

# CNC CHRONICLE

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July 16, 1992

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES** -- Dr. Sheila Greenlee and Professor Deborah Fontaine presented the paper, "The Black Woman: A Double Solo," at the Annual Women's Studies Conference at Bowling Green State University on April 25.

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES** -- Dr. Clyde Brockett recently returned from Madrid, Spain where he presented his research concerning music by composer L. M. Gottschalk to the International Musicological Society. His travel was supported by a CNU Faculty Development Grant.

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES** -- Dr. Donald W. Hicks had an article titled "Is He a She?" published in the May 1992 issue of Disclosures, a monthly publication of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. The article was co-authored with Dr. Rita Hull, a faculty member at VCU. Dr. Hicks also served as guest editor for the May issue.

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES** -- Dr. Ronnie Cohen had an article titled "Transforming the Work Environment for Professional Women" published in the May 1992 issue of Disclosures. This article was co-authored with Dr. Cheryl Mitchem, a former CNU faculty member.

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES** -- Wendell Barbour was appointed to chair and represent Newport News on the Regional Library Exploratory Task Force with York County. He was appointed by Mayor Barry DuVal at the Newport News City Council Meeting on June 9.

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES** -- Martin Buoncristiani presented the paper "Activated Crystalline Fibers for Sensors," at the Fiber-optic Sensor Conference at Virginia Tech, April 13-16. The paper was also selected for publication in the journal Smart Materials.

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES** -- Dr. Jay Paul's article "Talking to the Stove: Beth Henley's Crimes of the Heart," appears in the Fall/Winter 1991 issue of Alabama Literary Review.

**KINGS DOMINION**-- The Campus Center Information Desk is distributing \$6 discount coupons for Kings Dominion. Anyone interested may pick-up as many as needed, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Have some information you'd like to share with the CNC community?  
Please submit your information in memo form to the Office of Public Relations  
before noon on Wednesday  
Need information?...call 594-7039.

**NOTE OF THANKS** -- The expressions of concern and encouragement which students, faculty and staff conveyed to me during a recent illness, contributed measurably to my recovery and the return of an optimistic outlook on life. Your prayers and thoughtful attention to my well being are deeply appreciated. **Glen Vought**

**NOTE OF THANKS** -- Thanks to everyone who made crafts for the Special Olympics craft booth at Spring Fest. It was a success and without the support of the college community, it would not have been possible. Also Sherry Butler was the winner of the raffle. **Sgt. Gesselman**

**NEW APPOINTMENT** -- Dewitt B. Turner, Jr., Police Officer, Campus Police

**NEW APPOINTMENT** -- Samuel Warren, Jr., Police Officer, Campus Police

**NEW APPOINTMENT** -- Trudy M. Hillard, Food Operations Assistant B

**NEW APPOINTMENT** -- Vivian D. McMillan, Food Operations Assistant B

**HELP NEEDED** -- Smilemakers has asked our assistance in making a little boy's dream come true. Craig Shergold, a seven-year-old, has an inoperative brain tumor and has very little time to live. His wish is to collect the most business cards received by an individual in order to be included in the Guinness Book of World Records. Please forward your business cards to the Personnel Office as soon as possible so that we may forward them to Craig.

**LABOR DAY** -- Administrative offices of the University will be closed on Monday, September 7, 1992. This date is an authorized holiday and annual leave is not charged. Classes will be held as scheduled.

**ROOM RESERVATIONS** -- Individuals wishing to reserve the auditorium in the Administration Building (A-105) should now contact Carol Banks in Dean Purtle's office (Smith Hall, 141) or phone 594-7036 or 594-7158.

**SERVICE AWARDS** -- Anyone that was unable to attend the Service Award Ceremony are asked to stop by the Personnel Office to pick up their award and certificate.

**AUDIT** -- The auditors for the University audit for the year ended June 30, 1991 found no significant weakness in internal controls nor any Federal or State compliance matters. This is the first time ever the University has received an unqualified audit opinion and no compliance or internal control comments. An accomplishment of this magnitude is extremely rare and shows that it does take a team effort.

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For Chronicle

National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced the availability of a Request for Applications (RFA) for a research program entitled The Role of the Family in Preventing and Adapting to HIV Infection and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

Letters of intent to apply are due at NIH by August 15, 1992. Formal applications are then due September 15, 1992.

Support for applications submitted in response to this announcement will be through individual research projects (R01) of up to three years duration. \$1.8 million has been set aside to fund this RFA.

Complete details concerning this program are contained in the July 3, 1992 NIH Bulletin. Copies of the program notice will be provided upon request.

This program is not designed to support clinical treatment or clinical research concerning HIV or AIDS. Primary emphasis is placed on methodology development for capture of meaningful data on non-traditional family relationships and structures in terms of membership, relationship roles, and patterns of interaction and communication between family members. Innovations in statistical analysis may be required to describe the family processes. Explicit investigation of cultural factors as an aspect of family adaptation to HIV infection is encouraged. Basic information on family systems and processes for all sub-populations of persons infected with HIV is needed to determine what family factors serve to increase or decrease risk factors for becoming infected and to minimize physical and mental health outcomes at all points in the course of the illness.

Notice for the Chronicle:

The Grants Office has received this year's brochure from the Social Science Research Council. A variety of fellowships and post doctoral programs are available, including:

- Public Policy Research on Contemporary Hispanic Issues
- Research on the Urban Underclass (sic)
- MacArthur Foundation Fellowships on Peace and Security in a Changing World
- International Pre-dissertation Fellowship Program
- Geographic area research programs: Africa, China, Eastern Europe, Japan, Korea, Latin American and the Caribbean, Near and Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Soviet Union and Successor States, and Western Europe

Call 594-7266 or come by A 441 if you are interested in getting a copy of the brochure.

May 14, 1992

Please place the following in the next issue of the Chronicle.  
From: Liz Welch, Personnel Office

#### VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (VRS)

##### Legislative Update

###### HB 341

Allows those who have attained age 70 when first employed to participate in the group life insurance program.

###### HB 465

Allows a member who has attained normal retirement age (65) to apply for disability retirement.

Allows for a direct transfer of a former member's accumulated contributions to an authorized provider under the Optional Retirement Plan for college faculty.

Prohibits the purchase of service credit after termination or retirement.

Prohibits a member who has taken a refund and who still has service in his or her record as a result of employer-paid member contributions from applying for disability retirement.

###### HB 688 (Effective 7-1-93)

Increases the health insurance credit for retired State employees to \$2.50 per month per year of service. Maximum credit increases to \$75.00 per month.

###### HB 970

Allows attachment of retirement benefit or refund for delinquent child support payments.

###### HB 1149 and SB 324

Repeals the requirement that a disability applicant live for 60 days in order for a survivor option to be valid.

###### SB 184

Requires that the additional income taxes paid by VRS retirees be the basis for the health insurance credit provided for in HB 688. Amends Chapters 507 and 525 of the 1990 Acts of the Assembly which required VRS to adjust benefits to compensate for State taxes.