

# Chronicle

**Sept. 2, 1994**

**Dean's Colloquia Series** -- The Dean's Colloquia Series will inaugurate its 1994-95 series with a presentation by Dr. Maureen Morrissey-Archer, assistant professor of English, entitled, "Metaphors We Laugh By: Our Descriptions of Humor and Comedy." This lecture will take place Monday, September 19 at noon in Campus Center 150.

Continuing our custom from years past, the committee will host a luncheon in the speaker's honor at 1 p.m. in the Banquet Room. Members of the faculty and administration who wish to join us at this luncheon should forward \$7 to Dr. Morris by Friday, September 16, at the latest.

Please continue your support of the series by urging your students to attend this lecture and those that follow -- as we honor the research efforts of our colleague. --

**Jim Morris, History Department Chairman, Dean's Colloquia Committee**

**New Employee** -- Michelle A. Sorbello was appointed to the hourly position of graphic artist with the University Relations Department, in the month of August.

**Faculty Presentation** -- Terry Lee, department of English, presented his findings from classroom research and led a participatory seminar on "Collaborative Pedagogy in Freshman Composition" at the June 11 Women's Leadership National Conference on Learning and Leading at Wells College, Aurora, N.Y.

**Faculty Activities** -- Jay Paul's poem "The Eclipse" appears in the inaugural issue of *The Mockingbird*. *The National Honors Report* carries a brief article on him in "The Virginia Collegiate Honors Council."

**Faculty activities** -- Betty Anglin, Arts and Communication faculty, exhibited in the Virginia Watercolor 15th Jurored Exhibition in the Perspective Gallery in Squires Student Center at Virginia Tech, May 21 - June 25. Her painting won the Philip Morris U.S.A. Award and the Winsor Newton Awards. She has a painting in the West Virginia Watercolor Society Regional Aqueous 1994 Juried Exhibition from July 23- Sept. 4 at the Parkersburg Art Center in Parkersburg, West Virginia. A large commissioned work hangs in the newly renovated Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk.

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**Office Relocation** -- Jim Eagle, director of Sponsored Programs, has moved to the third floor of the Administration Building. His new location is A324.

The Office of International Studies has also moved to the third floor of the Administration Building, Room A328.

**Conversation Courses** -- Discussion (at the Faculty Retreat) of the importance of intellectual discussions among faculty and students reminded me that I should remind you that the Honors Program has created a means by which you can attach an hourly discussion session to any course you like. These so-called "Conversation Courses" count as one-hour credit (strictly pass-fail) and can be scheduled with the approval of your department chair.

If you are sufficiently excited about increasing your influence upon learning, please consider devising such an "addition" to one or more of your courses. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss details, or you can reach me at 594-7072.

Thanks for considering this important educational option!

-- Jay Paul, Director, Honors Program

**Applications for Rhodes Scholarships** -- Applications for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship program, which enables graduates to continue their studies at Oxford University, are now available.

Approximately 30 American students are selected for the award, which provides tuition and a generous living allowance for at least two years of study.

Criteria include intellectual achievement, physical vigor, integrity of character, ability to lead, and concern for humanity. Deadline for mailing applications materials is October 17, 1994.

To be eligible, one must be a U.S. citizen, between 18 and 22 years of age, who will complete a bachelor's degree before October 15, 1995.

If you have a student interested in being considered as Christopher Newport University's nominee for the competition, please contact Dr. Jay Paul in Tidemark Bank Room 408, or call 408 (594-7072). -- Jay Paul

**Faculty/Staff Volunteers Needed** -- The on-campus Faculty/Staff Annual Fund Drive for the University will be conducted Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. This campaign will raise funds for student scholarships, books, equipment, faculty development, and special programs and projects.

The volunteers who helped last year will be contacted and asked to help again, but more volunteers are needed as well.

Volunteers personally contact three to five colleagues, give them campaign materials, and ask them to consider a cash gift to benefit the University. That's it! The time commitment is minimal, it's fun, and the self-satisfaction experienced from helping the University is great.

Please call Norma Brown at 4-7805 if you are willing to help.

**New Work Orders** -- The Plant Operations Department has established a new **work order** form. The new form will be used for both standard and new work.

Only emergency work will be accepted over the telephone -- water leaks, power outages, no heat or A/C -- anything that can cause damage to persons or property.

Please forward each completed **work order** form to Plant Operations. The work will be scheduled by the appropriate supervisor. Please contact Bonnie at 4-7035 if you need the new **work order** forms.

**Grant Information** -- The Office of Sponsored Programs announces the availability off the 1994-1995 FIPSE Grant Competitions:

The Comprehensive Program. Emphasis this year is on:

Access, Retention, and Completion

Education and the Workforce

Improving Campus Climate

Productivity and Restructuring

Improving School-College Cooperation

Curriculum Reform

Faculty Development

Dissemination of Successful Innovations

A copy of the complete guidelines for the Comprehensive Program has been provided to each academic dean's office. Interested faculty may also call the Office of Sponsored Programs at 4-7266 for a copy. The comprehensive program is in two phases and submission of the first phase is on a simplified basis. The deadline for the first phase is Oct. 18, 1994 without fail.

Other FIPSE programs available are:

Innovative Projects for Community Service, Deadline - Dec. 20, 1994.

Disseminating Proven Reforms, Deadline - March 2, 1995

North American Trilateral Education Initiative, Deadline - May 30, 1995

Drug Prevention Programs in Higher Education, with various dates in the future.

Guideline requests or further requests for information may also be directed to the FIPSE Office directly at (202) 708-5750.

**NSEP Scholarships for Academic Year 1995-1996** -- The National Security Education Program (NSEP) begins its second year of funding students for overseas study this year. Last year CNU was extremely successful in obtaining scholarships for two students, Tenibac Harvey and Maria McInnis. Mr. Harvey and Ms. McInnis developed study programs focusing on public health and language acquisition in Guatemala and Mexico. The NSEP is intended to support students to study both a language and a substantive field in less commonly studied areas and languages (i.e. not Western Europe). It is not a program for language majors, but for majors in other disciplines. The new guidelines for the program will be distributed by mid-September. Final applications are due in Washington, D.C., Dec. 15th. Now is the time to be talking with students whom you believe could both benefit from such an experience and who have

the academic background to compete in this national scholarship program. Roz Stearns in the Office of International Studies will have additional information as it becomes available. Our experience from last year indicates that CNU students can compete successfully in this program with strong faculty mentoring in developing their study program.

**Fulbright and Other Grants** -- The 1995-96 competition for grants for graduate study abroad offered under the Fulbright Program and by foreign governments, universities, and private donors will close Oct. 31, 1994. Only a few more weeks remain in which qualified graduating seniors and graduate students may apply for one of the approximately 800 awards to more than 100 countries.

Most of the grants offered provide round-trip transportation, tuition and maintenance for one academic year; a few provide international travel only, or a stipend intended as a partial grant-in-aid.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application, and must generally hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent before the beginning date of the grant, and in most cases, should be proficient in the language of the host country. Except for certain specific awards, candidates may not hold a Ph.D. at the time of application.

Creative and performing artists are not required to have a bachelor's degree, but must have four years of professional study or equivalent experience. Candidates in medicine must have an M.D. or equivalent (e.g., O.D., D.D.S.) at time of application.

Application forms and further information for students currently enrolled in CNU may be obtained from the Fulbright Program Advisor, Dr. Sanford Lopater, who is located in 118A Wingfield Hall. The deadline for filing an application is Oct. 1, 1994.

**Chronicle Schedule** -- The CNU faculty/staff newsletter will publish every other Friday during the academic year. Deadline for submission of copy is the Tuesday prior to publication. For example, the next issue will be distributed Sept. 16th. Deadline for copy submission will be Sept. 13. Questions? Call the Office of University Relations at 4-7039.

**With Good Reason** -- Dr. Marshall Booker will be the guest on the next broadcast of *With Good Reason*. The program will air on WHRV FM 89.5 on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. The topic discussed will be Social Insecurity.

The parents of baby boomers had 20 people paying into the Social Security System to cover their benefits. Children of baby boomers will have only three. As the number of Americans over the age of 65 sets new records, will benefits be at risk for future generations?



then be prepared to be involved in the process of making it better. To dismiss it out of hand without giving it careful consideration and without attempting to use it to enhance our academic programs would be short-sighted. It is the intention of the committee to give the report thoughtful and thorough study and to use the input of all members of the CNU academic community in its deliberations. We have the opportunity to do something meaningful and constructive with General Education; let us take advantage of the situation. Edward Weiss, Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee