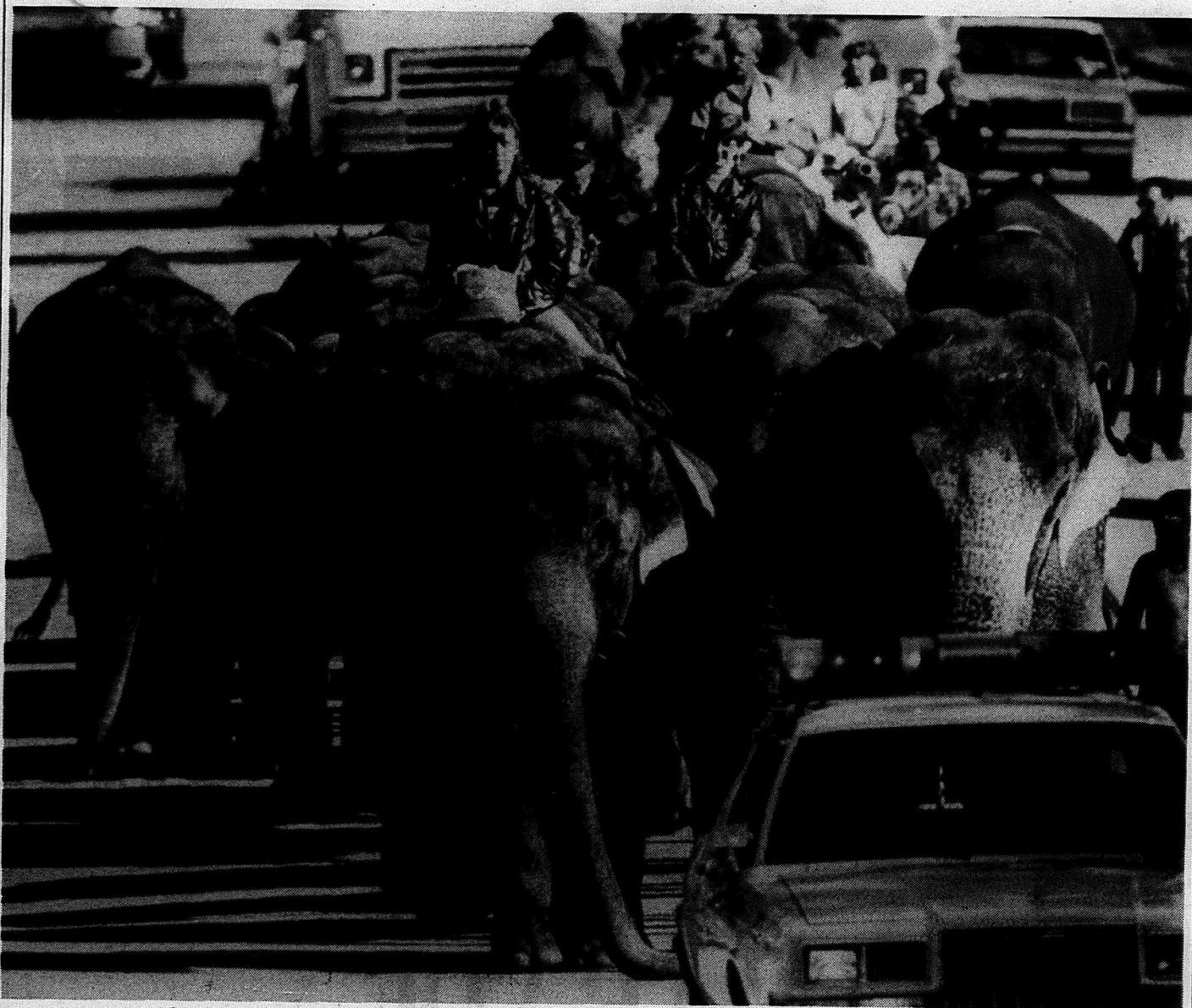


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Plagued by practical jokes

WALTER DRAKE'S

Personality Charade



Photo by Brent Klich

...the popular Couch Potato

Q. Please settle a bet. My friend says that the popular "couch potato" stuffed toy is modeled after a local college president. I disagree. Who's right? — A.L., Newport News, VA

A. You are. There is no substance to that rumor.

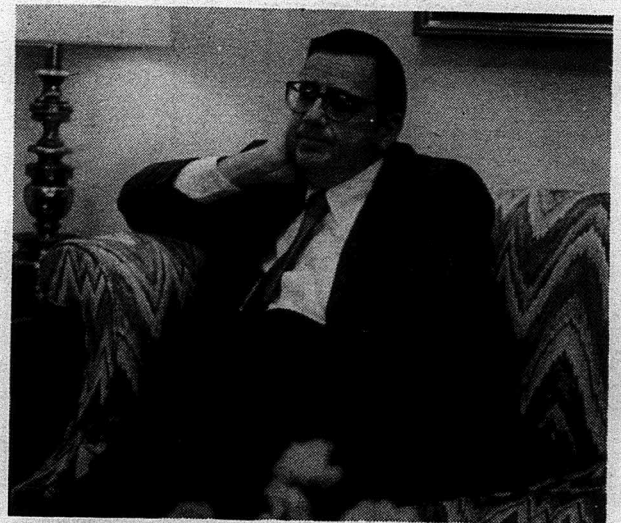
Q. Some information, please, on Christopher Newport College President Anthony R. Santoro. — D.Q., Hampton, VA

A. Anthony R. Santoro was born in 1939 in Chicago, to a medical family where both parents were physicians. He received his bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1960, his master's degree from the University of California in 1962, and his doctorate in history from Rutgers University in 1978. He began his teaching career at Monmouth College in New Jersey, where he was Instructor of

History and later served as Director of the Two-Year Social Sciences Division.

In 1967, he accepted a position with Briarcliff College in New York and became Dow Professor of History. He also served at Briarcliff as Chairman of the Department of History and Philosophy, Registrar of the College, and Vice President for Administration. In 1977, he became Vice President for Development and College Relations at Ladycliff College in New York.

Named president of Saint Joseph's College in Maine in 1979, Dr. Santoro remained there until this past April, when he was appointed president of Christopher Newport College.



...CNC President Anthony R. Santoro

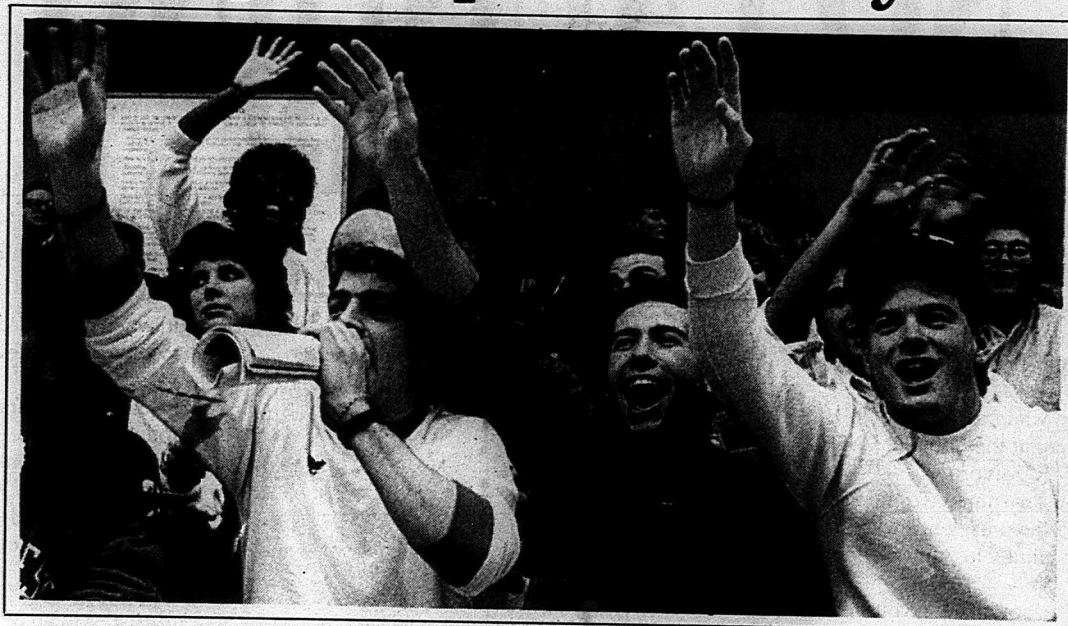
Q. Is it true that there is a television minister, who hosts a popular religious show, who has never tried illicit drugs, cavorted with harlots, stolen money, participated in group sex or claimed a party-line to God? — N.B., Biloxi, Miss.

A. No.

CHARADE

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NO LAUGHING MATTER!

Police are baffled by a bizarre string of practical jokes which have plagued people associated with Christopher Newport College in recent weeks.

The spree began when unordered COD items began arriving at the home of CNC President Anthony R. Santoro.

"At first it was just a Tummy Trimmer," said Carol Santoro, the president's wife. "I thought it just came to the wrong house."

In just two days, the Santoros received:

- 13 Tummy Trimmers
- 24 Chia Pets
- 8 Wonder Looms
- 3 entire No Money Down Real Estate Courses
- 6 Ronco Egg Beaters
- 4 Nordic Cross Country Skiing machines
- 18 Sweater Shavers

But the practical jokes didn't stop there.

Tisa Johnson, director of student life, began receiving prank phone calls in the middle of the night asking questions like "Is your refrigerator running?"

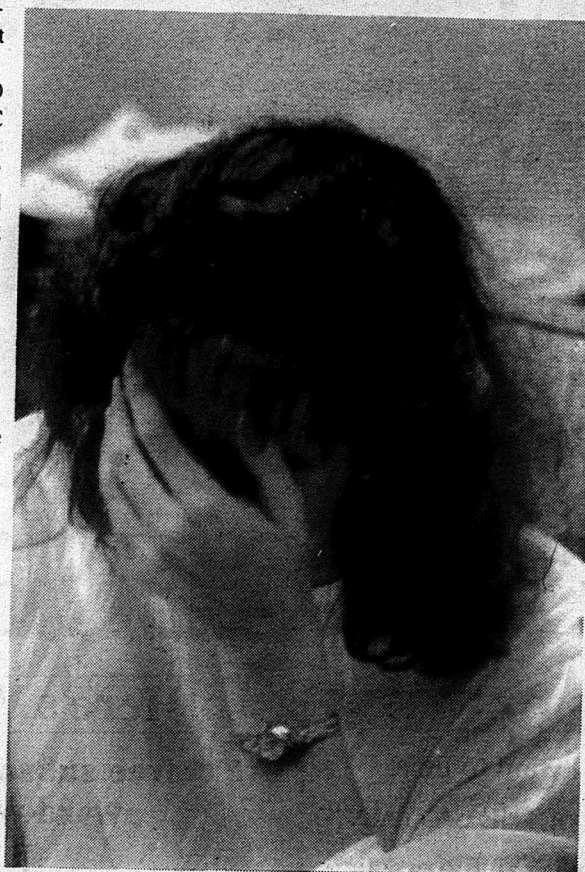
"When I'd go to check," said Johnson, "They'd hang up. I thought maybe it was some kind of poll or something."

"They asked if Prince Albert was in my can," Johnson continued. "I was afraid maybe he broke in, so I went and checked. I even looked under the sink."

"These cruel people have made my life a living heck," said Johnson, bursting into tears.

Next, this brilliant band of practical jokers chose Paula Delo, the college's public relations director, as its next victim.

"I received a phone call saying I had won free Arthur Murray dance classes," Delo said. "So I said 'Super, kid. It's a



"They made my life a living heck," says Johnson of the practical jokers who tormented her with crank phone calls.

go!"

"But when I went down there," she sobbed, "they had never heard of me! Those beasts!"

The Board of Visitors was next on this evil group's agenda.

One night, each member was awakened by a knock at the door. When they opened the door, they found a flaming bag which they had to stomp out with their slippered feet.

"It had doggie-doo inside!" said member Erwin Drucker, inflamed with emotion.

"I was simply aghast," said Betty Levin, another member.

Next on the hit list was Rev. Marcellus Harris, a member of CNC's United Campus Ministries, and a critic of the college's expansion plans.

Early one morning, a Mayflower moving van showed up at Harris's door. The movers said they had orders to pack up everything, because his house was set for demolition.

"They said something about building dormitories where my house stood," said Harris, reached by phone at the Quality Inn. "Oh America, Oh CNC, Oh why?"

The most recent incident occurred yesterday, when a herd of elephants was paraded down Shoe Lane and left on the Santoro's doorstep along with a bill.

"We didn't order these," said Carol Santoro.

"They aren't sleeping in my room," said first daughter Missy Santoro.

Daily Press columnist Jim Spenser reports that this cruel crime spree may have been the work of The Boys, a gang from Menchville High School.

But reached at home, gang leader X denied any connection.

"It ain't our style," said X. "Guns, knives, chains - yes. But doggie-doo on the door step? That's just inhuman!"

BY TOOTIE MONTCLAIR

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IN STEP WITH:



BY KUDZU DUBOSE

Christopher Newport College

Christopher Newport College officials announced today that the four-year college will soon be converted to a day care center, catering mainly to those below 4 years of age.

"It should only take a few minor changes," said CNC (now CNDC) President Anthony R. Santoro.

College officials outlined a series of steps which will soon be initiated, among them:

- Dances will be extended from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. Says Director of student Life Tisa Johnson: "We feel our new students are capable of handling the later hour; after all, they're children, not college students."

- The Terrace lounge will begin serving mixed drinks, rather than just beer and wine. Says assistant Campus Center Director Kris Arnold: "I feel our new students are capable of handling the new freedom; after all, they're children, not college students."

- Class attendance policies in all classes will be completely abolished. Says Vice President for Academic affairs Richard summerville: "I feel our new students are capable of handling the decision on whether or not to attend class; after all, they're children, not college students."

- Library hours will be extended by over 40 percent. Say library officials: "We feel the new students need and can handle the extended hours; after all, they're children, not college students."

- The new students will be given a bigger voice in the running of the institution. Three seats on the Board of Visitors will be reserved solely for students. Says Santoro: "We care what the students think; after all, they're children, not college students."

- The Student Government Association will be given real power. Says Vice President for Student Affairs Charles Behymer: "The SGA will be allowed to make decisions rather than just spin its wheels. I feel the new students can handle the responsibility; after all, they're children, not college students."

However, at least one student leader is concerned about the change. Chris Frazier, the director of the Campus activities board, is confused about how to program to children: "Who am I supposed to book? INXS or Sheila E?"



File photo

Under the plan, the well-known "3 Ships" sculpture will be converted to a playground for the new students.



"I feel our new students are capable of handling the new freedom; after all, they're children, not college students."

Ask Bubba

BY BUBBA VOS SAVANT

If you have a question or comment for Bubba vos Savant, who is listed in the Guinness Book of Useless Trivia under "Red neck brother to the Chick with the Highest IQ," send it to "Ask Bubba," Charade, 666 6th Street Forsyth County, GA 10017.

Dear Bubba:

My girlfriend and I have three kids, and she's going to drop another puppy in a couple months. I can't possibly feed everyone and pay for my new pick-up truck with the huge tires and the gun rack and rebel flag in the back window. As the red neck brother to the chick with the highest IQ, would you sell the truck and get a job?

—Billy Bob Barker
Virginia

Hell no! The little woman's got another couple good months of work left on her before she squeezes out another ankle biter. And what she doesn't bring in, you can mooch off relatives or the government.

Dear Bubba:

I find your column to be an abomination. You have absolutely no qualifications to write an advice column and are shamelessly leaching off the successes of your famous sibling!

—Marlon Jackson
California

Dear Bubba:

My teacher says pie are square. What do you think?

—J.C.
Georgia

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SGA Candidates

Continued from Page 1

traditional student give him a unique perspective on student life. "I am not as easily intimidated by the administration as would be a younger student," he said. As for the SGA's roll, MacKay said: "The SGA is not designed to be a puppet group of the administration or to lord over the student body." MacKay says that the SGA should be open to student complaints, and "the elected officials should also not be afraid to go to the wall concerning a fellow student's complaints."

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—Pres. Candidate David MacKay

The position of vice president of academic affairs has attracted two candidates.

Nathaniel D. West, a junior accounting major, is a 1987 National Minority Leadership Award winner, a 1987 United States Achievement Academy winner and a current member of CNC's Leadership Institute. West says that he has three immediate goals: making the tutor program, traditionally run by the VPAA, more effective, providing panel discussions for CNC professors to speak on "How to Succeed in My Class" (ie. How a non-accounting major can be successful in an accounting class), and to "seek to provide a working relationship with other SGA members and the students they represent."

The other candidate, Sharon Lee Smith, a junior English major, recently transferred to CNC from Longwood College. Smith was the 1985 representative of the city of Suffolk to the Miss Virginia Pageant, has been involved in student government since middle school and currently serves on the SGA public relations and curriculum committee. She feels that "being a transfer student has given me a point of comparison with other colleges and their organizations."

Smith wants to "enhance student creativity by sponsoring student debates and promote student readings, concerts and exhibits. Smith stresses the need to make the academic code more visible and for extended "library hours on Sunday and especially during examination time." She also wants to hire fewer adjunct professors and tighten qualification requirements for them.

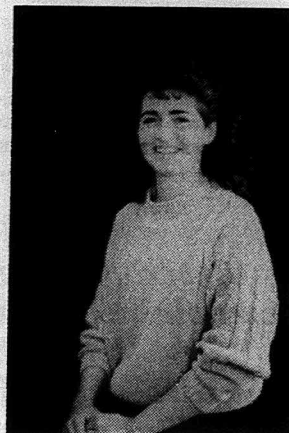
Finally, three candidates are vying for the position of vice president of student affairs.

Like Smith, Laura K. Duncan, a junior math major, sees the need for longer library hours. Duncan also said that encouraging student participation is essential. "The SGA and the student body should be one in the same," she said. To get student input, Duncan proposes the SGA regularly publish a student flyer to contain SGA minutes, committee news, a list of upcoming events and a space for student feedback. In addition, she sees a need for better parking conditions. Duncan was previously vice president of the Future Business Leaders of America and an active SGA member.

Bonita Roberts, a sophomore business management major, wants "to serve the student body in a capacity where I can be instrumental in providing a progressive direction for the Student Government Association and the students it represents." Roberts, who characterizes herself as "hardworking, reliable and dependable," has two planks on her platform: 1) "Seek ways for student organizations to sponsor joint events while maintaining their own independence and recognition" and 2) "Provide events which will encourage more students (day and night) to participate in campus activities."

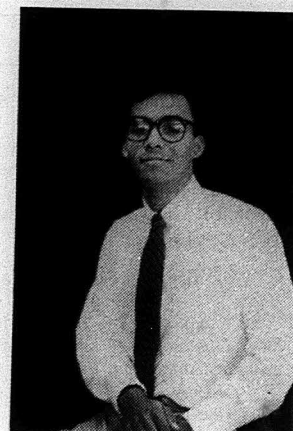
Suzanna Geithmann, a member of the SGA, student assistant to Dean Maris and a member of the CNC Leadership Institute, sees a growing need for the SGA to govern, rather than program events. She plans a "President's Council," where students may air concerns; a master calendar, to assist organizations in publicizing events and a series of workshops and informational packets to help clubs train new officers and plan events. Geithmann hopes these projects will help strengthen the link between the student and the SGA.

One candidate for president, Yolanda Billups, did not submit a platform.



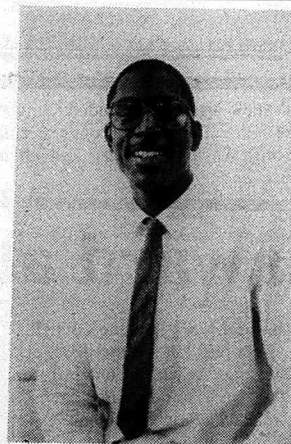
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Presidential Candidates

Erik Reyes



Nathaniel D. West

Vice Pres. of Academic Affairs



Sharon Smith



Suzanna Geithmann

Vice Pres. of Student Affairs



Laura K. Duncan

CAB hits entertainment jackpot with Kier

by David Becker
contributing writer

The CNC Campus Activities Board, recently under fire for its shift in focus from high profile band entertainment to more low profile coffee house-type programming, hit the jackpot with Kier, who performed at the college last Wednesday night, March 23.

Twenty-nine years old and "into animal stories," Kier entertained the near-capacity crowd in The Terrace with his rock impressions and his accomplished instrumental abilities.

"I do the important part—you break into spontaneous applause," said Kier jokingly as he opened his nearly two hour show.

Admittedly recovering from a cold, Kier was in fighting form as he performed excerpts from some of rock music's greatest lyrics in the guise of the original artists.

"Springsteen" performed "Brilliant Disguise," "Billy Joel" sang "Piano Man," and "Bryan Adams" screeched "Summer of '69."

Kier's weakest moments were as "Elton John" singing "Candle In The Wind," (obviously thrown in due to the songs popularity during its recent re-release) and as "Prince" doing a falsetto "Kiss."

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Show highlights included Kier versions of James Taylor, Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Sting, Waylon Jennings, and *all* of the Beatles.

Despite his impressionable impressions, Kier was best as Kier.

One in a series of original songs he performed, "I'm Taking Back My Heart (You Bitch!)," was written "for my most recently former girlfriend."

The first evening CAB event geared primarily for traditional students since the October 15 Graf Brothers concert was "obviously a success," said Chris Frazier, CAB director. "A lot of effort went into (this event) — and it showed. (Kier) was marketed very well."

However, this evening was not without controversy. Several students complained openly when they discovered that Kier was paid \$950 for his under-two hour performance.

"If you want quality — you've got to pay out of the nose," said Flint Hackney, a CNC senior.

Lauri Poole, a senior finance major, claimed "(Kier) was cool — but \$1000 worth of cool I'm not sure about!"

"Nobody questions the cost of (performers like) The Boneshakers, (but) that's

are!" said Frazier. "CNC students are not used to change!"

Fortunately for CNC students, *Kier was a change* — away from the magicians and clowns which have become, unfortunately, its staple.

Future CAB's must use this year's programming — what worked and what didn't work — as an example that a happy medium *must* exist to insure a happy student body.

Kier worked.

"If you see my name up in lights somewhere," said Kier, "call me up and tell me!"

The CAB's next event will be the May 6 presentation of "1964: The Beatles," in conjunction with The Alumni Society.

For further information contact Sallie Richardson, event coordinator, at the CAB Hotline: 599-7159.

SVEA wins award at State convention

During the weekend of March 18-20 at the Student Virginia Education Association Convention in Blacksburg, the CNC SVEA won the "Ultimate Chapter Standards Award" for the State of Virginia. An engraved plaque was presented to the CNC representative, Dr. Sandra Bryan, and is on display in the Education Department.

The SVEA meet or exceed many of the state criteria. SVEA has held a training session to facilitate membership and orient new officers. It also conducted a membership drive which resulted in over 30 percent increase in membership this year. This membership represents half of all CNC students who have declared education as a major and may be the largest student organization on campus.

Many of the SVEA members participated in community service projects. Several student teachers participated in the Newport News Public School's Young Writer's Workshop. The group's officers provided child care for participants in "Involving Parents in the Home-School Connection." Members also read stories at the Special Olympics held at Phoebus High School. Many SVEA members are also active in the

Newport News Reading Council.

This past fall semester SVEA held four meetings: Teaching Content Through The Arts, Understanding Beginner Teacher's Assistance Program, Educational Reforms at CNC, and Utilizing Hands-on Activities in the Classroom. Three meetings have been held so far this year: Mainstreaming, Acquiring A Teaching Position, and Using Drama in the Classroom. Dr. Anthony Santoro, CNC President, will address the group on April 21 when the officers for Fall 1988/Spring 1989 will be installed.

Additionally, at the convention SVEA won first place in a state-wide activity besting 35 other colleges. A poster was designed and constructed by Margaret Spazani, acting SVEA President, and Amy Polonsky, Secretary/Treasurer. The poster is currently on display in the SVEA showcase in the Campus Center and will be put on permanent display in the Education Department.

SVEA looks forward to next year's activities and continuation of quality programs on campus as well as in the community.



U.S. voter apathy a cause for concern

by C. S. Bellinger
staff reporter

"THE DATA, SHOW LOW LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. IS THIS A MATTER OF CONCERN? SHOULD CHANGES BE MADE TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION?"

The data, as mentioned above, indicate an alarmingly low level of political participation in most democratic countries. My concern is the lack of participation in the United States. The United States has consistently shown a much smaller level of participation on the part of its citizens than most West European nations such as West Germany. Something must be done to prevent this lack of interest on the part of the citizenry from continuing.

The low level of participation is a matter of great concern for the continuance of democracy for several reasons.

First, the quality of candidates running for a public office deteriorates because the low level of participation does not allow for any scrutinizing of the candidates. Therefore, the candidates do not feel responsible to the people.

Second, politicians become tools of the interest groups that got them into office rather than being representatives of their constituents.

Third, the lack of concern on the public's part leads to rule by a few elite because they sense the lack of concern by the public. Ironically, those that would benefit most from participating—the poor, uneducated, and non-white people—do not!

Statistics and research shows that those

citizens most politically active have upper-middle class to wealthy backgrounds. Perhaps because they feel they have more to protect, they participate.

However, those less fortunate, I feel, have more they need to change about our current system. Something else one finds in the United States that is different from other democracies is that the few citizens that do vote do so for the wrong reasons.

Rather than cast their vote for the candidate with a sound economic agenda, a firm stand on moral issues, or a stated and detailed budget—they vote for the personality traits of the individual. Is he handsome, charismatic, honest, a good speaker, a good dresser, and funny? Granted, these are important qualities—some of them less so than others—but should they dictate the political campaigns and candidates the way they have in our country? I think not.

Perhaps the greatest concern I have about the low level of participation on the part of the public is the increased power it gives to the bureaucracy. Certainly if the public displays a lack of concern for presidential candidates, it could care even less about the no-names who really run this country.

Could something as disastrous as the Iran-Contra scandal have occurred if our government was more responsible to its informed public? Perhaps, but rather than seeing "Ollie North For President" bumper stickers, one would see the justice system and legislature (remember checks and balances and its role in our federal system) reprimand and condemn the President/Executive Branch and its

increasingly growing bureaucracy. The American people should be concerned about such an incident and ask themselves and their representatives what else is going on that we are not being told.

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Changes are needed to increase the political participation of citizens in the United States. Definitely, the size of the bureaucracy could be limited by a more demanding public. Also, issue-oriented campaigns rather than glossed over media hype should be demanded by the public. Increased live telecasts from the Senate, House, and important governmental meetings would aid in arousing the public interest. Perhaps the voting process could be even more simplified.

There has been research done that would allow for the citizens of a nation to vote simply by using a telephone and registering their choice into a computer.

All of these changes would help to make the public more eager to participate. The greatest change, however, must come from the people themselves. The key to greater participation is an informed public, the key to an informed public is education. Greater civic awareness should be cultivated at an early age and continually be enforced until a student graduates from high school.

Much of an American political education is squeezed into one year of government in a senior year of high school. An educated individual, aware of the issues, problems, and history of our government will have a greater desire to participate and feel that he can make the difference.

Democracy in our nation is being threatened by the alarmingly low level of participation in our society. The key element of any democracy is participation.

"Demo" is Latin for people and "Crazy" Latin for government. Well, we certainly have the government but where are the people that make it work for them? They are not at caucuses. They are not at primaries. They are not working on campaigns. And, they are certainly not at the polls.

In Haiti people risk their lives, some have even died, to be able to vote and participate in their government. They realize

We Americans should use the sacrifice these people have made as the first step to educating ourselves in the tremendous obligation we have to participate.

Volunteering is 'hip' way to network

by Erin Doyle
college press service

Causes are hip again. But not if you have to wear love beads.

The new volunteers are swarming to help the less fortunate at a startling rate. Perhaps more startling is their origin. These are not particularly socially conscious individuals raised on a kibbutz or a commune. These are people living in high-rises and driving cars that cost twice what most of us will be paid our first year out of college. These people are busy. They have money to earn, coffee beans to grind and brunches to eat.

Yuppies are volunteering. It's the latest thing.

Good for them. Right? What could be better than people with time, money and compassion to give? People who actually

give it.

As one volunteer put it, volunteering "makes me feel lucky. When I go home and see what I have, it all means so much more."

Huh?

"There are so many social problems and so few ways to address them," notes another, adding that volunteering "makes you feel less guilty."

Shirley Keller, vice president of Workplace Programs for Volunteers, speculates this sudden increase in volunteerism is, in part, due to the need for security. Individuals feel that if they look after someone now, someone will look after them later. Probably while their friends and children are boating.

Mike King, executive VP of the organization, has a different theory.

"Why are they there? To meet other yuppies. It's better than a singles bar."

In many cases, a lot of the motivation is positive publicity. Companies that sponsor volunteer programs look good in the eyes of everyone but the stockholders. It bothers investors to think that their money may be poured into a company that is not putting all its efforts into making more cash.

In a very warped way, however, things are happening. People are being helped. The motivation for all this positive action is laughable. And that's unfortunate. We're dealing with a very serious problem: people who are in desperate need for help. The people helping them are treating it as a trendy hobby. They are feeding a few dozen of the hungry homeless and visiting a sick kid or two. For that low price

they get:

REDUCED GUILT!
OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET NEW PEOPLE!!

What is going on?

We can only hope that the ends do indeed justify the means. Even if the helping is done for the wrong reasons, there remains the potential for an important learning experience.

Personal interaction with people in need can only raise consciousness, making individuals with the power aware of what needs to be done. After the trendiness of the whole concept wears off, maybe there will remain a core of concerned people with the means to do a lot of good.

Erin Doyle is a senior at the University of Illinois.



Sometimes when people try to talk to me about their problems, I respond by trying to get them to look at the positive side of things. That, of course, is the last thing in the world anybody needs at a time like that. When you don't like something that is going on, you want understanding, not a pep talk.

I need to grow in my capacity for looking on the dark side of things. I have tried, therefore, to identify some things I do not like, some things I can both complain about and rail against.

To see supposedly good people gloating over the moral weaknesses and failings of other people is one thing I do not like. I do not like to hear people chuckling over the fall of Jimmy Swaggart. I do not like to see people making sport of Jim Bakker and Jessica Hahn or pointing with glee to the birth of Pat Robertson's child less than nine months after his marriage.

Most people whom I know claim that love for others is one of their highest values. In I Corinthians 13, the Apostle Paul writes that real love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. A loving person does not gloat over the troubles of others.

To see and hear people pridefully holding themselves up as right and putting

other people down as wrong is something else I do not like.

Some people seem to think they have a direct pipeline to God. When you have a discussion with them, they regard what you say as merely a personal opinion; they regard what *they* say as being synonymous with the Word of God.

Two ministers were arguing about what should be included in worship services and what should be left out. One of the ministers finally sniffed and said, "Look, you worship God in your way, and I'll worship him in his way!"

It was a person of similar egotism who confessed, "Listen, I'll be the first to admit that I have my faults ... but being wrong isn't one of them."

Ironically, some of the television religionists have been the worst offenders on this score. Swaggart looks down his nose at Catholics. Falwell looks down his nose at Charismatics. Robertson looks down his nose at (George) Bush. On and on it goes, people claiming to be higher up on the ladder of truth and righteousness and morality than other people.

It is not surprising that some who have so elevated themselves have fallen. Here again the Apostle Paul wrote some very

wise words in I Corinthians 10, "Who ever thinks he is standing firm had better be careful that he does not fall."

One more thing I do not like is the fact that we Americans are apparently losing

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our capacity for distinguishing between image and substance. People who sell products or religion or political candidates have learned that we the people are influenced more by the way things appear than by the way they are.

I sat down at a table in the seminary dining hall one time, and somebody passed me a bowl containing a vegetable I had

never seen. It had the color of sweet potato and the texture of pineapple. I thought anything which looked like that would have to be great. I took a generous serving, speared a large piece with my fork and put it in my mouth. It was all I could do to choke it down. What I thought was a combination of sweet potatoes and pineapple turned out to be rutabaga!

In this day of image-making, when no televangelist or political candidate would ignore the advice of a make-up artist, I worry that we may swallow what we think is pineapple and sweet potato only to find out that it's a member of the turnip family.

Maybe if I keep working on my ability to sound off about things I don't like I'll be less inclined to give you a cheerful pep talk when you come by to growl about something in life that is giving you a pain.

*Rev. J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
Pastor, Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church
President, United Campus Ministries*

SGA Awareness: Week celebrates a "productive" year

from SGA Public Relations

"Under no circumstances could everything (we did) have pleased each and every person," said Judy Snyder, SGA Student Controller, "but considering the way things had been, I feel (the 1987-8) Student Government Association is at least pointing in the right direction for additional revisions and improvements. A good fundamental base has been established."

Currently putting the final touches on a productive year, the CNC SGA undertook "an effort to bring the student back into the student government," said Ginny Alexander, Vice-President of Student Affairs. "I hope future SGA's will enforce the policies that have been established, and continue to lead the students with their input ... it's not always an easy job!"

This year's executive board was expanded to include the chairmen of the organization's three new committees: Posting Regulations, Elections, and Public Relations.

"We made a lot of changes by expanding our membership to 35 ... student government enhances the college experience," said Michelle Johnson, chairman of the posting committee. "We can all work together!"

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The posting regulations have been revised several times during the year as the executive board tried to iron out the policies. "We learned a lot through trial and error this year," said Johnson. "We tried to improve our system for the students while maintaining a clean and neat campus."

"Increasing student body participation (voting-wise) in campus elections has

been the main challenge for the election committee," said chairman Karl Greaves.

To insure higher voter turnout for the upcoming SGA elections, the voting will take place during Greek Week, April 4-8.

"This week is filled with activities sponsored by many social organizations, and we expect to capture their votes."

The election committee also introduced the position as Homecoming King to its homecoming ballot, and developed a rules and regulations handbook to govern future SGA elections.

Charged with the responsibility of making the SGA more visible to the entire CNC community was the new public relations committee.

"We worked hard at promoting the student government this year," said David Becker, committee chairman, "and we feel our efforts have been successful. There is a sense of 'SGA' now that hasn't existed in the past, due to a lot of hard work by a lot of people."

The public relations committee sponsored the "SGA Smokeout" in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, and the SGA Awareness Week. A Faculty Appreciation Week is planned for the second week of April.

The three new committee chairmen act as voting members of the SGA Executive Board, along with Snyder and Alexander. Tu Ritter, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, is the sixth voting member. SGA President Bill Dittmar votes in the event of a tie.

Kelly Dispirito serves as the SGA Secretary.

All positions are salaried, with the exception of the committee chairmen.

For further information about the CNC Student Government Association, contact any member of the Executive Board. SGA offices are located on the second floor of the Campus Center, and office hours are posted on the door for your convenience. The SGA phone number is 599-7197.

Join us in "Making A Difference!"

Why I chose social work...

by Cheryl M. Mathews, ACSW
Director of Social Work

One of the requirements to gain admission to the Social Work Program at CNC is a short essay, partially biographical in nature, about what had led a student to the pursuit of a career in social work. I guess I shouldn't be surprised then about being asked by my students to write a similar essay! This one is not just why I got into the field of social work, but why I have stayed in social work as well; though admittedly teaching social work is a bit different than the direct practice of social work.

Some of my students might be surprised to know that when I first went to college, I really didn't know what a social worker was at all; not so surprising when you realize that I was a math major at the time!

Well - ever taken calculus? Calculus convinced me that the fun had gone out of math for me, while at the same time I had just taken a course, Sociology, that seemed highly interesting. Back in those (old) days - actually any days prior to 1974 - there was no undergraduate major in social work.

But with a major in sociology, you could enter a graduate program to prepare for a career in social work. After taking Introduction to Social Work (now my favorite class to TEACH) and especially after spending the summer between my junior and senior years working as a social work aide in a state residential program for juvenile delinquent girls, I was hooked on becoming a social worker. The work I did the following year in graduate school served to further my interest in "helping people help themselves" and gave me many skills with which to begin that work.

Since those beginnings, I have worked in Child Welfare, a Family Service (private non-profit) Agency, Public Welfare (Adoptions, ADC, a bit of everything), Medical and Psychiatric Social Work, and Home Health. It was in 1977 that I first began to teach, at first part-time to accommodate family needs and then full-time beginning in 1978.

I came to CNC in 1979 to help build a strong social work curriculum and work for the national accreditation of our Social Work Program.

The accreditation was first accomplished in 1982 and we are now preparing for our first reaffirmation of that accredited

status in 1989.

When you get right down to it, social work is challenging, ever-changing, humbling, rewarding, consuming, and now and then discouraging. You learn that people really can and DO change. You learn that there is no way you can help everyone - and that it is really true that when you do help someone, they really have helped themselves. You find that just when you thought you knew what to do in a certain kind of case, there is that individual, family, group, or even community, that has a need that is different. There is never only one answer.

Social work is a blending of science and art - we learn so much about human behavior and about the social environment, and then we combine that knowledge with values and skills artfully applied with just the right sense of timing. Then it all changes!

When I am practicing social work directly (which I still do on a part-time basis), there are some really neat rewards.

I often tell my students about the young woman who had been one of my earliest ADC clients. She found me about a year after we had parted and told me that I had helped her a great deal - mostly by believing in her and getting her started on a road toward independence and self-fulfillment. And I didn't even remember her!

And there are the clients that I know I was able to help, and who never knew that - but I knew. And, yes, there were (and are) those folks that I am not really able to help - at least not enough - often because of societal barriers.

Those are the times when my social work instincts drive me to learn more and to join my colleagues in social action efforts to change our society in the direction of equal opportunity and equal access to the basic needs of humanity, including the right of each individual to reach his or her own maximum potential.

When I began to teach social work, I worried about losing the rewards of my chosen profession. What I have found is that, while I may miss the direct client contact, I have this marvelous opportunity to teach others who then become the helpers.

As I watch each student grow into a professional social worker, I know I am still a social worker! I wouldn't have it any other way.

Flex-time Furious

Dear Editor,

Dr. Santoro has recently mandated that appropriate Vice Presidents require college staff to adhere to a rigid 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. work schedule. Employees have also been instructed to take an hour lunch break away from the office. Exceptions have been made which are beneficial to him, such as housekeeping (to clean his office prior to his arrival) and food service (to insure three full meals are available upon his request).

Prior to this new policy, some employees were allowed to work schedules that accommodated individual needs while insuring continuous operation of specific offices. Supervisors should be able to approve individual scheduling request that do not hinder or prohibit services and availability.

Today's economy often requires a two income household in order to maintain an adequate standard of living. (C.E.O.'s are the exception when living in school subsidized housing.) This necessitates that a parent see children off to school or arrange workable child care. Most companies are currently expanding schedul-

ing options to address this problem. An institution of higher education should be giving immediate and profound attention to flexible scheduling.

I believe that the President's policies are directly responsible for the extremely low morale and rampant worker dissatisfaction. The smell of death is in most offices and the school is becoming something entirely different from what it was intended to be.

An Employee Seeking
Alternative Employment

CAB RIDE

Dear Editor,

I think the Campus Activities Board knows what's going on - there is no real problem, they're just a little ahead of their time. I mean, with no condom machines and children's programming, they are at least taking a stab in the right direction.

What better form of entertainment than to stay home with your girlfriend (or boyfriend) - and we owe it all to CAB.

Sure, with a budget of \$29,000 to entertain the student body with diverse activities, of course the CAB should target at least \$25,000 to the old folks who don't show up at any functions anyhow. I mean, they are the ones who protect the mighty beer license, right? The discriminatory beer license that only allows the fogies to drink anyhow?

So one might ask how the old folks get to drink the beer and entertain their kids too, while the (traditional) students get ruthlessly blamed for not participating in CAB's idea of fun.

Who really needs to drink, people?

I feel if there is a problem, it lies with the girls who get the parameters on CAB. I think they know exactly what aging mothers like to do on Friday nights, but not all of us want to stay home and watch T.V.

Come on gals, lay off those stupid pills - you're not going to get away with this.

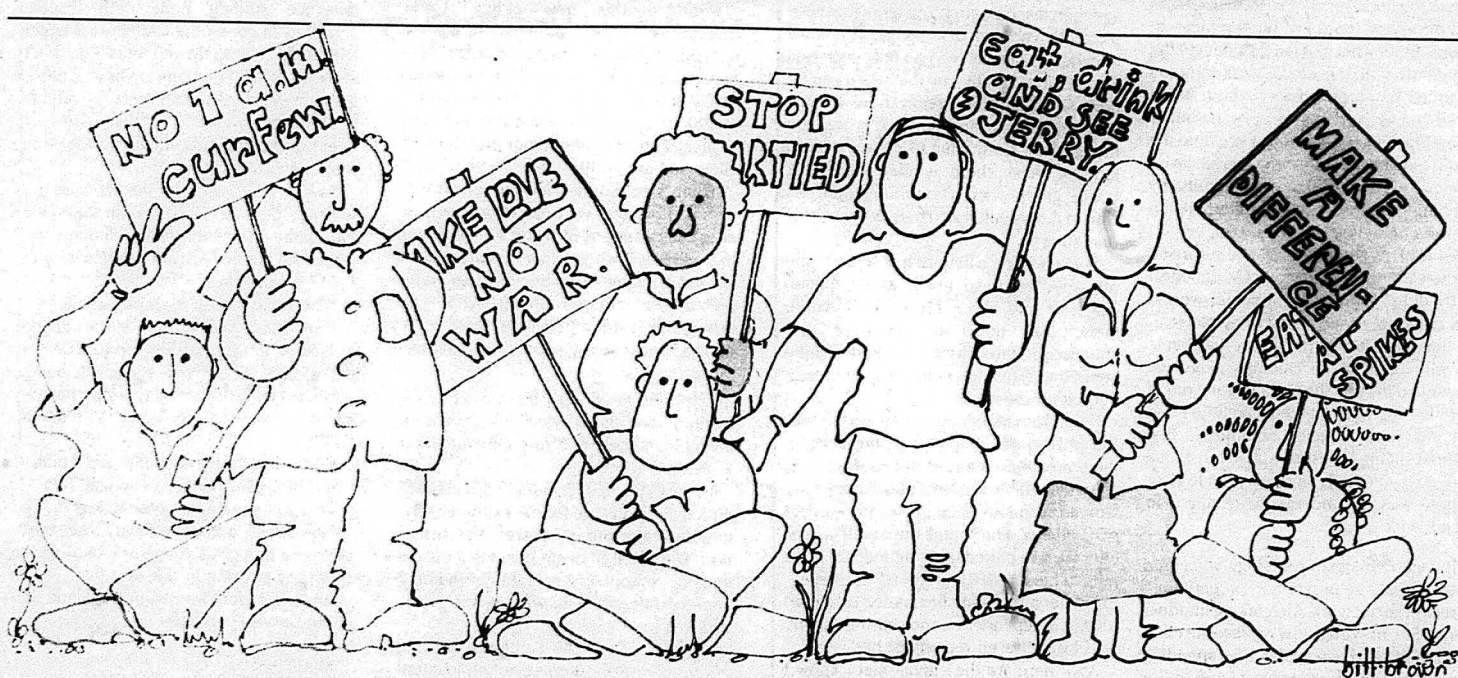
Let's get some real entertainment! Go ahead and take away our beer license if that gives you your jollies. We'll be happy to drink in our cars.

And oh, Karen, keep your trap shut, we all know who you work for.

Sincerely,
Mudd.



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