

# CHRONICLE

August 30, 1993

**FOUNDERS DAY '93** -- Founders Day '93 is September 15. This year's events include a convocation beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the Great Lawn and a Pig Pickin' immediately following the convocation. Dr. Ronald Carrier, president of James Madison University, is the keynote speaker for the convocation. Classes scheduled for 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 noon are cancelled. Classes will resume at 1 p.m. All students, faculty, administrators and staff personnel are invited to take part in this event, however minimal office coverage must be in place. Supervisors are encouraged to rotate staffing so that all may enjoy this important campus event. For more information, contact the University Relations Office at 4-7039.

**PARKING DECALS AVAILABLE** -- CNU 1993-1994 faculty/staff parking decals are available at the Campus Center Information Desk. A state vehicle registration must be presented at the time of purchase. Vehicle registration fees are:

Classified Faculty/Staff	\$10.00
Reserved Parking	\$15.00
Hourly Employees	\$ 5.00
Emeritus Faculty	No Charge

**WELCOME** -- Classified employee: Robert W. Nusbaum, grounds supervisor, Plant Operations.

**UNIVERSITY LICENSE PLATES** -- Applications for CNU license plates are now available at all DMV offices and the Personnel Office. Plates may be picked-up only at the Hampton and Denbigh DMV offices.

**AWARDS FOR STUDY IN SCANDINAVIA** -- The American-Scandinavian Foundation has announced its 1994-95 grants and fellowships for advanced study or research in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Applicants must have a well-defined research or study project that makes a stay in Scandinavia essential. Awards range from grants (normally \$2,500) to fellowships (normally \$15,000). The deadline for fully documented applications is November 1, 1993. Further information can be obtained from Sandy Lopater (W-118A, 4-7108).

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**TECH TIPS --** "Keep your computer on at all times throughout the day and night. By powering it on and off you create significant temperature swings that are more detrimental to the life of the system than actually having it powered on at all times. Thermal stress, over a time, can make solder joints brittle and can force chips out of their sockets."

The foregoing was an excerpt from a leading technical newsletter. Technicians have known for years that computers left on all the time (file servers, etc.) had less breakdowns and problems than those turned on and off. Although power surges may harm PC's, the real culprit is thermal stress. Many campus PC problems have shown up after the system was turned off for the weekend and had cooled down after running at a high temperature the previous week. Some systems have operated all right after they have warmed up (but this is the exception); most do not respond without extensive labor. You should continue turning off your monitor. Therefore, please leave your computers on. It will add life to your system.

If you have questions, please call Brian, Don, or Pat at 4-7180.

**TRANSPORTATION FOR INTERNS --** The Department of International Studies is requesting assistance with local transportation for two Spanish Language Interns. They will need transportation to and from campus to their host family's residence, located in Denbigh, Newport News. Their teaching schedules haven't yet been set, but in principle they need to be on campus during working hours. If you can be of assistance, please call the International Studies Office at 594-7465 or 594-7751. The loan of working bicycles would also be appreciated.

Dr. Elizabeth de G.R. Hansen, Director  
International Studies Program

**REMINDER TO ALL FACULTY --** The Honors Council wishes to remind all faculty members of the opportunity to take part in an innovative enterprise--the attaching of weekly "Conversation" sections to departmental course offerings.

These one-credit, pass-fail courses will provide a large number of interested students and faculty the opportunity to take part in regular, informal course-oriented discussions. While each "Conversation" section should have a syllabus, it should promote independent thought and interdisciplinarity, refine analytical and argumentative ability, and allow for close cooperation between instructor and students. In other words, these sections should encourage people to talk about ideas and formulate opinions.

The first "Conversation" sections will be scheduled for the Spring Semester, 1994.

As approved by the Curriculum Committee, a "Conversation" will meet for 75 minutes each week, carry one academic credit, and count as one LHE. The course will bear the number of the course to which it





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Christopher Newport University Community

**FROM:** Strategic Planning & Evaluation Council

**DATE:** 27 August 1993

**SUBJECT:** Latest Draft of Mission Statement & University Goals

On 26 August, these latest drafts of the Mission Statement and University goals which reflect recommendations submitted to SPEC by members of all the University constituencies during or following the open forums and meetings of 1992-1993 were distributed to the general faculty at the opening of the Faculty Workshop. This memo distributes the drafts to the rest of the University community. (If you received a copy on 26 August you may have noted that the last goal on the 26 August copy seemed redundant. If so, you may congratulate yourself; it was. The immediately preceding goal was meant to incorporate its essence. I made a mistake in typing up the draft. That's why it's missing on this copy.) Anyway, please submit any further recommendations (preferably in writing) to Dr. Mazzarella or any member of SPEC by 12:00 noon on 7 September so that SPEC can consider them for a draft for the Board of Visitors meetings on 13-14 September. Thank you.

### **Draft Revised Mission Statement: 25 Aug 1993**

Christopher Newport University is a state-assisted, comprehensive, coeducational, urban institution within Virginia's public university system. The University is an academic community founded on the ideals of excellence, integrity, mutual respect and service, committed to the search for truth, and dedicated to the discovery, dissemination and application of knowledge.

The University provides educational experiences that develop the intellectual, ethical, affective and physical qualities of each student. The University prepares its students to pursue lives of meaning and purpose and to become responsible and productive members of society. As an American university with a global view, Christopher Newport University enhances students' awareness and appreciation of the diversity which enriches us while building a community which unites us.

The University focuses on excellence in teaching, student learning and scholarship. The liberal arts provide the foundation for quality programs in the humanities, in the natural and social sciences, and in business and the professional disciplines. Graduate programs provide students and faculty

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opportunities for advanced scholarship and learning. Graduate and undergraduate research brings students and faculty together to increase knowledge. Teaching, research and community service benefit the constituencies of the University which extend from its home on the Virginia Peninsula to the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world.

## **THE GOALS OF THE UNIVERSITY**

--Provide high quality, liberal arts oriented undergraduate programs while pursuing the timely development of appropriate graduate studies.

--Offer students an excellent faculty who provide a dynamic and personal learning experience.

--Support student development and success by providing comprehensive student support services.

--Provide educational programs that prepare students for career opportunities and further education, including graduate and professional studies.

--Provide educational opportunities to address the needs created by societal and technological changes.

--Support faculty and student scholarship and research

--Serve as a resource to the community and the Commonwealth to help identify and solve economic, educational, environmental, social and other problems.

--Provide a campus environment that recognizes, affirms and appreciates ethnic and cultural diversity while building community.

--Create a climate that fosters learning and sharing between commuter and residential students.

--Provide opportunities for cultural enrichment.

--Provide the personnel, and the financial and physical resources necessary to maintain and develop quality programs.

--Maintain the vitality and effectiveness of the University through assessment, program review, and strategic planning.





is attached, with an "H" suffix. Faculty reimbursement will take one of two forms: overload salary, or a course reduction upon completion of three "Conversations."

Enrollment in "Conversations" will be limited to (a) Honors Students, (b) majors in the department offering the course, (c) students with cumulative gpa's of 3.00 or higher, or (d) students receiving permission of the instructor. First-semester freshmen may register with written approval of their academic advisors. A minimum of seven students will be required for a "Conversation."

An instructor wishing to conduct a "Conversation" must arrange for its scheduling with his/her department chair and notify the Director of the Honors Program at that time; the instructor should also submit a tentative syllabus to the Honors Director at least one month prior to the start of the semester in which the course will be offered.

For more information, please contact Jay Paul, Honors Program Director (594-7072), or any other member of the Honors Council.

#### **FACULTY ACTIVITIES --**

- \* Clyde Brockett presented a paper concerning 11th-century music theory in Italy, "Post-Guidonian Practice into Theory: The Tonary de modorum formulis at the 28th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan last May.
- \* Rita Hubbard's article entitled "Shock Advertising: the Benetton Case" will appear in STUDIES IN POPULAR CULTURE XVI:1 (October 1993).

#### **GRANTS AWARDED --**

- \* Dr. Robert F. Hodson received a grant from NASA Langley for \$22,501 to research SODR Memory Buffer Control ASIC.
- \* Drs. R. Selim and R. Caton received a grant from NASA Langley for \$24,959 for Characterizing and Testing a Thermally Isolating Superconducting Link for ASAFIRE-Like Missions.
- \* Dr. Peter Verhoven received a grant from the City of Newport News for \$200,000 for the Newport News Tourism Development Office at CNU.
- \* Dr. A.M. Buoncristiani received two grants from NASA Langley for a total of \$122,361 to research Optical Fiber Spectroscopy.
- \* CNU Chief of Police, Gerald Bright, received a grant from the Office of the Governor for \$6,034 for Project UNITE -- a Substance Abuse and Sexual Assault program.



- \* Dr. Jim Forte received a grant from the Virginia Campus Outreach Opportunity League for \$2,770 to fund CNU's Creative Response Empowering Worthwhile Volunteer Activity.
- \* Dr. Zhujun Li received a grant from CEBAF, SURF for \$8,817 for summer research.
- \* Dr. Gary Whiting received a grant from Florida State University for \$40,467 for his work on the Control of Methane Flux from Vegetated Wet Lands.

**PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRONICLE --**

The Chronicle is published bi-monthly (monthly during the summer). Please submit all information you wish to have included by the 10th and 25th of each month. The Chronicle will be distributed on the 1st and 15th of each month.

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## DEAN'S COLLOQUIA INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Dean William Parks Memorial Colloquia Committee is pleased to announce the opening program in its 1993-94 series of lectures. On Wednesday, September 22, at noon in Campus Center 150, Dr. Catharine R. Stimpson will address the university community on the subject "Multiculturalism and Its Discontents."

Dr. Stimpson, Dean of Graduate Studies at Rutgers University, is the author of a novel and dozens of scholarly articles and has gained nationwide attention from her writings on feminism and multiculturalism. Her remarks are expected to include challenges to the comments of Dinesh D'Souza, who attacked multiculturalism in a Dean's Colloquia address in 1992 on the CNU campus.

As has been the custom for years, our speaker will be the guest of honor at a luncheon in the Banquet Room at 1 p.m. following her address. Members of the faculty and administration who wish to join the Committee in honoring Dr. Stimpson should forward \$6 to Dr. Jim Morris by Monday, September 20, at the latest since seating will be limited.

Please show your support for the Dean's Colloquia Series by urging your students to attend Dr. Stimpson's address at noon and by your own attendance at the speech and luncheon.

