

CNC CHRONICLE

Week of February 19, 1990

ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK

- Tuesday - Women's Basketball, DIAC Quarterfinals, TBA
- Wednesday - Men's Basketball, DIAC Quarterfinals, TBA
- Friday and Saturday - Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament, DIAC Championships at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAIL

- In order to expedite the mail, it is important to have the departments group their mail by destination, such as foreign, off-campus or on-campus, etc., before forwarding to the mailroom. Mailroom personnel cannot examine each piece of mail; therefore, all bundles with a single mail slip are run through the meter at standard postage unless otherwise flagged. Questions? call Larry Warren, Ext. 4-7004.

--Logistics

PURCHASING

- In answer to the frequently asked questions why we must use a state contract when the same can be purchased elsewhere for less money, the following excerpt from The Exchange, a publication of the Division of Purchases and Supply, offers the best explanation:

"State contracts are advertised and competitively bid. Vendors know that if they receive an award, they will have all of the state's business for a specific period of time--which gives them an incentive to bid. If the use of state contracts was optional, there would be no incentive to bid.

"Contracts save administration time and effort since individual solicitations do not have to be issued. Prices are usually lower and quality and service

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meet state requirements. Each contract has specified minimum order quantities or dollar levels which permit local purchase of certain amounts. Based on the advice of user advisory committees, many contracts specify professional or commercial grade products which are more durable and of higher quality than consumer use products.

"If a product on state contract does not meet "user need" then the user should call the purchasing office and ask for an exception to be made. Preference for a particular product is not considered a reason to purchase from a non-contract source."

-- Logistics

GRANTS

- For your information, upcoming grant programs sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities is included in this issue.

--Julie Norman, Grants Director

FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENT NEWS

Dick Guthrie read a paper entitled "Perspectives on German Reunification" to the opening session of the Elder Learning Society on Monday, Jan 29.

On February 2, 1990, Kimihiko Nomura successfully defended the dissertation for his doctoral degree. He will formally receive the degree in May in ceremonies at Northern Arizona University. His Doctor of Education (Ed.D) in Educational Administration involves a specialization in second language acquisition. CONGRATULATIONS, Dr. Nomura!

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear CNC friends, words fail me when I try to thank each and every one of you for my retirement party. It was absolutely perfect in every way and I'm most appreciative of everything.

My golf clubs and bag will be broken in today and I can't wait. The pin is so lovely and I'll always think of you whenever I wear it. My association with CNC has been enjoyable for the past 22 years and I have worked for and with such wonderful people.

To everyone who contributed to my recipe book, I have already tried two recipes (cheese ball and chocolate pie, both were delicious). That was such a unique gift, I promise to try them all. Thank you again for everything.

--Webber Casey,
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Former
Employee

The College Community is saddened to learn of the untimely death of Ms. Marjorie Simmons on Monday, February 12. Ms. Simmons served the College for many years as secretary in the academic affairs division, and was serving as secretary to the dean of the school of letters and natural science when she left the employ of the College two years ago. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newport News. Burial will be at Parklawn Cemetery in Hampton. The family will receive friends at the R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home in Hampton from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Friday February 16. A memorial ceremony to be held on the Christopher Newport College campus is being planned for a later date; details will be forthcoming in a subsequent edition of the Chronicle.

-- Vice President for Academic Affairs

UPCOMING GRANT PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced its 1990 Summer Seminars for College Teachers Program. Each seminar allows twelve selected scholars to work in an area of mutual interest under the direction of a distinguished scholar/teacher. The program includes group discussions, individual research and study projects. Stipends are \$3,500 (eight-week seminars) and \$2750 (six-week seminars). Applications are due **March 1, 1990.**

- 6/11-8/3 Poetics and Social Life
- 6/18-8/10 The Operas of Wagner
- 6/18-8/10 Narrative and Synthesis in Medieval Book Illuminations
- 6/11-7/20 Black Music in the U.S.: Aspects of History, Philosophy and Analysis
- 6/4 -7/29 Roman Humanism
- 6/18-7/27 Music and Society 1700-1910
- 6/18-8/10 The Greek City: An Interdisciplinary Approach
- 6/18-8/10 The Ancient Philosophy of Law
- 6/11-7/20 Pagans and Christians in the Fourth Century
- 6/25-8/17 Reflections on Language and Human Nature: Locke through Romanticism
- 6/25-8/3 Eighteenth-Century British Sources of Early American Rhetoric
- 6/18-8/10 The Romance of History and the Fate of Walter Scott
- 6/11-8/3 Women and Men Poets in British Romanticism
- 6/18-8/10 The Protestant Imagination: Tyndale to Milton
- 6/25-8/3 Jewish-American Writing since 1945
- 6/11-8/3 American Modernist Poetry
- 6/11-8/3 The Forms of Autobiography
- 6/18-8/10 British Romanticism in an Epoch of Revolution
- 7/2 -8/10 Theory and Practice of Cultural History: Shakespeare
- 6/18-8/10 Reconstructing America's Civil Imagination, 1845-1900
- 6/25-8/17 Romance in Dramatic Form: Sidney, Shakespeare, and the English Renaissance
- 6/11-8/3 Critical Perspectives on the High Modernist Tradition
- 6/11-8/3 The American Playwright, 1920-80
- 6/11-8/3 The Problem of Race in American Literature, 1850-1930
- 6/25-8/17 Portraiture: Biography, Portrait Painting, and the Representation of Historical Character
- 6/18-7/27 Structuralism after Poststructuralism: Author, Text, and Context in Lorca, Dali, and Bunuel
- 6/25-8/17 Modern Critical Theory and French Narrative
- 6/18-8/10 Modern Poetry and Poetics in Latin America 1880-1980
- 6/11-8/3 Semiotic Perspectives on Language and Verbal Art
- 6/25-8/17 Power and Society in Medieval Europe
- 6/25-8/17 Historiography in Europe and America: Gibbon to Adams
- 6/25-8/17 Japan's Nineteenth-Century Transformation
- 6/11-8/3 The Growth of Urban Black Communities in America
- 6/25-8/17 The End of the British Empire
- 6/18-8/10 Church, State and Moral Control in Early Modern Europe
- 6/25-8/3 The Role of Technology in American History
- 6/11-8/3 The History of American Women through Social Movements, 1800-1930
- 6/25-8/17 Culture and Politics in Europe in the Era of the Liberal Crisis, 1880-1945

6/11-8/3 American Institutions and the Development of the Family
6/11-8/3 Consequentialist Theories of Morality
6/25-8/17 The Nature and Value of Autonomy
6/11-7/20 The Spectrum of Responsibility
7/9 -8/17 Supervenience and its Philosophical Applications
6/18-8/10 The Philosophy of Socrates
6/18-8/10 Democratization in Leninist States?
6/25-8/3 Liberal Ideals in American Law, 1870-1940
7/2 -8/10 Philosophical Foundations of the Social Sciences
6/18-8/10 Cultural Pluralism and National Integration in Comparative Perspective
6/11-8/3 The Bible in the Light of Cuneiform Literature
6/11-8/3 Metaphysics and the Great Chain of Being: A Cross-Cultural Inquiry
6/18-7/27 Religion and Society in Hegel, Marx and Kierkegaard

April 1, 1990 is the application deadline for each of the following NEH programs.

- 1)The "Higher Education in the Humanities" program supports a wide variety of faculty study and curriculum revision projects on a national, regional or institutional level.
- 2)The "Institutes for College and University Faculty" program supports the presentation of institutes in which faculty study important humanities texts or topics under the guidance of leading scholars.
- 3)The "Core Curriculum Projects" supports redesign of general education requirements to ensure that students encounter humanities works that constitute the Western intellectual heritage.
- 4)The "Summer Seminars for School Teachers Program" seeks accomplished teachers/scholars to direct seminars at colleges, universities, museums, libraries, etc.
- 5)In the "Publication Subvention" program, grants of \$7000 support publication and dissemination of scholarly books in all fields of the humanities.

Additional information on these programs is available in the Office of Grants Development
-submitted by Julie Norman, Director

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FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 1990

PRESENT: Bartelt, Bauer, Colonna, Cones, Dawson, Fellowes, Freidman, Lopater, Mills, Pendergrass, Reppon, St. Onge, Saunders, Weber, Winter

I. Approval of Minutes of November 28, 1989. Moved, seconded, passed.

II. Officers' Reports

President Fellowes made the following announcements:

- Smoking Rules have been published in Chronicle of January 15, 1990, pp. 8-9.
- Statistics from Pat McDermott concerning FTE have been received.
- Faculty Development Grant funds have been cut to \$22,500.
- George Webb and Jay Paul will be put forth for SCHEV outstanding professor award.
- Linda Whitley has requested Senate consideration of a snow policy during exams

Vice President Bauer noted that April 22nd is Earth Day and indicated he will ask Senate to designate woods behind Wingfield for a selected faculty member.

III. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Sandy Lopater noted that the proposal for joint ROTC-LSPE credit will be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee
2. Wes Pendergrass reported for the Early Retirement committee that a proposal will be forthcoming for the next meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Degrees Committee
 - a. Bob Fellowes moved acceptance
 - b. Case number 6 was removed from the list
 - c. the motion passed

B. Class attendance and extracurricular activities

1. Moved that "any Student who misses a class or classes because he/she is participating in a College sanctioned event is to be excused for those classes missed. The student is still responsible for all tests and materials presented during such classes."

2. Winter moved to table and refer back to Intercollegiate Athletic Committee. Passed.

C. Dual Track Proposal

1. Winter moved to table and refer to Dual track Committee in coordination with Senate Executive Committee.

2. passed 11 for, three against, one abstain

D. Resolution on status of Secretarial positions:

1. The Faculty Senate as the representative of the instructional faculty expresses great concern over the possibility of full-time departmental secretaries being downgraded to part-time positions for the following reasons:

1) Part-time secretarial help will, in general, suffer a much higher turnover rate. Those "part-timers" that are highly skilled will, in most cases, search for and find full-time positions with higher pay and full benefits from other agencies and businesses. Those that accept part-time employment with no benefits such as health insurance, retirement etc. will often be marginal employees at best, unable to perform in an effective manner. Finding highly skilled individuals who are content to work for low hourly wages and no state benefits will be difficult.

2) Part-time secretaries would be presumably excused for the summer. Although summer school sessions are academically lighter than fall or spring ones, nevertheless good secretarial help is still needed to type tests, handouts, and other academic material, to act as receptionists for students and visitors, and, in general, to represent the department when instructors are in class or elsewhere.

3) Most departments require that their secretarial help understand certain academic notation that will appear in tests, handouts, etc. The high turnover that we believe will result from this downgrading of secretarial positions will create chaos and inefficiencies.

4) Departmental secretaries are the contact point with the public as well as departmental managers. They advise callers/visitors on whom to contact for information in regard to Departmental programs and courses. They assist students in the same manner. They need to know whom the student should see to receive a resolution of his or her problems. To fulfill this function the secretary needs considerable experience and knowledge of the department. High turnover associated with part-time help will certainly destroy this professional role that only a knowledgeable secretary can ensure.

The Senate recognizes the need for economies, particularly in the near future. However, we believe that the relatively small savings created by this downgrading will be insignificant compared to the costs (not always in dollars and cents) of having departmental secretaries who will be decidedly inferior to our current ones. Therefore, the Faculty Senate respectfully and unanimously and strongly urges that this policy be overturned and that any vacancy of a full-time secretarial position be filled with a full-time employee.

2. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Blue Ribbon Committee Report

1. Fellowes moved that the report be referred to the Curriculum Committee.

2. The motion passed.

Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting
2:00 PM Feb. 23, 1990
CC-214 (Usry Boardroom)

- I. Approval of the Senate Minutes of 1/19/90.
- II. Officer's Reports*
- III. Old Business
 - A. Committee Reports
 - B. Other
- IV. New Business
 - A. Committee Reports
 - B. Consideration of an amended motion concerning dual tracks for instructional faculty
 - C. Consideration of a motion assigning the Academic Status Committee the task of reviewing advising, particularly with respect to goals and responsibilities of faculty and students.
 - D. Consideration of a motion regarding Dr. St. Onge's memo of 1/24/90 in regard to the I.E.S.
 - E. Consideration of L. Mill's resolution concerning "Handicapped Awareness Week"
 - F. Consideration of the following motion: "Entering freshman students needing special preparatory work be required to take Eng 020, Math 030, Coll 101, and Phil 101 in their first semester of college"
 - G. Consideration of Curriculum Committee recommendations concerning general education requirements.(if ready)
 - H. Consideration of endorsing Dr. Cones' petition in regard to "Wise Woods"
 - I. Selection of subcommittee to review Faculty Grants
 - J. Other

* President Santoro has indicated that he wishes to address the Senate about budgetary and other matters as appropriate and will speak at this time. Mr. Etkin (VPFA) has indicated his intention to attend.

F. Other

1. Summer School Compensation
 - a. a proposal from the VPAA was discussed.
 - b. a straw vote from the Senate on the proposal was as follows: 6 opposed, 0 for, 7 neutral

2. The President of the Senate noted how beneficial it was to have the Deans in attendance.

3. Susan St. Onge announced plans to make suggestions concerning student comments on the Course Evaluation forms. Winter suggested comments be limited to the instructor.

4. Laura Friedman expressed concern about lack of access to the President and suggested that time be set aside for discussion between the faculty and President.

Adjourned 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Saunders, Secretary

TO THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science hereby petitions the Buildings and Grounds Committee of Christopher Newport College to recommend, and follow through to Board approval, a permanent moratorium on cutting trees in the small portion of woods between the New Science Building and the North Parking Lot, to include the segment immediately behind Wingfield Hall and the adjacent single large pine tree.

This petition acknowledges the presence of Building 14 on the College Master Plan (dated 15 February 1989), which, if constructed, may impact on the wooded area under consideration. This petition is not requesting a change in the College Master Plan, but rather a permanent moratorium on the destruction of this area for any reason other than the construction of Building 14.

The Department desires to have this area declared an outdoor extension of the Biology classroom building, to be used for teaching and research purposes. This area still bears the remnants of the plow furrows that were left when the field was abandoned and, therefore, represents a classic example of old field succession, a very important concept in teaching ecology and a very rare find on a college campus. The large pine tree, an old boundry tree with its different growth form, provides evidence of the importance of the environment in plant growth.

Additionally, this segment of woods is home to a variety of flora and fauna which are used in teaching biology in a variety of ways. The teaching of field vegetation analysis techniques also occurs in these woods and the Department has many years of accumulated data collected there.

The Department desires to have this portion of woods classified as an *Outdoor Classroom* and designated on the Campus Master Plan as Wise Woods, named for Dr. E. Spencer Wise, professor emeritus, a person of great importance to the early development of the College.

Further, the Department desires to formally dedicate Wise Woods on 22 April in conjunction with Earth Day 1990, the 20th anniversary of Earth Day.

This petition is endorsed by the Biology Club, the Biology Department, the Psychology Department, and the Department of Physics and Computer Science.

For the Department,

Dr. Harold Cones, Chairman.
Department of Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science

February 9, 1990

Proposal for change in HANDBOOK:

Restricted appointments are one-academic-year appointments which have no continuing status, but which may be renewed up to six times for a total of seven years. If there are good and compelling reasons to extend such an appointment beyond the seventh year, a committee must be appointed to evaluate the candidate for further service. The committee shall be composed of seven members: the evaluatee's choice, the department chair, one member of the dean's choice, two members chosen by the chair, and two members chosen by the VPAA.