

# CNC NEWS

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## CNC Approved for First Master's Degree

Decisions made by the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) and by the state legislature mean that Christopher Newport College will launch a master's program in Summer 1991, according to Dr. Virginia Purtle, Dean of Social Science and Professional Studies.

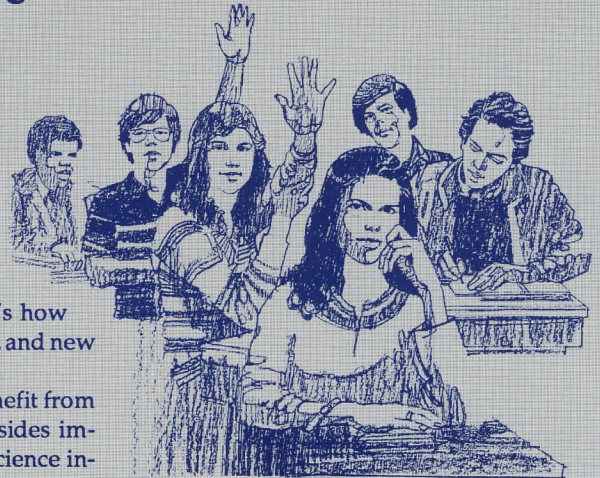
Under a plan approved by SCHEV in January, CNC's first graduate degree will be a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Mathematics and Science, with a Middle School concentration. Although SCHEV limited CNC's proposal to the one degree, Purtle emphasized the importance of this decision. "This is the one [degree] that got us our status upgrade," she said.

Once the master's program begins, Purtle said, CNC can add elementary and secondary concentrations in math and science teaching without reapplying to SCHEV. Perhaps more significantly, the legislature's

approval of master's courses at CNC includes all future programs.

Obviously, creating a graduate program poses considerable challenges, including funding. Since the state did not allocate money for the program, "we'll use general funds to get started," Purtle said. "That's how we fund new programs all the time, and new programs are how we grow."

Certainly, the local area will benefit from the new program, Purtle said. Besides improving the quality of math and science instruction in the schools, having a master's helps teachers financially and professionally. The program will also strengthen CNC's ties to the public schools. "And when we move on to other areas, those benefits will only increase," Purtle said.



## Students Visit Costa Rica



CNC visitors speak with President-Elect Calderon's Media Advisor at a reception for foreign observers. (Nick Koltun)

Recently, 14 CNC students formed "the only group of U.S. undergraduates to observe elections in Costa Rica," said Professor Rodrigo Carazo, a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at CNC. Carazo, a Costa Rican lawyer and economist, coordinated and led the 10 day trip which is part of a unique three credit course, "Central American Elections."

During their stay in Costa Rica, students toured the headquarters of political parties, government agencies, and media facilities. They also interviewed political candidates and government critics and attended press conferences and political rallies.

"The high point of my trip was meeting Oscar Arias, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987," Peggy Bernhardt, a CNC sophomore, said. "That same day, I personally spoke with the leading Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates."

For Carazo, who has taught at CNC for two years, the trip served as an instructional tool, a "political science lab." Students gained knowledge of a political process different from theirs; as international observers, they enjoyed access to restricted areas.

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## From the President...



**Dr. Anthony R. Santoro**

In this issue you will read about a number of developments at the College showing progress in academic programs. We know that you will be pleased to learn of these events, as strength in our academic programs is the primary sign of a healthy and vital institution of higher learning.

Approval from the State Council of Higher Education for our Master of Arts in Teaching degree and to admit graduates of hospital nursing schools other than Riverside's are two exciting changes. Since adequate accommodation of these and other programs requires sufficient academic space, the College has shown active interest in the use of Ferguson High School which is just across the street from the present campus. Both the Newport News School Board and City Council voted in favor of the sale of Ferguson High School by the City to the State for use by Christopher Newport College. Now the proposal goes to our state officials for their deliberations and action.

College personnel and I regularly visit our senators and delegates in Richmond to be sure that the College's needs remain forefront in the minds of the legislators. I will be able to give you news in the next issue on how the CNC agenda fared during legislative session.

Many of our graduates chatted with us about their careers during CNC Homecoming. The Homecoming festivities were a resounding success and provided opportunities for alumni to become reacquainted with the College.

CNC is a young college with its great traditions just beginning. Our Homecoming Weekend is fast becoming a strong CNC tradition. You'll see more about Homecoming elsewhere in this issue, but let me take this opportunity to say that my wife, Carol, and I immensely enjoyed visiting with those alumni who came back to campus. We hope that all of you make CNC Homecoming an annual tradition on your social calendars.



**Candidate Castillo addresses CNC's representatives.**

**(Nick Koltun)**

## Costa Rican Visit

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The level and intensity of Costa Ricans' participation in politics surprised CNC's students, Carazo said. According to Bernhardt, "Entire families get involved transporting voters to polls and helping handicapped people vote." Mock elections in schools feature four-year-olds voting.

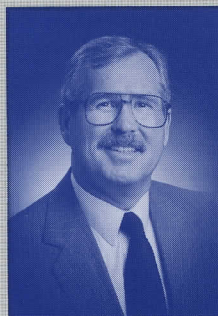
"The academic and political knowledge of the people we met provided students with an invaluable experience," Carazo said. He added that scholars and officials were impressed by CNC students.

In addition to the trip, students have written research papers and attended lectures. In seminars, we analyzed the political process based on students' experiences, Carazo said.

Nick Koltun, Coordinator of Instructional Technology at CNC, also made the trip and is producing a video that can be checked out through our Media Center.

Experiences like the Costa Rican trip "provide the best international education CNC can offer its students," Carazo said.

## Vice President for Institutional Advancement Selected



Mr. Paul E. Holcomb has been appointed the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement, effective January 1. Holcomb comes to CNC from Old Dominion University where he served as Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

As VPJA, Holcomb said his "primary job" will be to secure private funding for the College.

According to Holcomb, state supported institutions of higher learning are, in reality, state assisted. To maintain and expand existing programs, colleges increasingly rely on private funds. Private gifts, including CNC's annual fund, "provide monies for the College that wouldn't come in any other way," Holcomb said.

Every CNC fundraising drive is critical, Holcomb said. "What we do, we're going to do well."

The newly established Office of Alumni Relations attests to the College's increasing efforts to support our alumni. Alumni interest is vital to a college, Holcomb said, because alumni recruit students, assist in legislative matters, and create good will toward the College in the community and state. Alumni also attract private funds through their own donations and their employer's contributions.

Whatever Holcomb's research yields, he has no doubts about CNC's future. "In the short time I've been here, the people I've talked with have been happy with the College's direction and the leadership of the President. I'm just happy to be a part of it."

Holcomb earned his B.S. degree from Indiana University, law degree from the University of Kentucky, and M.L.S. from the University of Alabama.



# Career Planning and Placement Resources Abound

Like the continued growth of Christopher Newport College, the Office of Career Planning and Placement has evolved in providing services to students. Douglas Gallaer, who assumed his duties as Director in 1986, has expanded both the type and level of services offered.

Gallaer credits the teamwork, cooperative spirit and support of staff, faculty, and administrators as the key to enhanced services that include:

- Totally redesigned Career Center with 70% more holdings
- Videotape Mock Interviewing Program
- Videotape Series
- Expanded Job Opportunities Boards
- Internship Clearinghouse
- Job LINK (tracks job orders and increases student access to openings)
- LINK Newsletter of office events
- CASHE (a database offering financial aid opportunities)
- Virginia VIEW (identifies compatibility between individuals and careers)
- Seminar Series
- Individual counseling

In general, these programs reflect the true purpose of this office to assist students in career planning by learning more about themselves. "Career planning is a process, not an event," Gallaer said. "We're in the business of helping people realize who they are and how to reach their goals."

Gallaer also stresses that "Career planning doesn't end when you get a job. If you are an alumnus who is unsure of your direction or underemployed, it is not too late to visit us."

The Office of Career Planning and Placement continues to grow and recently welcomed several new staff members including a new Minority Student Counselor and Coordinator of Corporate Recruitment.

For the future, Gallaer wants to develop a model career planning program and strengthen employee relations. "CNC's reputation is strong and growing, and that reflects the quality of our students and alumni."

Please visit the Office of Career Planning and Placement in Room 146 of the Campus Center, or call 594-7047 for more information. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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## SPRING DAZE '90

Friday, April 20 – On the Lawn

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Entertainment by "Zion Wave" 3-7 p.m.

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## Faculty Spotlight – Madeline Frank Guides Chamber Orchestra



Madeline Frank with members of CNC's Chamber Orchestra.

(Donna DeGrace)

The newly formed CNC Chamber Orchestra debuted by candlelight at the Nursing Department's holiday party in December after a snowstorm cancelled their premiere at the College.

Three days later, they held their rescheduled concert, which Instructor Madeline Frank termed "a big success." Although we are a small group, we work hard," Frank said of the orchestra. "The works we do are prepared to a fine level of playing."

Frank, a new adjunct professor at CNC and associate professor at St. Leo's College, has conducted CNC's Orchestra since its inception in August. To Frank's knowledge, this is the first string ensemble program that CNC has had.

Certainly, the Chamber Orchestra adds luster to CNC's already "high level" music program, but eventually, Frank feels, the orchestra will benefit the College as a whole. "An orchestra can be a great representative of

a school," she said. Besides attracting new students, the orchestra provides invaluable experience for students pursuing a musical interest or career.

Frank's immediate plans for the orchestra include Spring concerts and occasional chamber music programs on Wednesday afternoons. "Eventually, I would like to bring in some great soloists to work with the students." That ambition seems attainable given her own artistic stature. Frank, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Juilliard School of Music, spends her Summers performing at the Metropolitan Opera with companies like the Kirov and London Festival Ballets.

At present, Frank said, the orchestra's biggest challenge is money. There's a need for scholarships to attract promising musicians who wouldn't otherwise attend CNC. In the future, Frank hopes to hold fundraising concerts. But for now, after more than a year of planning, it seems enough that the orchestra is playing. Frank credits Dr. Rita Hubbard and Dr. James Hines for that, as well as the encouragement and support of area high school teachers. But especially, Frank credits her "kids." "They have such a good attitude," she said. "We have a little gem here."

CNC's Chamber Orchestra's next performance will be held April 29 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Newport News. Admission is free.

## CNC's Nursing Program Opens Its Doors

Thanks to a recent decision by the State Council of Higher Education, registered nurses from programs other than Riverside Regional Medical Center's School of Nursing can now apply for admission to CNC's program leading to the B.S. in Nursing. The expanded admissions criteria took effect January 1.

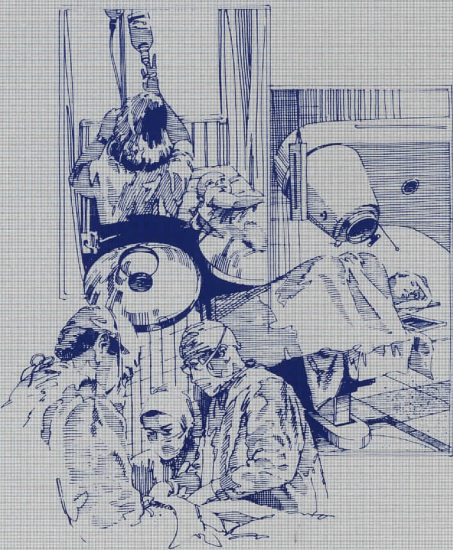
By opening its doors to all registered nurses, CNC's Nursing Department strengthens its case for national accreditation, Dr. Arlene Stepnick, Chairperson, Department of Nursing, said.

At present, the department is seeking accreditation from the National League for Nursing, and "committees like to see a heterogeneous student body," Stepnick stated. Accreditation remains the Nursing Department's top priority this year.

As the Peninsula's only public college to offer a bachelor's degree in nursing, CNC has the opportunity to make a significant contribution to health care in the community.

Today's health issues demand highly educated professionals, and nurses want that bachelor's degree.

"Our phone has rung off the hook as a result of lifting that (admittance) restriction," Stepnick said. "We now have students who wouldn't otherwise be able to be in our program."



Such students include graduates of Thomas Nelson Community College's two year nursing program, military wives moving to the Peninsula, and anyone who is already a registered nurse including those who have been homemakers for several years. These students are "exactly whom we're here to serve," Stepnick stated.

The department also recently developed the College's first women's health course. The course, "Health Problems and Issues of the Contemporary Woman," will be offered Fall 1990 and will focus on women's physical and psychological health.

"Since CNC doesn't have a health center, we wanted to do what we could to make sure every undergraduate woman leaving here can take care of herself," Stepnick said. "Our goal is to continue supporting the College any way we can."

Despite the challenges of the accreditation process, Stepnick remains confident about the nursing program's future. "We're like a small infant that's growing beautifully," she said.



## Hall of Fame Inductees Honored

A former All-American track star and CNC's first president were among five people inducted into the College's Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the CNC-North Carolina Wesleyan basketball game, Saturday, January 27. Former CNC President H. Westcott Cunningham, former history professor Robert M. Usry, CNC coach Jim Hubbard, former basketball player Patti Kelliham, and former track member Jim Williams were this year's inductees, joining 1989's charter group of seven.

In recognition of their contributions to CNC athletics, the names and sketched portraits of Hall of Fame members appear on a plaque in Ratcliffe Gym.

Hall of Fame recipients are selected by a committee of coaches, sportswriters, and faculty who consider CNC athletes, coaching staff, and supporters. During the first two years of the program, "our primary goal was to recognize people who were active in CNC's early days," Sports Information Director Wayne Block said. "Our intent was to honor people who had contributed, not just to a sport, but to the College."

Certainly, this year's inductees made an impact on CNC. Cunningham, the College's President from 1961 to 1970, helped establish sports at CNC, hiring the first Athletic Director and promoting the building of Ratcliffe Gym. Usry, a former professor, provided CNC teams with philanthropic support; each year, the athlete with the highest grade point average receives an award named after Usry. Hubbard, a former Dixie Conference Track Coach of the Year, has taught at CNC since 1967.

Kelliham held the CNC women's basketball career scoring record until 1987. She played with the Lady Captains from 1978 to 1982. Williams, CNC's first All-American in track, still holds the College records for indoor and outdoor long jumps.

In the future, Block anticipates inducting one to three people into the Hall of Fame each year. "Athletics generate an enormous amount of publicity for the school," Block said. "The Hall of Fame is one way to say thank you."



## Alumni Basketball Games Held

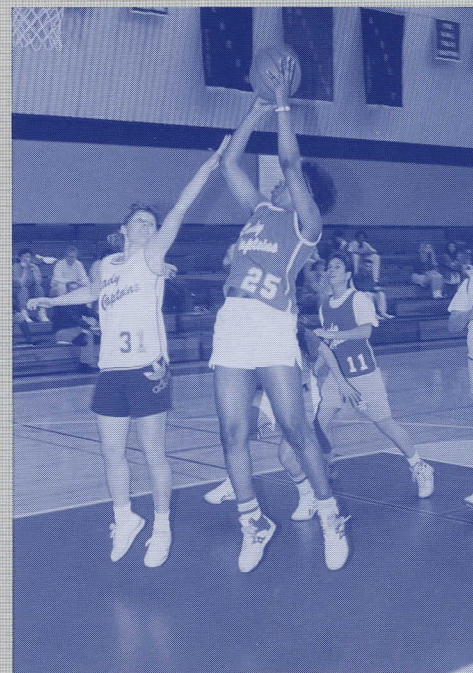


In an effort to spur alumni interest in CNC sports, the Athletic Department sponsored two alumni basketball games, preceding scheduled conference play at Ratcliffe Gym. The men's alumni game was held January 6, and the women's game February 16. "It was CNC's first alumni game for women, and the first time in years we've had one for men," Sports Information Director Wayne Block said. Players' graduation classes ranged from the late '60's to last year.

Block hopes the alumni games and recent Hall of Fame awards will encourage alumni support of CNC athletics. "We want to get them [alumni] involved in our programs, and back on campus," he said.

Besides sponsoring other alumni events, CNC's Athletic Department plans to reactivate the Captain's Crew, a fundraising organization for CNC sports. In the '70's, Block said, the group sponsored athletic banquets and special events. "Although our budget certainly is fair, it can't do everything," Block said. "The Captain's Crew provided little extras, like uniform items and additional travel funds." Alumni interested in information about the Captain's Crew should phone 594-7025.

In the future, Block hopes to see alumni games in every CNC sport. "Alumni are our family," he said. "We want them to know we appreciate them."





## Alumni Spotlight

### Gerald Bright – New Campus Police Chief



(JoAnn Barbour)

Gerald Bright, a 1982 graduate of CNC, was selected as the Chief of Campus Police, effective February 1. Bright replaces Johnnie L. Capehart who left the College this past September to accept the position of Chief of Police in Muskegan Heights, Michigan. Bright, a 16-year veteran of police work, served as Deputy Director of Public Safety, Old Dominion University, from 1987 to 1990. In his new post at CNC, Bright manages 11 police officers.

CNC's police do far more than issue parking tickets, according to their new chief. "Campus police do the same jobs as city or county police," Bright said. Their duties include investigating crimes, making arrests, and directing traffic. Officers also assist faculty and students by jump-starting cars and unlocking car doors. In his first weeks as Chief, Bright said, "I'll be looking at what other services we can provide."

In the eight years since Bright was a CNC student, the College and the role of its police have changed. "My goal is to work, not just with my officers, but with student groups and department heads," Bright said. "I plan to meet with faculty and students to find out what their concerns are, and how we can assist them."

As Chief of Police, Bright will address departmental, as well as campus, concerns. One of his goals is to computerize police records linking CNC with other law enforcement agencies. Bright also hopes to facilitate good public relations, by "having an open door policy and taking the time to explain what we do."

An Alumni Society Board member, Bright holds a B.S.G.A. degree from CNC and a M.S. degree from Radford University. He is State President of the Fraternal Order of Police and a member of the Virginia Association of Campus Police.

## Annual Dinner Planned

The Alumni Society will hold its Annual Dinner Meeting on Saturday, May 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center.

Our featured speaker for the evening will be The Honorable Alan Diamonstein.

The first Distinguished Alumni Award and new Directors to the Board will also be announced.

Announcements and ballots for Directors have been mailed to all Alumni Society members. If you need more information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 594-7712.

## Alumni President's Corner

The new year has already been very exciting for CNC and her alumni. With the approval of a master's degree in teaching, the open admissions criteria in the Nursing Program, interest in Ferguson High School, and a new Vice President for Institutional Advancement, we continue to grow and prosper. Graduates, we should be proud!

In addition to these accomplishments, the Alumni Society also continues to grow and branch out. We have begun discussing and making plans for a number of activities including a charge card program to fund our scholarships, travel programs, promotion brochure for CNC items, and freshman picnic. We welcome your input on these ideas and solicit your opinions for future projects.

I enjoyed seeing many of you at Homecoming on February 9 and 10. The Captains enjoyed a last second victory over Averett College on Friday night, and everyone enjoyed the concert by "Saffire" afterwards. The Alumni Cocktail Buffet and dance on Saturday were also great fun, and we were pleased to welcome Judy Clarke from New Jersey who traveled to Newport News especially for Homecoming. CNC's "Mardi Gras" turned out to be very close to the real thing.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I encourage each of you to attend some of the activities on campus such as "Spring Daze" on April 20 where the Alumni Society will serve the beer concessions, Graduation at 4:00 p.m. on May 13, and especially our Alumni Society Annual Dinner Meeting on May 5. This is always a very enjoyable evening where we reflect on the past year and look toward the one ahead. Our first Distinguished Alumni Award and new Directors to the Board will also be announced at this event.

We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate another year of growth and success.

Jim West, '75



# Alumni Notes

'73 **Barbara Barnes Sills** has been employed by the Virginia Living Museum as their Curator of Public Education for the past 14 years. She and her husband, Charles, live in Newport News.

'74 **Frank B. "Pete" Brooks** received his Ph.D. in Foreign Language from Ohio State University in 1989 and is currently a member of the Modern Language faculty at Longwood College.

'74 **Thomas L. Stroup, Jr.** is an English teacher at Warwick High School. He and his wife, Angela, reside in Virginia Beach.

'75 **DeRonda M. Short** is a Partner in the law firm of Short, Short, Telstad, and Kerr, P.C. in Newport News. She is currently the first woman President of the Newport News Bar Association.

'78 **Karen Phillips LaForme** received her master's degree from Loyola College in Maryland. She is a Budget Analyst with Harry Diamond Laboratories U.S. Army in Adelphi, Maryland. She and her husband, Dave, live in Columbia and have one son.

'78 **Taffy Mason O'Neill** is an Accountant for the Naval Aviation Depot in Norfolk. She and her husband, Daniel, have one daughter and live in Hampton.

'78 **Robin Patton Wainwright** teaches French at Nansemond Suffolk Academy and English at Paul D. Camp Community College. She and her husband, Ben, have two children.

'80 **Gregory Wayne Curfman** is a Staff Programmer at IBM in Cary, North Carolina. He and his wife, Diane, have two children.

'81 **Alice M. Frapolli** received her M.S. in Information Systems Management from the University of Southern California and works for the Department of State in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Stephen, live in Arlington.

'81 **Gregory M. Mackey** is a Senior Field Service Representative for DBA Systems, Inc. in Germany. He and his wife have two children.

'82 **Betty S. Walls** is Relocation Director at Century 21 Bryan Realty, Inc. in Newport News.

'84 **Susan Duregger Brittan** teaches sixth grade in Virginia Beach. She married Michael Brittan in July, 1988.

'85 **Bonnie Hunt Barker** is a Sales Representative with Pfizer Pharmaceutical/Coty Division in Raleigh, North Carolina. She married John Barker in January, 1990.

'85 **Marion Santiful-Stewart** is a Program Clerk Typist with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture-Veterinary Services in Richmond.

'85 **Stephen K. Smith** received his J.D. from the University of Mississippi in 1988. He is an Attorney with Patrick B. McDermott, P.C. in Hampton.

'85 **Sylvia Eaddy Spratley** teaches first grade in Norfolk. She has her M.A. in Education from George Washington University and is also enrolled in the Education Specialist Program there. She is married to Frederick D. Spratley, Jr.

'85 **Katherine Barnhardt Trevarthen** is living in Okinawa, Japan with her Marine Corp. husband and two children. They are scheduled to return to the U.S. this year.

'85 **Elizabeth Ann Taylor Walker** is the Real Estate Coordinator for the City of Newport News. She is working toward her master's degree in Urban Studies at ODU and certification as a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. She lives in Williamsburg.

'86 **Karen Washington Best** is a Reporter/Writer with the Virginia Beach School Office of Community Relations. She lives in Newport News.

'86 **Sarah Lyon Croscutt** is employed with The Mariner's Museum. She and her husband, Jeffrey, have one daughter.

'86 **Larry B. Piercy** is an Assistant Manager with Erol's Video Club. He married Susan M. Albert, '87, in September, 1989, and they live in Newport News.

'86 **Sibley Smith** is the Site Manager of the Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site in Yonkers, New York. He and his wife, Alice, have two sons.

'87 **Thomas A. Bradshaw** is a Trooper with the Virginia State Police and works in Norfolk and Virginia Beach. He resides in Suffolk.

'87 **Alisa R. Hancock Segner** is working out of her home in Suffolk for Custom-Catchers. She and her husband, Kevin, have one son.

'87 **John D. Shaughnessy** is attending graduate school at the University of Maryland and employed at the National Institutes of Health.

'87 **Rudolph L. Smith, Jr.** is a Finance Specialist with Xerox Finance Center in Stamford, Connecticut. He has one son.

'88 **Jeffrey L. Phillips** is Regional Manager for Broyhill Furniture Rentals and Sales in Jacksonville, Florida.

'88 **Renee Glover Riquelmy** is employed with Central Fidelity Bank. She and her husband, Ronald, live in Afton and have one child.

'88 **Jewell Schaefer-Hanbury** is teaching in the First Step Program for Newport News Public Schools.

'88 **Janet M. Siniscalchi** is an Accountant with William Brewer & Company in Bath, Maine. She and her husband reside in Brunswick.

'88 **Brenda S. Tyndall Daugherty** teaches Physical Education and coaches Girls' Varsity Basketball in West Virginia. She is working toward a master's degree in Health at Marshall University.

'88 **M. Craig Utter** is a Territory Manager for Superior Equipment Sales, Inc. in Chesapeake. He resides in Virginia Beach.

'89 **Yvette Renaud Staton** is the Graphics Art Director at Laurinburg Exchange in Laurinburg, North Carolina and Cheerleading Coach at St. Andrews College. She married Wendell Staton in August, 1989.

'89 **Shirley Wyvill** is a Marketing Representative for Hartford Insurance Group in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

'89 **April K. Yow** is Manager of the Edinburgh Square Retirement Community in Roanoke. She will begin graduate school at George Mason University in the Fall.

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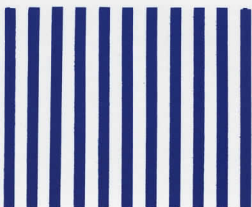


# Homecoming '90 – "Mardi Gras Madness"

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