.

"I don't know of any place in Virginia where there is this close a relationship between a high

■ Credits

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school and a university," Hoover said.

He said the CNU-Gloucester agreement grew out of a letter he wrote to Tribble soon after Tribble was named in December to head the Newport News-based university. Tribble responded with enthusiasm, Hoover said, and CNU and Gloucester school staff began meeting in late spring to hammer out the details.

Assistant School Superintendent Yvonne V. Thayer explained that the program, which will start in the coming school year, is similar to another, with Rappahannock Community College, which also will start this year.

The RCC program will offer three college credits for an advanced English course, while CNU will grant university freshman credit for high school courses in statistics and advanced calculus.

In both programs, high school teachers and curricula must be recognized by the colleges as meeting their standards. In classes where a particular teacher might not have

"I think the chances would be extremely good that these credits would be accepted throughout Virginia colleges. I believe there's a cooperative agreement among them."

Yvonne V. Thayer
Assistant School Superintendent

adequate credentials to meet the CNU standard, a college professor will assist, Thayer said.

In addition to the two math courses, she said, the CNU program will include a pilot course in government, in which students will communicate via computer with a CNU professor.

Another part of the program will guarantee admission to CNU for Gloucester students who complete the high school's Passport Program by achieving the following: a combined SAT score of 1,000, ranking in the top third of their class and a minimum grade-point average of 2.5.

Successful passport students also will be given priority for scholarships to CNU, be given CNU library cards, be offered Internet access and be invited to university events. High school may eventual-

ly be invited to attend a magnet school to be part of a planned new CNU center for the performing arts, Thayer said.

Hoover noted that students participating in the program will not be obligated to attend CNU after high school graduation and that, if they choose not to, their coursework in the program probably wouldn't have been in vain.

"I think the chances would be extremely good that these credits would be accepted throughout Virginia colleges. I believe there's a cooperative agreement among them," he said.

After the presentation by Hoover and Thayer, the four School Board members who attended the special afternoon meeting gave the plan a unanimous endorsement.

"I think it's a great incentive," said Jay McGlohn.

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The Honorable John W. Warner addresses CNU graduates.

Warner urges CNU grads to remember responsibility

By Battinto Batts Jr.
Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS

U.S. Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va., was the speaker for Christopher Newport University's 64th commencement. Warner, who is seeking re-election, used his address to praise CNU President Paul S. Tribble Jr. and to talk about the importance of responsibility, integrity, duty, family, faith and freedom.

"As each of you leave here today, armed with your reward for your hard work, I urge you to keep these words in mind," Warner said.

Warner, awarded an honorary doctorate of laws degree by the university, told the graduates that with their help America can undergo an economic growth similar to that of

the 1950s and '60s — the period following his graduation from college.

"We went out into the community when America was experiencing its greatest boom. This class will be the building block of America for the 1990s and the next century."

The commencement ceremony was the first for Tribble, who took over the university in January.

Warner praised Tribble, a former U.S. Senator, for helping the university secure a 21 percent increase from the 1996 General Assembly.

"Paul has one weakness that I know of and that is that he cannot resist the call of public service," Warner said the Virginia General Assembly "recognized from Paul that this is a small but growing university."

COMBINED VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN

Thank you once again to all of the CNU faculty and staff that helped to make this year's CVC campaign such a huge success. This year, CNU raised 134% more than last year with a 360% increase in participation! Our grand total was \$13,702.90. Special thanks to our 1996 CVC coordinators: Amy Boykin, Gerald Bright, Michelle Carpenter, Diane Catanzaro, Dane Davis, Bonnie Durban, Doug Gordon, Pat Hixon, Cindy Lackey, Ron Mollick, Steve Pappas, Mark Reimer, Donna Varner, and John Wood.



Thank You



(l to r): President Tribble accepts award for CNU's successful CVC campaign from Peninsula United Way campaign chairman Barry DuVal.

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Open doors

Christopher Newport University and the Newport News public schools are trying to make it easier for the city's high school students to take college-level courses at CNU. While this is certainly good news for the students, we believe it will also serve the university well as it attempts to become a more important player in local affairs.

CNU President Paul Tribble is to be commended for efforts to make the university part of the greater community. Too often in the past, CNU has seemed remote from its surroundings.

We hope students will take advantage of this new opportunity to experience college level work.

LOCAL & STATE

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1996

Beyer: Education is 'highest public good'

By Mark Di Vincenzo
Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS

Lt. Gov. Donald S. Beyer Jr., who wants to be governor, assured Christopher Newport University's faculty and administration Tuesday he is — and will be — a friend to education and higher education.

Beyer, the keynote speaker at CNU's Founders Day, said "the highest responsibility" of Virginia's leaders is to make the state's public schools and colleges the best in the nation.

"Education is the highest public good," he said, "and higher education is the culmination and fulfillment of this commitment to learning. Now, everybody knows the reality. ... College graduate men make 89 percent more income than high school-diploma-only men. It's 60 percent for college women."

Higher education has been a politically charged issue in Virginia during the past year. College officials and business leaders have criticized Gov. George Allen for not budgeting enough money for public colleges. Tuition soared in the early 1990s, they say, because the state hasn't paid its share. Last year, the General Assembly, backed by Beyer, added more money to



CNU President Paul S. Tribble Jr., left, walks with Lt. Gov. Don Beyer, the keynote speaker at CNU's Founders Day. *Dave Bowman/Daily Press*

Allen's higher education budget.

Beyer, who has made it no secret he wants to be governor and has assembled a campaign staff, said during an interview on Tuesday he probably will formally announce his candidacy soon after next year's legislative session.

Asked if his run for governor is inevitable, he said, "Nothing's for sure, but I have been preparing for this my whole life."

Beyer, who first made his name as the owner of a large Volvo deal-

ership in Northern Virginia, recently bought a Chevrolet, he said, because he needs a large car when he begins actively campaigning next year.

Like institutions throughout Virginia, CNU has begun courting Beyer.

On Monday night, CNU President Paul S. Tribble Jr. hosted a dinner in Beyer's honor.

During an interview on Tuesday, Tribble said, "No university can have too many friends," and he noted

that Beyer is the state's highest ranking Democrat and that U.S. Sen. John Warner, a Republican, spoke at CNU's commencement last spring.

"Don Beyer is an able lieutenant governor, and he very well may be our next governor," he said. "If the people of Virginia" elect him governor, "we will look forward to working with him."

During the Founders Day speeches, speakers hearkened back to CNU's birth 36 years ago as Christopher Newport College.

CNU Rector David L. Peebles, the leader of the university's governing board, praised the university's former presidents and its current one, Tribble, a former congressman and U.S. senator who became president in December after Anthony Santoro resigned.

"I honestly believe our university is in great hands," Peebles said.

Tribble announced that James Forte, associate professor of sociology, and Susan St. Onge, professor of French, won the CNU President's Award for Outstanding Teaching. Onge and Forte, who were nominated by the faculty for the State Council of Higher Education's faculty awards, received plaques and \$1,000.

CNU and HR Regional Academy of Criminal Justice Announce Partnership

In a joint news conference with the Hampton Roads law enforcement community and state and local officials, CNU President Paul Tribble announced that the Hampton Roads Regional Academy of Criminal Justice would move to the Ferguson Hall Annex in December.

Tribble said, "The leasing of the Ferguson Annex is only a temporary step toward the creation of an exciting 21st century facility for teaching and learning on our campus. We will move quickly to establish this new academic building."

The academy provides training for over 3,400 law enforcement professionals each year. CNU has an outstanding criminal justice program - 128 criminal justice majors and houses the Mid-Atlantic Police Supervisory Institute which trains first line supervisors. In addition, CNU pro-



(l to r): Secretary of Public Safety Jerry Kilgore, CNU President Paul Tribble, James City County Police Chief Robert Key, Newport News Mayor Joe Frank, Gloucester County Sheriff Robin Stanaway, Hampton Roads Partnership President Barry DuVal, Smithfield Police Chief Mark Marshall and Williamsburg Mayor Gil Granger participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

vides the opportunities for distance learning through CNU Online.

"Today, more than ever, criminal

justice officers must be strong, well-trained, decisive and they must be thoughtful, compassionate and ethical. These are

Business

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SEVAnet generates 73 area jobs

Local group teaches
businesses about online

By Mark Krewatch
Daily Press

SEVAnet, a local group that's been teaching businesses how to go online, helped to create or save 73 regional jobs in 1996, according to Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology.

Based at Christopher Newport University, SEVAnet introduced 27 Hampton Roads companies to the Internet and World Wide Web in 1996, setting them up with home pages and electronic mail capability.

A survey commissioned by CIT, which provided \$30,000 in seed money for the SEVAnet project, showed that in addition to hiring more employees, the participants realized \$2.5 million in either new revenue or cost savings.

"We've been looking at actually replicating groups like SEVAnet throughout the state," said Karen Jackson, CIT's regional director in Hampton Roads.

"Everybody's been quite pleased, you never know what the success of a project's going to be."

CIT sponsors technology centers at universities around the state, most of which provide research and development assistance to individual companies in a specialized field, such as wireless communications.

SEVAnet instead is promoting the use of an existing technology in a community where many companies have yet to embrace the new world of electronic mar-

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keting and communication.

"We look at ourselves as a practical applications lab," said SEVAnet spokesman Bill Muir.

George Mason University conducted the survey, and individual responses — 22 of 27 companies answered — are confidential, leaving CIT and SEVAnet unsure exactly where all the new or saved jobs are.

Peninsula Software, for one, hired a new programmer. Several larger computer companies saw the the firm's payroll software on its home page, resulting in four joint venture deals to design similar products, according to Leroy Newman, Peninsula Software's president.

Pat Genzler, a lawyer with Vandeventer, Black, Meredith & Martin, said his firm's main benefits have been cost savings and better communication.

The firm practices maritime law and often deals with people overseas, and e-mail has saved time and money, Genzler said.

The Internet has provided online research capability, particularly for government reports and data, cutting more costs, he said.

"It just improves the way we do business and improves the way we communicate with clients, and it was immediate," Genzler said.

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the lessons that we will impart and in so doing we will be in the forefront of the education and training of law enforcement professionals for the 21st century," Tribble stated.

Secretary of Public Safety Jerry Kilgore said, "You are moving forward recognizing that the jobs of the future are going to be in the criminal justice arena. Christopher Newport is on the leading edge."

The partnership is just one more example of regional cooperation said Newport News Mayor Joe Frank. "This is the kind of project that demonstrates the success and positive aspects of what can happen in a community and to a community when we all work together for the common vision and a common goal," he added.

President of the Hampton Roads Partnership and former mayor of Newport News Barry DuVal said, "It's exciting that we live in a region where dreams become a reality. This is a dream that has become a reality in the life of our community."

Newport News Police Chief and chairman of the Academy William Corvello added, "We salute not merely the sharing of real estate or the combination of resources, but the benefits that this partnership will yield to the entire Hampton Roads community."

"I think this affiliation will create opportunities and exchanges of information and ideas that we haven't thought of before," said James City County Police Chief and incoming chairman of the Academy Robert Key. "I see this as an exciting time."



We expect much of our faculty. They are required to maintain expertise in their discipline, to participate in University governance, to build academic programs and to serve the larger community. All of these commitments are important but none is so central as excellence in the classroom...

Faculty

(l to r): CNU English Professor and Fulbright Professorship recipient Dr. Roberta Rosenberg and Graduate Student Rory Stapleton.

CNU's Susan St. Onge Receives State's Highest Honor for Faculty

Christopher Newport University Professor of French Dr. Susan St. Onge was selected as one of eleven professors from among the state's 16,000 faculty to receive this year's Outstanding Faculty Award. Governor George Allen presented Dr. St. Onge the award, a commemorative crystal sculpture and \$5,000, at a banquet in Richmond, February 10.

St. Onge said she was pleased to accept the award on behalf of the University.



(l to r): Governor George Allen presents crystal sculpture to CNU Professor of French Dr. Susan St. Onge.

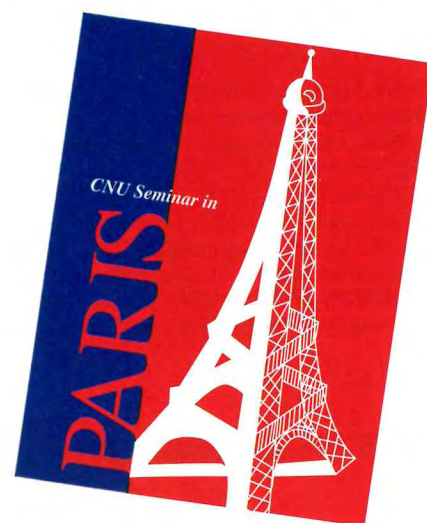
"I hope what the public will see in this is a reflection of the kind of faculty we have at CNU," said St. Onge.

"Outstanding teaching has always been highly regarded here at Christopher Newport," said CNU President Paul Tribble. "Teachers like Susan are essential to maintaining excellence in the classroom."

St. Onge has exemplified the University's pledge to outstanding teaching through her work in the classroom and community and through her research. Last spring she was named *Chevalier in the Order des Palmes Academique* by the government of France. In the fall, St. Onge was presented with the President's Award for Outstanding Teaching.

The author of ten books and numerous journal articles on French language and culture, St. Onge recently completed a two-volume series on French civilization and culture. She works with high school teachers conducting workshops and presentations and will team-teach the *CNU Seminar in Paris* with Provost Robert Doane in June.

"It was wonderful to be recognized by the French government," said St. Onge. "At that point, it was the most exciting honor I had ever received. Then to be recognized by CNU, and now at the state level, it is absolutely thrilling. I think it is very impressive that the State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) offers this award, because



very often in our profession a sense of accomplishment is much more of an abstract thing. It's good that the state has chosen to recognize the state's faculty in a more concrete and public manner."

Elizabeth Mc-Clanahan, chairman of the SCHEV board, said, "Virginia's institutions of higher learning are the finest in the nation, and our outstanding faculty members play the fundamental role in making that a continuing reality. In Virginia, we take seriously our job of offering higher education opportunities of unparalleled excellence to students. For this reason, all of Virginia's citizens are indebted to the 1997 Faculty Award recipients, who were selected because of their distinctive contributions in teaching, research and public service."

CNU Department of Accounting Ranked in the National Top Twenty on CPA Examination

Christopher Newport University's Department of Accounting is ranked 18th in the nation and second in Virginia on the passing rate of first-time candidates who took the Uniform CPA Examination in the most recently, released results. At least twenty candidates from each university must take all four parts of the exam for the first time in order to qualify for the national ranking. More than thirty-three percent of CNU's first time candidates passed the rigorous two-day exam. The national average, based on the scores of over 1,000 colleges, is seventeen percent.

CNU CPA exam coordinator and instructor of accounting, Mike Jones, was very pleased with the University's ranking. "If you look at the long term trends, our average exam scores have been consistently above the national average. The CPA pass exam rate is just one measure of the success of our department."

The exam is given twice a year in May and November. A passing score in each of the exam's four parts is needed to apply for a license as a certified public accountant.

Jones says tougher standards within the business school have improved the program.

Students must successfully complete five core business courses before entering the program and then achieve a minimum of a "B" in two *Principles of Accounting* courses.

"Our program has always been very successful," said department chairman and associate professor of accounting Dr. Wayne Schell. "We draw students with experience in the community - those with prior work experience and an understanding of what it takes to be successful. The vast majority of our accounting majors have a strong desire to excel. They're highly motivated."

Steve Halliday, managing partner with the CPA firm Coopers & Lybrand, said, "We have been very pleased as a firm with the graduates from CNU. They have shown a sense of maturity and a knowledge of the business market in addition to top technical



Jones and senior accounting major Frances Ficklen discuss the role of the CPA in society.

skills which have been very helpful to us."

The department graduates approximately sixty students a year. Jones says each of the students receives personal attention. "There is not a student who graduates in this department that we don't know by name," said Jones.

Statewide, CNU was second to the University of Virginia, which was ranked first in the nation.

CNU's Dr. Gary Whiting Involves Students in Research Project on Marsh Gas Emissions

A biology research project led by Christopher Newport University's Dr. Gary Whiting is teaching students first hand about the greenhouse effect. Dr. Whiting's project examines relationships among three primary wetland systems: the subtropical Everglades, the expansive marshes of southwestern Louisiana and the boreal peatlands of Alberta and Northwest Territories.

The greenhouse effect is where certain types of trace gases, methane being one of them, absorb heat waves. Scientists are concerned that the greenhouse effect could change weather patterns and lead to global warming. Dr. Whiting says that the natural wetlands emit approximately twenty percent of the total amount of methane that reaches the atmosphere each year.

The first part of Dr. Whiting's research project began last month when graduate student Becky Deeley, seniors Cathy Siefers, Stacy Muller and Shawn Owens went to the



(l to r): CNU biology students Shawn Owens, Cathy Siefers and Stacy Muller clean plant chamber before leaving for the Florida Everglades.

marshes of the Florida Everglades to study grass and cat tails. The group will return this month.

Preparation for their trip began a month and a half before they left. Under Dr. Whiting's instruction, students designed much of the equipment for their study, including air-conditioning units made out of a car radiator and four plant chambers. Deeley

said constructing the climate controlled, air-conditioning plant chambers took some ingenuity. "We hooked a battery to run the fans which will circulate air around the plants to provide an atmosphere similar to their normal environment."

The students hope to get a better handle on methane production by comparing their results to satellite data already collected by other scientists. They will study different types of vegetation and the reflectance from each species. The data collected will then be compared to vegetation in different latitudes. Dr. Whiting said, "This kind of research should provide a basis for the use of remote sensing to track methane emissions from a variety of wetlands over a period of time."

Two additional groups of students will study the level of methane emissions from the bull tongue plant in Louisiana next summer and in the Canada wetlands during the next two summers.



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LOCAL

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CNU performing arts center plan debuts

By David Nicholson
Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS

Christopher Newport University moved its dream of a performing arts center one step closer on Thursday with a luncheon introducing the project to about 90 business, political, arts and community leaders.

CNU President Paul S. Tribble Jr. asked those gathered to commit themselves to his "Creating a Masterpiece" campaign.

A pledge card underneath a "Symphony" brand chocolate bar offered guests a chance to become a charter member of the project.

"This is the prelude, but we are well along," said Tribble. "And you are the people who carry this dream."

CNU has been promised \$5 million in state bond money toward construction of the arts facility. Tribble said the center probably would cost between \$15 million and \$25 million.

Newport News Mayor Barry DuVal pledged that the City Council would provide funds for the architectural/engineering study

needed to get the project off the ground.

More money from Newport News would be forthcoming, he said.

Several spoke in favor of the project, which Tribble estimated would take four years to complete.

During lunch, the CNU choir sang "Somewhere" from Bernstein's "West Side Story" that contains the line, "there's a place for us, somewhere a place for us." Mark Reimer, chairman of CNU's music department, wryly pointed out that the song reflects the need for a proper hall in which to perform.

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Daily Press

A defining moment

CNU performance hall can transform the Peninsula

The decision by Christopher Newport University to have one of the world's premier architectural firms design a performing arts center proposed for the school's campus is a bold challenge. CNU President Paul Tribble isn't being cautious here. He's daring the Peninsula to redefine itself.

The university has selected the New York firm of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners to do the design. The group's work includes the Holocaust Museum, the East Building of the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., and an expansion of the Louvre in Paris. To have on the Peninsula a major structure designed by such a renowned firm would truly be a mark of distinction and would do far more than transform the university. It would transform the community, providing an architectural landmark to serve as a center of the arts.

The proposed location, on the former Ferguson High School property, would allow the center to reinforce the cultural and educational opportunities already offered by the presence nearby of The

Mariners' Museum, itself a world-class institution, the Peninsula Fine Arts Center and the Virginia Living Museum. If the Peninsula wants a cultural corridor, here is the opportunity.

Tribble puts the cost to design, build and equip the CNU center at \$25 million, of which about \$12 million has been raised. Drawings and a model are expected to be ready by Feb. 1.

We hope that the citizens, private and corporate, of the Peninsula will leap to the support of this effort. Christopher Newport is the Peninsula's university. Ninety-six percent of its graduates live and work here. And for that reason alone, the local governments should pitch in, too. The city of Newport News and the state of Virginia have already pledged \$10.6 million.

The question, really, is whether the Peninsula believes it deserves such a significant project. If this is the community's vision and if people are willing to forget about city and county lines and work together, then the applause for the first performance can begin now.

Pei firm to design CNU center

Performing arts complex slated to open in 1999

By David Nicholson
Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS

Christopher Newport University's new performing arts center will be designed by the world-class architectural firm founded by I.M. Pei.

The New York firm, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, was selected from six finalists by a CNU search committee. The group's high-profile projects include the Holocaust Museum and the East Building of the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., the expansion of the Louvre museum in Paris and the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.

CNU President Paul S. Tribble Jr. said Wednesday he wants the first performance in the concert hall-theater complex to take place Dec. 31, 1999.

A feasibility study will be ready in two months, he said, with architectural drawings and a scale model due in February. The cost for this phase will be \$365,635.

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IT'S PEIDAY AT

CNU. CNU President Paul Tribble was ready with a surprise when he met with a reporter for an interview Wednesday afternoon. He handed out a Payday candy bar. But on this one, the wrapper had been doctored a little to make the bar a Peiday. And Tribble was obviously still very high about the news made public Wednesday morning that I.M. Pei's world-renowned architectural firm would design the college's new performing arts complex. "Are we making a statement?" Tribble asked rhetorically. The firm of Pei Cobb Free & Partners was selected from among 19 other firms and was the unanimous choice of a 10-member committee. "It was a clear choice," Tribble said Wednesday afternoon. "They stood out and stood above all the others."

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said Tribble, which will be paid out of \$650,000 in start-up money committed by Newport News City Council.

The project is expected to go to bid in January 1998, followed by a 20-month construction period. The center will be located on the former Ferguson High School property near the entrance to the Mariners' Museum.

The Pei firm will work with several nationally known consultants in assembling the project. A.M.S. Planning and Research will develop a financial package, and Kirkegaard & Associates will design the acoustics. These firms are among the top in the country and were recommended by most of the finalists, said Tribble. Kirkegaard has worked on several projects with the Pei firm.

Local architects on the project will be Hanbury Evans Newell Vlattas & Company of Norfolk, which has been involved in numerous arts projects including the renovation of Norfolk's Wells Theatre.

The feasibility study will be developed by Theater Projects Consultants Inc., the same firm that prepared the now-shelved study of a performing arts center for the city of Hampton in 1994. Company representatives will return to Newport News on Sept. 3 for two days of interviews with arts and community leaders.

CNU's arts center "will define the future of our university and the community," said Tribble, clearly enthusiastic about this latest development.

"Pei's buildings are works of art that are known and respected around the world," said Tribble. "Their involvement will set us apart and put us on the international map."

"This building and other plans CNU has will take this school a notch above a lot of other schools in the state," said Anna McNider, a member of the search committee and chair of the Hampton Performing Arts Task Force.

Though no preliminary sketches have been prepared, Tribble envisions an arts complex that will contain a 1,500- to 2,000-seat concert hall; a 400- to 800-seat theater; a

A SAMPLING OF WORK BY I.M. PEI



The East Building of the National Gallery of Art, above, and the Holocaust Museum, below, were both designed by the architectural firm founded by I.M. Pei. Both buildings are in Washington, D.C. Pei Cobb Freed & Partners



small, experimental theater; and academic space for lectures and rehearsals. The estimated cost for construction, outfitting and endowing such a facility will be \$25 million, he said. In April, Tribble estimated the cost at between \$15 and \$25 million.

The project has gathered steam since Tribble announced his plans in March. At a kickoff luncheon in April, about 100 people from across Hampton Roads signed cards pledging their support for the center. The General Assembly has approved \$5 million in construction bond money for the project, and the Newport News City Council has pledged an additional \$5.6 million.

An advertisement drew interest from 17 firms, said Tribble, and a 10-member search committee chose six finalists. Each firm made a 90-minute proposal to the committee Aug. 8.

In addition to McNider, the search committee's community members are Betty Marie Lassen and Dan Shellabarger, co-chairs of the Newport News Performing Arts Center Committee; and Beverly Diamonstein, a Peninsula Fine Arts Center board member and wife of Del. Alan A. Diamonstein, D-Newport News. Committee members

associated with CNU are Paul and Rosemary Tribble; Rector David Peebles; Chief of Staff Cynthia Perry; Vice President for University Relations John Miller; Director of Music Mark Reimer; and assistant professor of art Greg Henry.

These members will continue to be involved with the project, said Tribble, though the size and scope of the committee will be expanded.

Though Pei Cobb Freed & Partners has designed a number of internationally recognized buildings, the firm frequently works on smaller projects, according to associate partner Charles T. Young. Pei is now retired from the firm, though he still works as an architect.

"A firm's reputation tends to rest on its well-known projects," said Young. "We have also worked at a number of universities, from large to small."

Currently, the architects are designing a new performing arts center for the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the renovation of the music conservatory at the University of Cincinnati, he said.

The firm is best-known for its abstract, modernist designs of buildings such as the East Building, he said, but it will take into consideration the prevailing architecture of CNU's campus.

"The East Wing was designed for a client that wanted a work of art," said Young. "It is, essentially, a large piece of sculpture."

"Even though we are modernists, we are also contextualists," he said. "We use the motifs, materials and forms of the existing buildings and try to interpret them. The best architecture possesses both memory and invention."



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Widening Warwick

Open up the boulevard to Christopher Newport

Although the widening of Warwick Boulevard near Christopher Newport University is still years away, the process of making critical design decisions is under way now. As is usually the case in such projects, the parties commenting the loudest are those most directly affected by it: the landowners along the roadway.

While we understand their concerns, the city of Newport News has a responsibility to a much broader audience, as does the state, which has ultimate say over the design. A process exists to compensate landowners affected by the widening, and with some creative thinking, we believe it will be possible to satisfy many of the individuals, institutions and businesses involved.

But the focus must remain on the greater good of the city and the responsibility to ensure a smooth flow of traffic along Warwick. Anyone who drives along the stretch above J. Clyde Morris Boulevard past CNU and through Hidenwood knows that the roadway is overmatched by the traffic it's carrying. That alone is a compelling justification for the widening, but there is another issue involved.

Christopher Newport University is one

of the Peninsula's most important assets, and we see the college's role in the community's life increasing in coming years. Yet CNU has virtually no visibility from Warwick, one of the city's most important thoroughfares. To the extent that the widening can overcome this flaw, the opportunity should be seized. CNU

deserves more frontage along Warwick.

City staff have worked to narrow the proposed widening of Warwick to affect property owners less, but we think the long-term interests of the area would be better served if those properties gave way to CNU. Gas stations, dentist's offices, banks and apartment buildings are not more important than a major university.

Warwick is unlikely to be widened again. The job can be done right, creating

a true boulevard with appropriate accommodations for pedestrian and bike traffic passing in front of a university that's a major boost to the economic and cultural life of the community. To lose this opportunity because of misplaced concern about a few businesses that can be relocated and compensated for any financial loss would be a tragedy.



Renovation of Science Building Completed

Christopher Newport University's newly renovated Science Building quietly sits in the middle of the University's campus glowing with a stamp of newness and excitement. Later this month its doors will begin welcoming the faculty and staff that will teach there, and more importantly its students.

The one-and-a-half million dollar project has taken almost a year, but chairman of biology, chemistry, and environmental science Dr. Harold Cones says improvements made to the facility are well worth the wait. "It's a real home," says Dr. Cones. "Because it has interior corridors, everything is more accessible."

Cones opens the doors to the facility and immediately pauses and looks to the right where he points to a large atrium with triple paned windows soon to be a student lounge area filled with couches, chairs and tables. Cones said the lounge will allow faculty to talk with students one-on-one in an informal setting and provide a place where students can relax and study in between classes.

Cones continues as he walks down the hallway, "Look at the acoustic tiles. They don't reverberate.

Cones also points out new lighting and electrical systems. Five offices have been added around the building's outside parameter. Along the corridor, Cones explains how seven window configurations will be equipped with lounge areas and computer drops for students.

Cones says the building will have its own state of the art network in which each of the classrooms will be linked. All of the

fourteen labs within the building will house at least four computer drops. "The mega computer network will facilitate instruction tremendously. In addition, Cones said, faculty will have access to high intensity overhead projectors with computer overlays.

"We're going to develop the area between Gosnold and this building as a scientific campus. Our masters and bachelor's programs in biology, chemistry and environmental science are growing very quickly. This new building is going to help us attract more quality students."

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Close Shoe Lane

Redesigned roadways will enhance cultural assets

In conjunction with the widening of Warwick Boulevard, Newport News is considering some other highway changes that offer a number of important benefits in addition to improved traffic flow. The vision to keep in mind is that of an impressive gateway into the heart of Newport News and some of the Peninsula's most important institutions. The public will have plenty of opportunity to study and comment on the proposals, and we hope they are favorably received.

The project involves closing the intersection of Shoe Lane at Warwick and rerouting traffic along a new road that would be built behind the old Ferguson High School, connecting with Museum Drive and the intersection of J. Clyde Morris and Warwick boulevards. The traffic benefits are obvious. Motorists who now come down J. Clyde headed for Christopher Newport University must turn right on Warwick and cross two lanes of traffic in order to make the left turn onto Shoe Lane with its entrance to the university. With the new road, CNU traffic would go across Warwick, curve right and intersect at Shoe directly across from a new entrance to be built for the university. Traffic on Warwick would be eased.

The benefit to the university is also apparent. With CNU taking over the old Ferguson property, students will be cross-

ing Shoe Lane constantly. With the heavy traffic there now, this is a safety hazard. Closing the intersection of Shoe and Warwick will cut traffic dramatically and create a much better campus environment.

Finally, the Ferguson property is the site of the performing arts center proposed for CNU. Construction of the center demands improved access, which the new road behind the property will help provide. This can be done in a way that will enhance the current entrance to The Mariners' Museum and without undue impact on nearby residential property. In fact, the overall value of that property will likely be increased by these improvements.

The complete picture is this: From Interstate 64, motorists will be able to enter the center of Newport News along a widened and improved J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, a project already under way. They will go past the city's commercial center at Oyster Point, cross Jefferson Avenue and approach the Virginia Living Museum, a unique educational institution; one of the world's finest maritime museums; and a strong and growing university with a beautiful performing arts center.

These institutions are tremendous assets for the Peninsula. They should be served by roadways that compliment them.



Newly Renovated Science Building

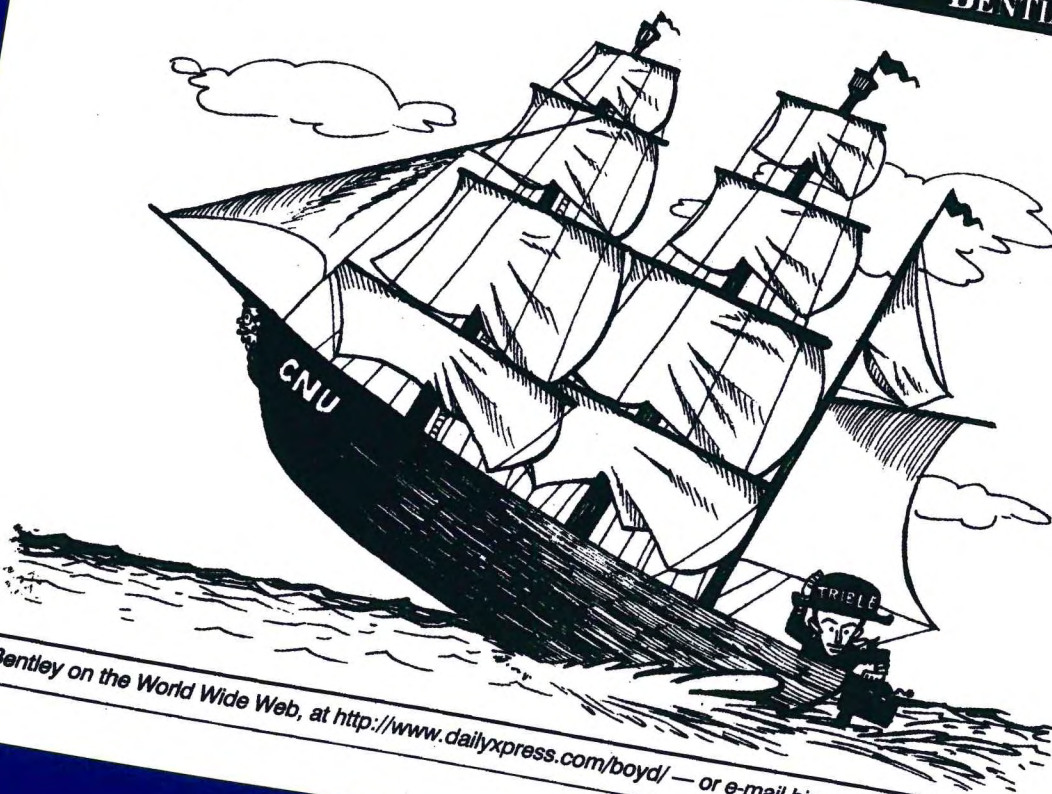
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