

Subject: Extension of Fall Break

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All classes scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 are cancelled and your fall break will extend through Wednesday, October 16.

On October 15, 2002, Governor Warner plans to address the people of Virginia on the budget reductions which will be imposed on all state agencies, including Christopher Newport University. These spending cuts will very likely change CNU in significant ways. Class sizes will increase; tuition rates will likely rise; some programs that we offer will have to be discontinued; and some services important to students will have to be curtailed.

I do not want you to miss the Governor's remarks next Tuesday. I hope you and your family - together - can hear what the Governor will have to say and that you can - together - assess its potential impact on your educational future. Moreover, it is important for our faculty and staff to carefully review and discuss our budget reduction plans on Wednesday, October 16.

Although there will be no classes on October 16, the residence halls will remain in operation during the break and meals will be served in Harbor Lights on October 16. At 8:00 p.m. on the evening of October 16, Dr. Bobbye Bartels, Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, Provost Richard Summerville, and I will meet with all interested students in the Freeman Center to discuss the reductions in our budget and to answer your questions on their impact.

In all of this adversity, please be mindful that while the resources of CNU will be reduced, our commitment to serving our students will only increase. While we cannot keep you immune from the effects of these cuts, we can and will do our best to minimize the extent of their adverse impact on your education. That will be our primary commitment in the days and weeks ahead.