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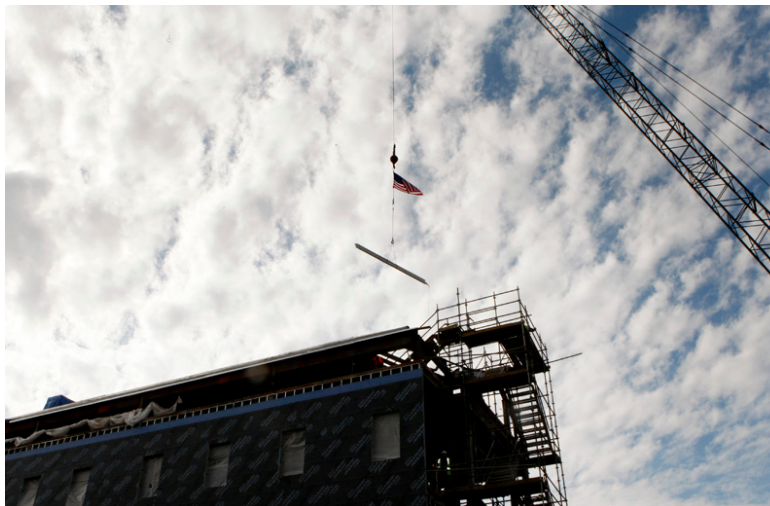
CNU is a work in progress, and we strive for excellence in all we do.

I welcome your advice, suggestions and questions. Let me know how we can do better or where we fall short of expectations.

**Email your advice and questions to:**

[AskPST@cnu.edu](mailto:AskPST@cnu.edu)

I will include some of your questions and



**This month CNU marked another significant milestone in our campus transformation. Luter Hall, the new home for our business disciplines; economics; mathematics; physics, computer science and engineering; leadership and American studies; sociology, anthropology and social work was "topped out" when the uppermost steel beam was installed. CNU students, faculty and staff signed the girder before it was hoisted into place, inscribing for themselves a place in our history.**

A real-time [video](#) feed of the construction site is available from a camera mounted atop Tribble Library.

**Health and Counseling Center Named**

answers in my future messages.

## Important Spring 2012 Dates

March 2-11  
Spring Recess

April 26-May 1  
Final Exams

May 12  
Commencement  
on the Great Lawn

## 50th Anniversary Sponsors

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Last week we honored one of Christopher Newport's founding fathers and second president when we dedicated the James C. Windsor Center for Health and Counseling Services.

Dr. Windsor (pictured above, surrounded by his family) joined Christopher Newport as a faculty member in 1962 and founded the counseling center and psychology department, as well as the evening college and summer school programs. He became the second president in 1970.

Dr. Windsor served with distinction in the Marines during the Korean War and was decorated for valor. He founded the Personal Development Institute, a counseling and educational organization in Williamsburg, and served as chairman of the Virginia Mental Health Board and as a board member of the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Foundation, which seeks to enhance the lives of adults with disabilities.

Dr. Windsor truly embodies the spirit of selfless service we strive to live by at CNU. His lifelong commitment to helping others is now forever etched in the life of our campus.

## Early Decision Applicants Make CNU First Choice

More and more high-achieving high school seniors are applying to CNU as early decision students.

This year more than 500 students told us CNU was their first choice and we were able to say "yes" to over 300 of them. As of December 15, we had commitments for 25 percent of the class of 2017.



## CNU Makes Princeton Review Rankings

Our work toward creating a pre-eminent liberal arts university has again been recognized by a leader and trusted source in higher education rankings.

The Princeton Review has named Christopher Newport University one of the "[Best Value Colleges for 2012](#)."

Academics, availability of financial aid, cost of attendance, as well as student appraisals were all factors in the rankings.



According to the assessment of CNU, "there's a palpable excitement for this relatively new school ... academics are high-quality ... 'and there are many opportunities for students to take the lead on projects, shape their education, and become campus and community leaders.'"

Only 150 schools in America -- just 5 percent -- earned distinction as a Princeton Review best value.

We continue to make CNU the best it can be by recruiting the finest faculty, attracting the brightest students and creating an exceptional college experience emphasizing leadership, honor and service.

## Captains Offer Tax Service

Budding accountants in the [Luter School of Business](#) will once again provide free tax preparation this year.



The program, in its sixth year, is spearheaded by the Luter School's Gabriele Lingenfelter, who also serves as faculty advisor for the Accounting Club and as core advisor for accounting majors. Last year, more than a dozen CNU student volunteers logged nearly 700 hours in preparing more than 200 federal and state returns.

The free program is geared toward taxpayers with low to moderate incomes. Student preparers are certified by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, which is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service.

Service initiatives such as this are an integral part of the CNU experience, and enable our students to gain vital real-world exposure while providing a necessary service in the community. For more information call (757) 594-7144.

## Men's Basketball Team Shines; Spring Preview



The men's basketball team has clinched the USA South Conference regular season title and secured the top seed in the upcoming tournament. The Captains have posted a sterling 20-4 mark this season, including winning 16 of the last 17 games, and are undefeated in conference play.

As we look forward to the longer days and warmer weather to come, our spring athletes are preparing to take the field. Here's a preview:





- The softball team reached the national finals last year and is ranked No. 3 in the country to open the 2012 season. The Captains were 38-12 last year and return seven of last year's starters to the field.



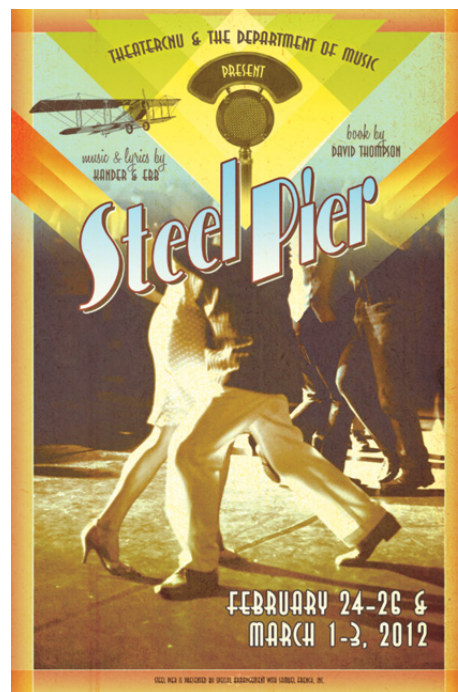
- CNU baseball, winner of 39 games last year, including a 26-game winning streak, is the No. 4 team in the nation according to *Collegiate Baseball*. The Captains opened the season last week with a 17-2 victory over Hampden-Sydney.
- In track and field, three Captains are ranked in the NCAA Division III national top 10 by event. Junior Richard Roethel is tied for second in the men's high jump, and also ranks third in the heptathlon. Senior Dira Hansen is in eighth place in the women's 800-meter, and sophomore Jenna Elliott is eighth in the high jump.
- In men's tennis, junior Matthew King and senior Eric Shulman are the No. 4 doubles tandem in the nation. In the opening match against Washington and Lee, Shulman beat a nationally ranked opponent at No. 1 singles and combined with partner King to win at No. 1 doubles. Senior Gian Heyer starts the season ranked No. 15 regionally. He has 24 singles victories in the last two seasons.
- Men's and women's lacrosse are set to launch their 2012 campaigns this weekend, with the women as the preseason favorite to win the USA South

## Conference.

Come cheer on the Captains! For more information and team schedules, visit [cnusports.com](http://cnusports.com).

## TheaterCNU Set for First Spring Show

In the coming weeks the CNU [Department of Theater and Dance](#) will stage the first of three spring productions. "Steel Pier," written by legendary songwriters John Kander and Fred Ebb, the team behind such hits as "Chicago" and "Cabaret," chronicles the character Rita Racine against a backdrop of 1930s dance marathons in Atlantic City.



To raise the curtain, more than 70 dedicated CNU student technicians, actors and musicians will be working overtime. They will make scene changes, maintain and clean costumes, do makeup and hair, operate spotlights, and act as stage managers and sound and lighting technicians. Dozens of others are involved behind the scenes, coordinating publicity and providing other assistance.

Dr. Kelly Rossum of the music department will conduct a student orchestra, and a cast of about 25 student actors will create the action onstage and bring the songs to life. Together, these efforts make every TheaterCNU production feel like a night on Broadway.

Students in theater and dance have the chance to not only follow their muse, but also to gain valuable experience staging professional productions in the extraordinary facilities of the Ferguson Center for the Arts. Under the direction of superb faculty, who are also working artists, students forge incomparable professional experiences -- experiences available only here at CNU.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit TheaterCNU [online](#).

## The Month in Photos

To share our campus spirit with you, each newsletter will include a link to a [photo gallery](#) featuring images of exciting events from the past month. Enjoy!

