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SUNDAY - Nov. 2



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MONDAY - Nov. 3

2:15 - Div. Coord.  
Conf. Room  
Noon-Chairmen-Ed. &  
Comm. Div.  
Noon-Chairmen-Arts &  
Letters Div.  
Noon-Nominations Committee



TUESDAY - Nov. 4

The Richmond Symphony-W&M Concert Series  
8:15 P.M.-Phi Beta Kappa Hall, under  
the direction of Jacques Houtman.

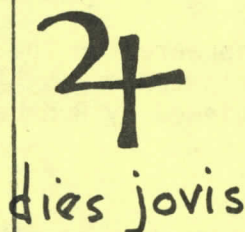


WEDNESDAY - Nov. 5  
Noon - Faculty Theology  
Group



THURSDAY - Nov. 6

10:00-President's Administrative Council  
Noon-2:00 - Informal discussion  
with President Windsor - N125  
2:30 - CC229 - Curriculum Committee



FRIDAY - Nov. 7

3:00 - FAC - Bd.Rm. (CC)

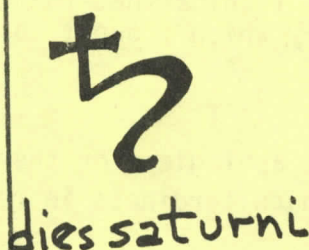
8:30-2:00 - Bloodmobile -  
Ratcliffe Gym. Classrooms  
Sponsored by Collegiate  
Civitan Club & by AKY

FEC - Noon - Conf. Room

2:00 - Nat. & Quan. Science Div.



SATURDAY - Nov. 8





## NOTICES

### Director of Counseling Services

Christopher Newport College, a four-year, urban-based, non-residential, state supported college with 3,000 students, seeks an individual who is committed to the concept of counseling the needs of the whole person to act as Director of Counseling Services. The Counseling Center is a multipurpose center responsible for academic advising of new and transfer students, academic and vocational counseling, and short-term counseling in inter- and intrapersonal problems. The Center staff consists of 2 full-time masters-level counselors, one full-time test administrator and one full-time receptionist-secretary. Although the primary responsibilities of the director are counseling, program development, and budget preparation, he/she will be expected to direct and participate in all of the functions of the Center. Doctoral degree required in Counseling or Clinical Psychology. Two or more years of experience in counseling required; experience in college teaching and administration highly desirable. Salary \$14,000-\$17,000 depending on qualifications and experience; 12-month appointment. Position available February 1, 1976. Adjunct teaching in the Department of Psychology possible. Send resume by December 1 to Keith F. McLoughland, Dean of Admissions, Christopher Newport College, P. O. Box 6070, Newport News, Virginia 23606. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.

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Don't forget our meeting with the Great Pumpkin on Friday.

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### New Centrex Number

Effective October 27, 1975, the number 786 will be used to reach state government offices served by the Richmond Centrex at the seat of government. The 786 number applies to both, SCATS and direct dialing.

There is no change in dealing procedures to reach Virginia Commonwealth University and Medical College of Virginia. 770- for normal calls and 369- for SCATS calls.

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### FACULTY NEWS

PRESIDENT WINDSOR appeared on the "Midday" Show, WVEC (Channel 13), on Friday, October 24. Dr. Windsor's topic was "The Success and Growth of Christopher Newport College." He was interviewed by Ron Levertan.

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MARSHALL BOOKER appeared on the "Midday" Show, WVEC (Channel 13) on Tuesday, October 28. Dr. Booker's topic was "The Economy Is Getting Better."

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### OF (ACADEMIC?) INTEREST

The following letter was actually received last week by Nan Eddins as part of a very battered box. I think that the CNC faculty and staff would be interested in the letter and the reply which I ought to send.

Dear Sirs,

My utmost apologies for the extremely overdue state of this research material. Though tardiness in returning books is inexcusable, I feel you

will agree that my reasoning is acceptable.

You see, I was in route to my vacation resort in the Bahamas with my wife, three kids and dog, when my car to which my dog was tied mysteriously plunged from the ferry into the Ocean. After extensive searching for my vehicle, it was finally wrenched from the depths of the Atlantic.

Quickly, not to waste valuable time, I opened the trunk, wiped off the enclosed book, rushed to the Post Office, and returned it special delivery to you. No hard feelings?

Sincerely,

Dear ,

What about the dog?

Sincerely,

John Harwood  
Faculty Library Committee

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# The Ultimate Credential

THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

October 28, 1975

You think it's winning a place on one of those 'distinguished educator' lists? Then read about Oliver Birnbaum

By Philip W. Semas

Oliver is a shaggy 60-pound poodle who lives on the University of Wisconsin's Oshkosh campus, where his owner, Robert Birnbaum, is chancellor. Oliver is also, according to a recently published book, an "outstanding educator of America."

Chancellor Birnbaum says he nominated Oliver for a place in the book to prove a point about such compilations.

"Listing in such publications does not depend upon juried selection, and therefore carries with it no academic honor," Mr. Birnbaum says. "Anyone can get in. I hate to see people who are naïve fall for it and think it is an honor, putting it on their vita."

Earlier this year he received a nomination form for a publication called *Outstanding Educators of America*. He sent back the name of "Oliver D. [for dog] Birnbaum."

Back came a personalized form letter addressed to Mr. Birnbaum (the dog).

"Congratulations!" it said. "You have been nominated by your college to appear in the 1975 awards volume, *Outstanding Educators of America*. We salute you on being nominated for this distinguished volume. . . ."

"Only a select number of men and women are nominated by their school officials to be included in the awards program each year."

Enclosed with the letter were a biographical form and a blank for ordering a copy of the book—"because most educators selected for this honor wish to own a copy of this volume."

## 'Lied a Little'

Mr. Birnbaum (the chancellor) decided that he had proved his point and that he would let the matter drop. Several weeks later, however, Mr. Birnbaum (the dog) received another letter, admonishing him that the 1975 edition of *Outstanding Educators of America* was about to

"I decided they'd had their chance, so I filled it out," says Mr. Birnbaum (the chancellor). He listed Oliver as a candidate for a Ph.D. in animal husbandry. "I lied a little," Chancellor Birnbaum admits. "I gave him some publications he didn't have. I figured everybody lies on these things, anyway."

Oliver later received another letter addressed "Dear Educator." It enclosed a certificate of his award and reminded him again that the book "will be a valuable memento of your award year."

Chancellor Birnbaum admits somewhat ruefully that "they got me in the end anyway." He was unable to resist buying a \$12 plaque commemorating Oliver's selection.



Oliver D. Birnbaum

Submitted by Jane Chambers



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes: Nominations Committee Meeting  
17 October 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Morgan. In attendance: Ms. Randall, Dr. Lopater, Mr. Nason, Mr. Riley, and Dr. Webb.

The order of business was to elect officers and to make work assignments.

Results of the election:

Chairman, Mr. Morgan  
Vice-Chairman, Mr. Riley  
Secretary, Mr. Nason

Assignments (due by November meeting):

Dr. Webb: Update Fact Sheet(model for filling vacancies)  
Dr. Lopater: Prepare a list of faculty (teaching six or more hours) not serving on an elected committee. List will be annotated to show first year faculty. Update the rosters of elected committees.

Future meetings will be held at noon, first Monday of each month.

Leonard B. Nason  
Secretary, Nominations Committee

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### Bookstore Committee

Do you want your texts on time? Mrs. Haskins, manager of the College Bookstore, announced at the October 22 meeting of the Bookstore Advisory Committee that she is instituting a three stage ordering system. Orders to publishers will be sent out at three different times: the first order will contain those departmental requests received on time; the second order will go out when enough late departmental returns are accumulated; and the last order will pick up the stragglers.

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### Report from FEC

The Faculty Evaluation Committee calls to your attention that it is not necessary to include individual student evaluation sheets in the dossier. The summary page, however, should be signed by the other faculty member tallying the results.

The FEC will make the following motion, agreed to at the October 24 Committee meeting, at the November faculty meeting.

Concerning the motion passed by the Faculty at the February, 1975, meeting,

"If it is agreed by a tenured faculty member and his department that there is not a critical decision concerning performance, retention, promotion or merit, a faculty member need not be evaluated for up to three years.",

the agreement for deferral of evaluation shall be interpreted to mean a unanimous vote of all members of the department.

### Explanation

We have had inquiries concerning what constitutes agreement on the part of the department. It is our understanding that deferral of evaluation implies that there is no question concerning any one of the factors mentioned. Should any member of the department have reason to believe that an evaluation is needed, that concern is, per se, sufficient evidence that the premise for deferral is not valid.

for the FEC

Larry Sacks  
Vice Chairman

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### By-Laws Committee

At the October, 1975, meeting of the faculty, a motion concerning a change in the By-Laws affecting the Degrees Committee was referred to the By-Laws Committee. Concerning the proposed change in Article V (Elected Committees of the Faculty), Section 4.2, the committee recommends that the proposal change not be considered by the Faculty at this time.

### Explanation

The most recent version of the By-Laws was approved by the Board of Visitors only a few months ago. Frequent changes should be avoided unless a substantive question of considerable concern is involved. It is the judgment of the By-Laws Committee that this is not the case in this instance.

We note that the change proposed by the Degrees Committee in its memo of October 2, 1975, is self-contradictory in spirit in parts (b) and (c). In view of the discussion at the Faculty meeting, it appears that the only change now being sought is the insertion of an adjective such as "provisional" before "approval of the Faculty" (for degree candidates). Last spring such approval was, in fact, requested by the Degrees Committee and granted by the Faculty. Thus, the present wording of the By-Laws, along with the precedent of almost universal practice in this matter, appears sufficient.

When other changes require that the By-Laws be amended, we suggest that consideration of this proposal would be in order. By that time, also, the Faculty will have had experience operating under current wording and will better be able to judge the desirability of amendment.

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