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Falk Art Gallery Opens



"Mannie" and Jean Falk

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Over 200 people attended the May 7 dedication of CNC's Falk Art Gallery and Studio. The event, held on the College lawn, included tours of the gallery and a champagne reception. The debut exhibition was a display of faculty art.

The Falk Gallery is located on the ground floor of Gosnold Hall. It will serve as a display and teaching facility, and is named for the late Emanuel E. "Mannie" Falk and his wife, Jean. The Falks contributed more than \$250,000 and many volunteer hours to Christopher Newport College. In addition to establishing the Falk Gallery, their contributions include founding the Cary E. McMurrin Library of Music and establishing the Jean B. Falk Professorship of Music. Mr. Falk was a prominent local businessman and philanthropist.

Dr. Anthony Santoro, President of CNC, welcomed those attending the dedication. Rector William T. O'Neill accepted the Falk Gallery on behalf of the Board of Visitors. President Santoro and the Falks' grandson, David C. Falk, Jr., unveiled a memorial plaque in honor of the Falks' gift.

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National Teacher of the Year Joins Board of Visitors

Mary V. Bicouvaris, 1989 National Teacher of the Year, has been appointed to the Board of Visitors, Christopher Newport College. Bicouvaris, a Government and International Relations teacher at Bethel High School, has also taught as an adjunct professor at CNC. Her interest in the College is both personal and professional; daughter, Valerie, an elementary education major, is a senior at CNC.

As an education instructor last semester, Bicouvaris shared her philosophy about teaching with CNC students. "I loved the experience," she said. After she completes a year's

commitment to the National Teacher of the Year program, Bicouvaris hopes to teach at CNC again.

In many ways, Bicouvaris said, teaching college is similar to teaching high school. "I wasn't sure at first how I should treat college students," she said. "I found that all students need a chance to succeed." To be an effective instructor, Bicouvaris told her class, "teachers must know their subject well and keep it alive for students." "As a teacher," she said, "you must work hard to ensure that everyone gets something out of the class."

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CNC Board of Visitors member, Mary Bicouvaris, with daughter Valerie.

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From the President...



Dr. Anthony R. Santoro

The Spring of each academic year brings wonderful moments of celebration, a spirit of affirmation for those of us who dedicate our lives to academic work, and a new group of alumni.

This is our annual graduation issue with another Commencement Weekend which brought together family and friends and new graduates. Under a somewhat threatening sky, the College awarded honorary doctorate degrees to The Honorable Hunter B. Andrews of the General Assembly, Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, Canon President Mr. Shin-ichiro Nagashima and baccalaureate degrees to approximately 377 students.

You will be pleased to learn that CNC is projected to be the fastest growing college in the Commonwealth for this year and the next. The word is out in this community that CNC is a college on the move. And you as alumni and friends of the College contribute to our increasing visibility and reputation in the offices of Richmond and in the communities of Hampton Roads.

In April, Secretary of Education Donald Finley attended a meeting of our Board of Visitors. He commended the College for our efforts in affirmative action and in international studies. And, the Secretary listened attentively to our plan to seek authority for graduate programs. Most probably our first graduate degree will be in teacher education; a committee of arts and sciences faculty and education faculty is developing a proposal for a Master of Arts in Teaching.

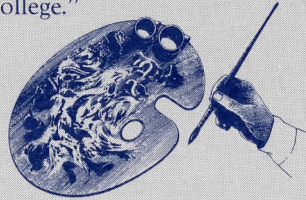
We hope that you enjoy this graduation issue. Perhaps these photographs and stories will bring back memories of your own Commencement. It is our hope that they will.

I am pleased to present to you, through the chronicle of these pages, our new alumni, the Class of 1989. I know that you join me in welcoming them to their special place in the CNC family.

Falk Art Gallery

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Prior to the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. Rita C. Hubbard, Chairman, Department of Arts and Communication, presented a historical perspective on the gallery. Prior to its \$88,500 renovation, the gallery housed a chili parlor and later, CNC's first art studio. Dr. Hubbard called the Falk Gallery, "a giant step forward for the Department of Arts and Communication, and for the life of the College."



The gallery contains 860 square feet of display area, marble and hardwood floors and a specially designed glass entrance. Dr. Hubbard said future exhibits will emphasize student and faculty shows and the "work of artists from our own area." Guest lectures will also be held in the gallery.

Hubbard noted the growth of CNC's art program and called the College's art instructors, "diamonds mined in our own backyard." She noted the importance of the Falks' gift, saying, "It would be difficult to overestimate the value of the Gallery as an educational resource on our campus."

The dedication was open to the public.

Etkin Fills Finance Position



Dr. Michael W. Etkin has been selected as the new Vice President for Finance. Etkin replaces Mr. James D. Eagle who retired from CNC on March 31 after 10 years of service.

National Teacher of the Year

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Bicouvaris said her teaching style is shaped by her experiences as a student. "I've never stopped taking college courses, so I've been on the other side," she said.

Another hallmark of Bicouvaris' style is the importance she places on learning outside the classroom. CNC's Education Department, she said, does an excellent job of incorporating field experience into the curriculum. "I am excited about the programs between CNC and the Newport News School System," Bicouvaris said. "They mean greater dialogue between the College and local community."

As a member of CNC's Board of Visitors, Bicouvaris supports expanding field experience opportunities for all students. "Students learn through activities and participation, as well as in class," she said.

Bicouvaris said the International Studies program is one way of bringing "the world into the classroom." "I'm proud of the College's international perspective," she continued. "As the city's only college, CNC should be its cultural center."

Bicouvaris stated that in the future, "the College will grow to meet its new programs." Her priority, as a board member, is to encourage "opportunities through CNC that have not been available on the Peninsula." "People have to be awakened to CNC's potential," she said. We have to encourage our supporters to "reach even higher."

As Vice President for Finance, Etkin employs an extensive knowledge of human behavior. His doctorate in psychology makes him uniquely qualified for a position he described as "working with people all the time."

Prior to his appointment at CNC, Etkin was Senior Analyst with the Education Section of the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget. In that capacity, he planned for the needs of higher education in the 21st century.

At CNC, Etkin addresses the needs of today and tomorrow. His priorities include additional classroom space, increased parking, a master's degree program in education and refined computer operations. He also said dormitories are needed for non-local students.

With increased enrollments, state colleges have a greater need for gifts and endowments. Without private support, colleges can't always "keep pace," Etkin said. "But CNC has arrived as a four year college and we're looking forward to the next century."

CNC's Sailing Team Ranked 13th in the Nation

What do Yale, Brown and Christopher Newport have in common? Each of these schools, and Old Dominion, rank in the nation's top 20 college sailing teams.

Unlike other college sports, there are no size distinctions in sailing. CNC competes on an equal basis with 400 schools, many with full-time coaches and staff. Despite the odds, CNC placed 13th this year. The accomplishment is especially impressive since CNC has a part-time sailing coach and no funding for equipment.

Competitive sailing teams must maintain a fleet of eight boats of identical class and size. Most schools own more; ODU ordered 16 boats last spring. An adequate fleet is essential; host schools provide boats for regattas, or meets.

There are no athletic scholarships for sailing. According to George Webb, Physics and Computer Science Department Chairman and Executive Director, CNC Sailing Foundation, sailors compete for love of the sport. Sailing provides students with opportunities to travel; last year, team members sailed in New York City Harbor.

CNC is featured monthly in national sailing magazines attracting students from around the world. Students from Norway and Czechoslovakia will join the team this fall.

College sailing demands commitment. The team practices nine hours a week, not including what Webb called "rubbing, scrubbing and polishing." CNC participates in 22 regattas a year and each regatta is a two day event. The team cleans and maintains boats and equipment.

The CNC Sailing Foundation, a non-profit corporation of 12 community members interested in sailing, raises funds for equipment and traveling expenses. "I am amazed by the foundation members' commitment," Webb said.

The foundation plans to raise \$32,000 to buy eight boats and sails. CNC's present fleet is 10 years old. "Our sailors are better than the equipment we have for them to practice with," Webb said.

To maintain its ranking, CNC "must have proper equipment," Webb said. "We've attracted this group of students on the College's potential. The next group will want realizations."



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Faculty Spotlight

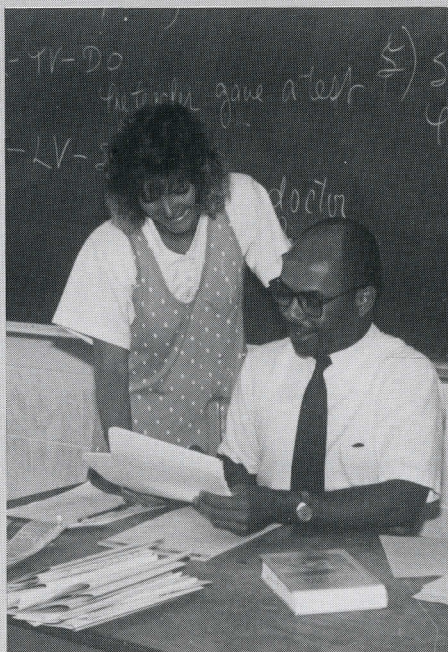
Dr. Charles Wilson Teaches New Course

During his first year at CNC, Dr. Charles E. Wilson, Assistant Professor of English, developed a minority literature course and served as president of the Black Faculty Caucus. Wilson joined the faculty of CNC in 1988 after completing a doctorate from the University of Georgia.

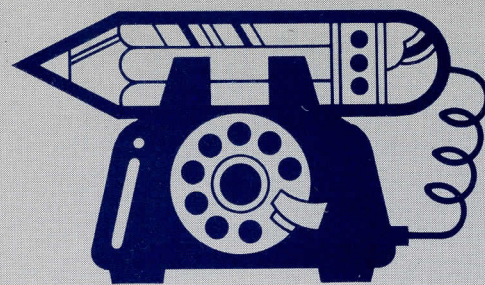
CNC will offer a minority literature course for the first time this fall. "I jumped at the chance to teach it," Wilson said. The course will include literature by and about black Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Americans and native Americans. Literature examining sexual identity will also be discussed.

Wilson envisions the course as a "push into the future." Minority literature classes expand the traditional literary canon and introduce students to diverse cultures, he said. If parts of the course are disconcerting to some students, that is good, Wilson said. "We grow when we are disturbed."

Although it is an upper-level English class, Wilson recommends minority literature to anyone interested. "Teachers working with adolescents coming into their identities need to be aware of these issues," he said.



Dr. Charles Wilson, professor and originator of the new minority literature course, confers with a student.



Alumni Support Telethon

CNC's Alumni Telethon, sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, was held April 2-6 at the College. 278 pledges totaling \$9,232 were made during the telethon. Donations were solicited for unrestricted funds which can be used whenever they're needed most for things such as student services, scholarships and CNC's alumni newsletter, *CNC News*.

Volunteers from CNC's administration, faculty, staff, alumni and students manned telethon phones. Students, Leslie Abbott and Mindy Day, received gift certificates for obtaining the highest total of pledges on student telethon nights.

"I worked with the telethon because I felt a responsibility to my College," said student Kim Magee. "I hope we have even more participation next year."

A second Alumni Telethon is planned for next year's annual fund campaign.

New Honorary Fraternity Established



Order of Omega charter members pose with their awards. (From left to right) Louis Piche, Bob Netter, Debbie Smith, Kris Arnold, Sherry Kunkle, Betty Helm, Suzanna Geithmann (not pictured) Steve Pinkus.

Five CNC students and three advisors became charter members of the Order of Omega in an April 20 ceremony. The honorary fraternity recognizes sorority and fraternity members who excell in leadership, scholarship and community service. The students were Suzanna Geithmann, Gamma Phi Beta; Sherry Kunkle, Gamma Phi Beta; Louis Piche, Sigma Pi; Steve Pinkus, Sigma Tau Gamma; and Deborah Smith, Gamma Phi Beta. The advisors were Kris Arnold, Sigma Tau Gamma; Betty Helm, Gamma Phi Beta; and Bob Netter, Sigma Pi.

The formation of a campus Order of Omega chapter provides an "opportunity to celebrate individuals who have worked hard to be a good member of their sorority or fraternity," Director of Student Life Tisa Mason said. "The Order expands on students' lifelong commitment to their fraternities or sororities and gives them national recognition."

Members of the Fraternity will elect officers and serve as the selection committee for next year's inductees. They will also determine recipients of the awards presented by the Fraternity, including Greek Man and Woman of the Year.

Graduation '89



Commencement begins with the procession of graduates.

Christopher Newport College held its 57th Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 14, at 4 p.m. It was the first annual, rather than biannual graduation in CNC history.

Heavy rains and ground flooding in the week prior to graduation caused the ceremony to be held in the College's north parking lot, rather than the lawn. Approximately 377 graduates participated in the commencement exercises.

The School of Business and Economics had the largest number of graduates, followed by the School of Social Science and Professional Studies. In an earlier ceremony, 11 CNC students received their commissions from the U.S. Army.

In one of the most memorable moments of graduation, CNC President Anthony Santoro interrupted the scheduled program to present English major Dana Phipps Martin with her diploma. Martin, an expectant mother, had expressed concern that she was in labor and would be unable to stay for the ceremony. By conferring her degree early, Dr. Santoro said he freed Martin to do more important things and fully experience the meaning of Mother's Day.

President Santoro and William T. O'Neill, Rector of the Board of Visitors, conferred honorary degrees on Hunter Booker Andrews, Shin-ichiro Nagashima and Mary Sue Terry.

Hunter Andrews, Senator, General Assembly of Virginia, was awarded the Doctor of Laws degree. He is majority leader of the Virginia Senate and graduated from the College of William and Mary and Univer-



sity of Virginia School of Law. He has served in the State Senate since 1964 and is chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Doctor of Science degree was conferred on Shin-ichiro Nagashima, President, Canon Virginia, Incorporated. Shin-ichiro Nagashima graduated from Tokyo Metropolitan University and has been a director of Canon, Incorporated since 1983.

Mary Sue Terry, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia, received the Doctor of Laws degree. She graduated from the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia Law School. She was elected Attorney General in 1985 after serving five terms in the Virginia House of Delegates. She is Vice President of the National Association of Attorneys General.

The commencement address was delivered by Mary Sue Terry. She began her speech by congratulating CNC on its "tolerance and affirmative action" in inviting a "highlander from Patrick County" to speak at the College. Dave Pisle, President of the Alumni Society, also addressed the new graduates and extended a year's membership in the Alumni Society to the entire class. Liz Bryant, Director of Alumni Relations, led the recessional of new alumni.

At the Honors Convocation, held Saturday, May 13 at 5 p.m., two CNC students, Marie P. Fiester and Mark A. Rinehart were recognized as President's Scholars. Fiester, a Finance major and Rinehart, an Information Science major, both graduated with perfect 4.0 grade point averages.



President Anthony R. Santoro interrupts the graduation program to present expectant mother, Dana Phipps Martin, with her degree.

Graduation '89



1989 Student Leadership Institute graduates.



1989 *Summa Cum Laude* graduates are recognized at the Honors Convocation held Saturday, May 13.



Sidney C. Zemp, IV has lieutenant's bars pinned on by his parents at the commissioning ceremony on Sunday, May 14.



Members of the Class of 1989 take their places for graduation.



The processional continues.



Graduates stand for the invocation.

Graduation '89



The Honorable Hunter B. Andrews
Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree Recipient



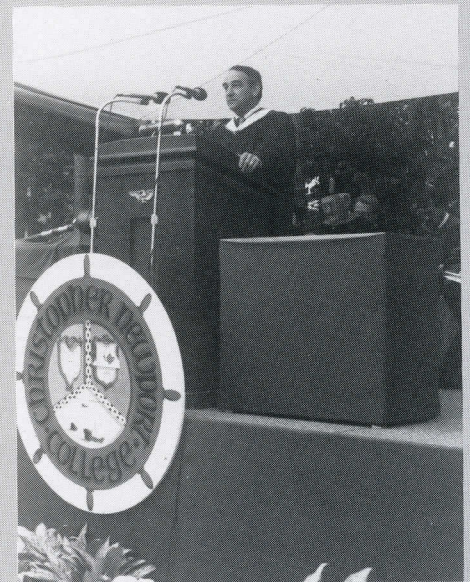
The Honorable Mary Sue Terry
Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree Recipient



Mr. Shin-ichiro Nagashima
Honorary Doctor of Science Degree Recipient



President Santoro addresses the Class of '89.



Alumni Society President David Pisle, '75, welcomes new graduates into the Alumni Society.



Honorary degree recipients pose with CNC Rector and President.



1989 graduate Dana Phipps Martin with newborn son, Jacob Collier, who finally arrived May 25.

Grads Find Opportunities at Busch Gardens



Director of Park Operations Gregg Klich, '84, by the carousel horse in his office.



Secretary Theresa DeRose, '84, at her computer.



Security Area Manager Gina Clayton, '83, prepares to make security rounds.



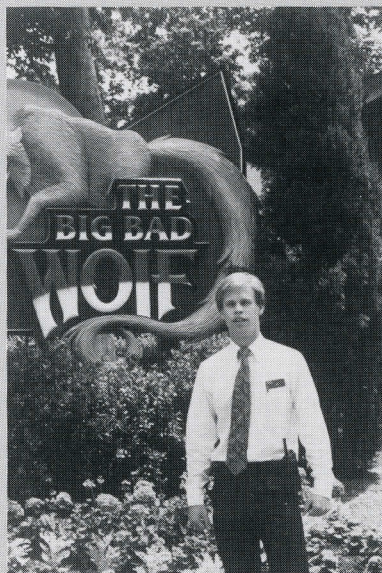
Retail Operations Area Manager John Gillespie, '83, describes a typical workday.

For some CNC graduates, Busch Gardens is more than a theme park. Increasingly, Busch Gardens' full-time staff comprises some of CNC's most ambitious alumni. There is a CNC graduate in virtually every department of the park.

In many ways, CNC alumni at Busch Gardens are similar. Almost all of them began working at the park as teenagers. Director of Park Operations **Gregg Klich, '84**, started at the Log Flume in 1979. "I've done everything from cleaning restrooms to escorting Vice President Quayle around the park on his recent visit." Today, he manages seven major departments employing 1,000 people.

John Gillespie, '83 and **Jim Dooley, '88**, are managers who started as seasonal employees. Gillespie's first job was as a security guard and today he is Retail Operations Area Manager overseeing gift shops in the France, New France, Germany and Oktoberfest sections of the park. Dooley began at the Eagle's Nest playground, supervising lost children. As Ride Operations Area Manager, Dooley's is responsible for the operation of the park's 34 attractions with a staff of 600 employees.

Busch's employees enjoy a fast-paced atmosphere. Ticket Controller **Betty Carr, '80**, handles 500 consignment accounts, coordinating with sales representatives in four states. "There are always special events and VIP tours,"



Ride Operations Area Manager, Jim Dooley, '88, prepares to inspect a park ride.

says Promotion and Publicity Secretary, **Amy Hall, '84**.

"Working here requires great commitment," says **Gina Clayton, '83**, Park Security Area Manager. "Public relations as well as providing Security for 2 million guests annually is always exciting and challenging."

The Finance Department, however, provides a scheduled workday. Finance and Inventory Supervisor **Carol Hardy, '77**, has chosen to stay in Finance rather than work in her degree field of retailing.

Without exception, Busch's CNC alumni praised their work for its variety, excitement and benefits. "Things are constantly changing here, so I'm always challenged," says **Theresa DeRose, '84**, Secretary, Director of Park Operations.

According to **Corinne Donovan, '78**, Accounts Payable Clerk, the company offers excellent health benefits and an "innovative vacation plan." Busch also offers education reimbursement.

When Busch employees speak of their company, the benefits are not what they mention first, however. "We're in the business of making smiles," Klich asserts. For he and other Busch staffers, including Director of Park Services **Dick Johnson, '73** and Games Manager **Donny Smith, '73**, the work is fun.

Alumni Notes

Rich Able, '84, received his M.S. in June from Seattle Pacific University in Washington. He is an Account Executive with E. R. Squibb.

Dianne Agricola, '88, is teaching English in Emporia where she has been instrumental in establishing a course in journalism.

Bethany Harvey Barch, '86, married Steven Barch in May. She is employed at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Course in Williamsburg.

Cathy Pace Basiulis, '84, is the Director of the Los Angeles AFB Child Care Center. She is married to Capt. Algis Basiulis and serves in the Army Reserves.

James E. Bellflower, '82, is Senior Vice President and General Manager of Endebrook-White Company in Yorktown, which recently completed renovations and additions to CNC's McMurren Hall.

Charles A. Brewer, '87, received an M.B.A. in May from the College of William and Mary. He is in the executive training program at Metropolitan Life, Newport News.

Jonathan H. Bronson, '87, is a Zoologist at the Virginia Living Museum.

LCDR Anthony P. Carambia, '85, is a Navy Engineer who wrote the damage control reports on the USS Stark and USS Roberts. He lives in Hampton.

Robyn P. Clark Carey, '87, teaches at Lee Hall Elementary. She married David Carey in December.

Jeffrey T. Cahoon, '77, is the Director of Human Resources at Greater Richmond Transit Co. He received an M.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1984.

Sterling J. Christian, '87, owns Sterling Properties, Inc., a real estate management and construction firm in Charlottesville. He and his wife own and operate Clearview Bed and Breakfast Inn.

Karen Currier, '82, is Managing Editor and Senior Technical Writer for NKF Engineering in Norfolk.

Cynthia M. Reynolds Earwood, '88, married Greg Earwood last year. She teaches first grade in Hampton.

Dr. Timothy J. Eichenbrenner, '74, was elected this year to Chief of Pediatrics, Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. He lives in Matthews, North Carolina.

Candace White Elliott, '71, received an M.A. in Social Sciences from New Mexico Highlands University in 1973 and an M.A.T. in Secondary Education from Winthrop College in May, 1989. She resides in Newport News.

Raymond G. Ellis, '79, is owner and President of Mailing Concepts, Inc., a direct mail production company in San Diego, California.

Margaret Kaiser Gerber, '87, is a Research Chemist working at NASA. She is married to Capt. Carl Gerber, USAF, and has a newborn son, Madison.

Beverly R. Rollinger Grimm, '77, is on rotational assignment to the Pentagon in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Procurement. She is home based at Ft. Eustis and lives in Hampton.

Mark K. Groves, '87, is Community Relations Representative for the Virginia Port Authority. He resides in Smithfield.

Brian E. Hart, '82, is a Juvenile Probation Counselor. He married Kimberly Sirbaugh last summer and resides in Winchester.

Lynne Oliver Leonard, '76, is Quality Manager for Intelligent Medicine, Inc., in Denver, Colorado.

Zoe Myers Miles, '75, is a member of the Amhurst County School Board. She works in the Public Relations Office at Sweet Briar College and is married to **John Miles, '71**, a Juvenile Probation Officer and Family Counselor.

William R. Miller, III, '74, received his M.S. and Ph.D. from Virginia Tech. He is a Project Manager with Roy F. Weston, Inc., and was recently selected to manage the Oak Ridge, Tennessee office.

Robert Moody, IV, '85, received a J.D. from the College of William and Mary last year and is an Attorney with Hoyle and Allen, P.C., in Hilton.

Karen Schmanska Nelson, '88, was promoted to Program Coordinator of Volunteer Services at Riverside Hospital. She married Andre Nelson last year.

Arnold K. Nourse, '85, passed the CPA exam in November, 1977, and was recently promoted to Broadcast Financial Analyst for Gannet Broadcasting. He lives in Arlington.

Kerry L. Pardue, '79, retired from the Army National Guard and is Postal/Community Relations Director for the U.S. Postal Service in Mesa, Arizona and President of Pardue Enterprises, a wholesale marketing business.

Shelly D. Pidgeon, '87, received her M.Ed. from Temple University in 1988. She is Assistant Director of Recreational Sports at The Medical College of Virginia.

Richard S. Prior, '78, received an M.B.A. in May from Bristol University in Tennessee. He is Assistant Business Manager and Director of Personnel at Clinch Valley College and is a member of the Wise County Planning Commission.

Patrick Rockey, '88, has published a book entitled *Did You Ever Notice...*, and lives in Alexandria.

Michael D. Sledge, '86, graduated *cum laude* from Tulane Law School. He is preparing for the bar exam and working as a Law Clerk in New Orleans.

Keith C. Smith, '78, is a Radiologist in private practice in Sylacauga, Alabama.

William D. Wescott, '87, owns and manages Wescott's Car Wash in Hampton. He married last year and has a newborn son.

Eric Wishon, '88, is an Associate Contract Analyst with Newport News Shipbuilding. He married Katherine Allen last year.

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CNC President Heads Sub Celebration

Dr. Anthony R. Santoro, President, Christopher Newport College, has served as Chairman of the USS Newport News Celebration Committee. Several events, staged in connection with the commissioning of the submarine, were held at CNC.

The committee has spent a year planning festivities to honor the sub. Their efforts will culminate July 4, when the submarine is welcomed back to Newport News in a downtown celebration expected to draw 50,000 people. Vice President Dan Quayle will deliver the homecoming's keynote address and the rock group, the Bangles, will perform.

"It's a symbol of rebirth," Santoro said of the nuclear-powered, fast-attack submarine. The vessel is the largest of its kind ever constructed at the Newport News Shipyard. Newport News residents and the City Council contributed more than \$270,000 for celebrations and gifts to honor the sub and its crew.

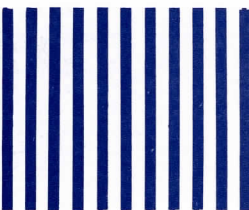
The commissioning ceremony, held Saturday, June 3, was attended by 3,000 people, including 500 Newport News schoolchildren. Newport News students raised more than \$5,000 to purchase an engraved silver tray for the sub. The commissioning marked the beginning of the sub's military service.



Crew members board sub during commissioning.

(Elliott Torn)

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