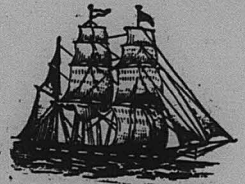


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Project Helps Minorities Adjust to College Life

by Ann Catherine Braxton

"Given the abundant research available on the state of minority education in the United States, there is little need to document the facts concerning the overrepresentation of black students at lower academic levels of admissions to college. Poor funding for inner-city secondary schools, a predominant life-style that is often geared toward survival on a day-to-day basis, sheer poverty and prejudice (institutional or otherwise) account for the Black student having to work harder than many of his or her white counterparts to equalize differences in educational opportunity."

The above is the opening paragraph of the problem statement of CNC Sociology Professor Richard Butchko's presentation to the State Department of Higher Education in defense of the college's Transition Project.

Dr. Marshall Booker of the Economics Department and Dr. Joseph Healy, a sociology professor whose studies concentrate on the problems of racial and ethnic minorities, are currently involved in a project to boost the self-confidence of twenty black incoming freshmen through a program involving four faculty members and four peer tutors to counterbalance any negative aspects of their social, family, or academic life that may keep them from succeeding.

According to Butchko, the State Office of Civil Rights complained that the predominantly white colleges were not doing enough to increase their minority student enrollment and, furthermore, they were not doing enough to keep these students in school. In response to this complaint, the State Council of Higher Education allocated funds to various schools around the state to begin projects to remedy the State Office's complaint.

While most of the colleges involved in these projects to help minority students make

the adjustment from high school to college offer what Butchko calls "intensive math and writing skill workshops," CNC's Transition Project is different.

"Our program started late," says Butchko. "It began as a week-long workshop and will continue into the Fall. There were several criteria in accepting students to this program. It is of primary benefit to minority students, particularly black students, who are residents of Virginia, and have somewhat below average SAT scores. The college presented it to me and asked if I wanted to do it. It was quite a decision to take on that task but I'm glad I did."

The five parts of the program began with Outreach - the sending out of information about the project through letters, phone calls, and word of mouth. Thirty-five students applied to the program and twenty were accepted. The second part was Assessment and Counseling - giving individual attention and analyzing the possible career steps the student may want to take. The third part involves the Mentor Advisor role of the four faculty mem-

bers; the fourth involves the Peer Tutors; and the fifth part is the week-long Workshop.

Butchko describes what the project involves. "What we try to do is do everything we can to support the students. Instead of academic material, we give support systems and try to teach them to become problem solvers."

He says that, for example, if a student is having math problems, all of the math instruction a teacher or tutor can give him is not going to help if the root of the student's problem is a home life or social difficulty. The week-long workshop, which took place from August 22 to 26, covered such topics as how to overcome test anxiety, how to study, how to take notes, how to apply for financial aid, how to use the library, and how to obtain support systems from families, friends, and school life.

Butchko sums up his feelings for the project by saying, "CNC has done a lot to help minority students. We could do more, but we probably do more than most. We can demonstrate that this project should be kept for years to come. I hope it will."

Museum Sponsors Photo Contest



um on Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, September 11, from noon to 5 p.m.

"Light Images Along the Hague" is the only outdoor juried exhibition in the State restricted to photographically derived works. Nearly \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded to the 1983 winners.

A prospectus on the exhibition is available by writing to The Photography Alliance, c/o The Chrysler Museum, Olney Road and Mowbray Arch, Norfolk, Virginia 23510, or by calling the Museum at (804) 622-1211, extension 50.

Entry applications must be returned to the Museum by Tuesday, September 6, accompanied by a fee of \$15 for Photography Alliance members and \$30 for non-members.

The Chrysler Museum, Olney Road and Mowbray Arch, Norfolk, Virginia is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free.

Honor Grad Leads Christian Conference

Reverend J. W. Johnson, who was likened to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the closing session of the Leaders of the South in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1979, was honored again at the twentieth anniversary of Dr. King's historic march on Washington, August 27, 1983.

Reverend Johnson, a 1979 honor graduate of CNC and Pastor of Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Surry, was chosen to lead the National Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, led by the late Dr. King 20 years ago, from the Reflecting Pool to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Pandora's Books



Autumn Art Auction

The Junior Woman's Club of Hilton Village is sponsoring an Autumn Art Auction, Saturday, September 17, in the Campus Center.

Eden Gallery of Hampton will be furnishing the original art of local artists with a preview at 7 p.m., and an auction to begin at 8 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvre will be served with a cash bar.

Admission will be \$2 in advance and \$2.50 at the door. For tickets call 599-6079.

Campus Security Provides Escort Services

by Scott Helm

The campus police have been offering an escort service to Christopher Newport College since 1978.

Two different types of escort services are offered free of charge. The first type is for escorting people carrying large sums of money anywhere on campus or to make a deposit at the bank. The second type is offered to anyone on campus who wants to be escorted at any time someplace on campus.

The escort service is used every day when the security force makes the bank deposit for

the business office. The escort service was last used by a student in February 1983.

Chief Capehart said about the escort service, "very rarely is it used by students, unless one may have a problem with a young man that she doesn't want to be bothered with, ex-boyfriend, or something like that." CNC is fortunate in that the students don't have to use the service very often.

If asked, campus police will escort people as far as the CNC property line or all the way to their doors if they live in University Square or College Court apartments.

Physics Department Offers New Degree

A new degree program will be available this Fall from the Physics Department. This program will grant a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Physics-Microelectronics. What will be emphasized? Robotics, computer-aided design and analysis, data acquisition systems, and microprocessors.

During the senior year, students will work on a senior project involving a problem of industrial concern for businesses or industries in the local area. Students will be placed in their senior projects with the help of the Microelectronics Advisory Board, headed by Dr. Herbert Barnard of Teledyne and including representatives from the shipyard and NASA, as well as local businesses which work in the field of microelectronics and the local school systems.

Graduates will design systems using microprocessors to control chemical processes, industrial and manufacturing assembly plants and systems, and smaller systems such as engines.

The degree program is planned as a practical program leading to the world of work, rather than requiring further graduate work for a student to be employable. Students will be encouraged to consider themselves as entrepreneurs, and a track emphasizing business is one of the options within the program.

The field of microelectronics ties in closely with the rapidly growing areas of robotics and computer-aided analysis. The Physics Department anticipates that graduates will have an easy time finding work.

The College will be searching for a new faculty member for this interesting program and anticipates that the new physicist will be at CNC by Fall 1984.

Dr. George Webb, Chairman of the Physics Department, believes that the new National Electron Accelerator Lab, scheduled to be built at VARC, will provide complimentary attraction and will enable the department to attract an excellent faculty member to guide the new program.

Students who are interested in finding out more about the microelectronics degree may contact Drs. George or Jane Webb at 599-7082, or Dr. A. M. Buoncristiani at 599-7192.

Grad School Applications Should Appeal

How a graduate school application form is filled out is very important. This form should convince admission committees that they are interested in the prospective student as a member of their school.

After four years of college are complete, many accomplishments such as good grades, extracurricular activities and so on, are there for college officials to see. The application form provides a last chance to shine. Standard forms include general information-gathering questions and two essay questions.

What precautions should be taken to insure a good impression through the answers? In the September issue of *Glamour* magazine, author Grace Hechinger says that "Every school is looking for factors that reflect intelligence and success." Answering the essay questions thoughtfully is therefore vital to the student's whole picture.

With all the answers, care should be given to spelling, grammar, and legibility. With the essays, focus, originality, coherence and brevity must also be present. Clear thinking will result in logical writing; analytical ability will be evident.

Make a photocopy of the entire application form to use for practice. Carelessness, errors, crowded out words—all will combine to form a less than satisfactory profile.

Type or neatly print all background information in the proper spaces. Leave the essay portion blank until the questions and their possible answers have taken shape mentally. Creativity is not against the rules; one applicant presented her answer with a self-composed poem.

A neatly typed cover letter, perfectly permissible, can round out the loose ends not covered by the rest of the application form. The cover letter could perhaps explain the student's special affection for the school. Suggestions as to how the student could contribute and generally fit in can also be mentioned.

The style should be simple and direct.

When a final rough draft is complete, the student should ask an objective friend to read (Continued on p. 3)

SA Meeting Thursday, September 8 12:15 in CC233

Auditions for Nuts

Auditions for the Frederick Player's fall production, *Nuts*, will be held September 14, 15, and 16 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the theatre at Tidewater Community College, Frederick Campus.

Nuts, by Tom Topor, is a courtroom drama about a psychiatric patient trying to prove that she is competent to stand trial for murder. There are roles for six men and three women.

Performances are scheduled for November 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12. For further information, call 484-2121, ext. 247.

Computer Knowledge Can Be An Asset

by Chris Seifert

Computers for those who are highly motivated to learn to use them are an asset. In business they are now considered indispensable. But what about home computers? How easy is it to master home computer programming?

In the September issue of *Consumer Reports* magazine, this question was explored. In an article by the electronics staff entitled "Computers: Should You Take One Into Your Home?", it was found that home computers for education and family games are relatively easy to learn to use. The TRS-80 Color Computer and the Extended Basic Color Computer by the same company, have made basic programming easier to learn.

Consumer Reports cautioned beginners who are interested in the more versatile and sophisticated Atari 800 home computer, however. This machine did more, but the programming manual, when ease of learning is considered, was only rated fair.

Consumer Reports found that the TRS-80 Color Computer and the Extended Basic Color Computer, were the simplest to learn to program.

IBM and Apple home computers often come with more than one instruction manual. These manuals can be a trial for beginners intent only on an evening's entertainment, or a few lessons in spelling words.

In general then, the more complex the functions the more involved are the instructions to perform them. Discouragement can cause a hefty dollar investment to gather dust in the family livingroom.

What should a family with beginning computer buffs do to help ease the introduction to computers? *Consumer Reports* advises patience. Learning to use a computer for the

first time makes beginners of all—adults and children alike. Motivation is essential. Learn one step completely before going to the next. Learn a little at a time.

The problem with home computer programming is more the fault of companies who are more intent on selling machines than on providing readable, easily understandable instructions for their use. This situation is changing however, as consumer complaints are heard.

Meanwhile, be aware of the variety of books and tapes available to help with home computer use. These products can help clear the often murky waters of programming instruction manuals.

Keep in mind that operating a computer is a skill that can be learned.

NASA Covers Landing

Tidewater residents may view the September 5 Space Shuttle landing via a large screen television at the NASA Langley Visitor Center. The coverage is made possible through a special satellite hookup between NASA Centers.

The Center will open at 3 a.m. on September 5 to offer live coverage of this mission's night landing, now planned for 3:30 a.m. Live coverage of in-orbit activities will be featured at the Visitor Center as they become available.

This mission's five-man crew, which is commanded by Astronaut Richard Truly, also includes America's first black astronaut to fly in space. He is Guion "Cuy" Bluford.

The Visitor Center is located at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA. Admission is always free. For more information, call 865-2855.

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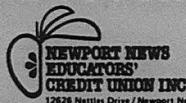
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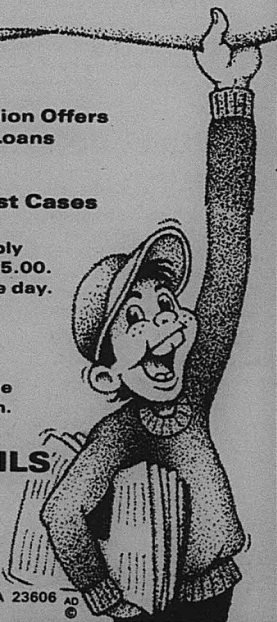
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All campus organizations are invited to submit material for *Campus Closeups*. The copy must be typed and double-spaced or it will not be put in the paper. A name and phone number are to be written on the page in case more information is needed.

Deadline for *Closeups* is Friday at noon.

Coffees

Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity will be holding Coffees upstairs in the Campus Center on Friday, September 9, at noon and Tuesday, September 13, at 12:15.

All business and information science majors interested in Christopher Newport College's professional business fraternity are welcome and encouraged to attend. A wine and cheese party will be announced at a later date.

Women's Tennis

Anyone interested in playing on the Women's Tennis Team should contact Vicki Nebinger at 599-4283.

Club Members Needed

Students interested in joining the Photography Club, the Government Club, assembling a Songwriters Club, or assembling a Radio and Video Club should contact Willette Edwards at 247-0278 or 599-7100.

Test Matches Interests with Careers

by Karen Brunson

A college student makes decisions every day that affect his life; in fact, probably the most important decision a student makes in college is deciding upon a major. There are so many potential majors that a student could study, yet he must narrow his decision down to one particular major. Christopher Newport College does offer some assistance to the student in helping him make this decision, with the aid of the Strong-Campbell Interest Inventory.

The Strong-Campbell Interest Inventory is a test that is based on the student's interest in dealing with people and occupations that he may have some interest in.

Mr. Vought, the counselor who gives the inventory, has said that the inventory does not narrow down the student's interest to one particular major, but it does offer some direction to the student. The inventory locks the student's interest in public relations with his interest in occupations and tells him what majors correspond with his interests in both subjects.

The inventory consumes a few hours of the student's time, in two separate sessions. First, the student sits down and talks with a counselor about why he wants to take the inventory. The next step is taking the inventory; it consists of 325 interest questions, which generally take one hour for the student to complete.

The completed test is then sent away for scoring, and within two weeks the scored test is returned to the counselor. Finally, the student and counselor get together and discuss the results of the test; this process may run from one to two hours and may possibly require a second session.

The Strong-Campbell Interest Inventory is a good test for a student to take if he wishes to find some type of direction. The inventory

does require some time on the student's part and the small sum of four dollars for CNC students or five dollars for non-students. The results of the inventory may help the student decide on a major. This is not a fail-or-pass type test, but a test that may answer the student's questions as to where his interest lies in respect to a potential major and a future career.

NASA Art on Exhibit

Selected works from the NASA Art Collection will be featured at the NASA Langley Visitor Center August 5 through September 30.

The artworks capture moments in our nation's history of space exploration and are done in a variety of media.

The Visitor Center, located on NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA, is open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

One of the highlights of the exhibition is the master study done by Robert McCall for his famous mural at the entrance of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. The 4 X 10-foot detail study depicts an astronaut standing on the lunar surface.

Grad School

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it and comment on the presentation. Is the style polished and yet unique and personal?

Finally, the student should proofread the answers and check for grammar and usage. Has all the information been thoughtfully and adequately conveyed?

An extra copy should be made for records; then the student can mail the original and relax.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

The Nu Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., would like to welcome students to the Fall semester here at Christopher Newport College. We must all say good-bye to summer fun and sun and say hello to a rewarding college life.

The ladies of AKA have many activities planned this semester for excitement, fun, and academic enrichment. We look forward to helping to make this an enjoyable and fulfilling time for one and all.

AKA Rush

The Nu Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will hold its Fall Rush on Sunday, September 11 at 5 p.m. in the Campus Center Admiralty Room. All ladies interested in pledging Alpha Kappa Alpha are invited to attend.

In order to pledge AKA, you must have been enrolled as a fulltime student last Spring semester, with a cumulative and current grade-point average of 2.5 or above.

If you have any questions, or cannot attend the Rush, yet desire to pledge Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, please contact Shelly Shaifer by calling 827-7339 by September 13.

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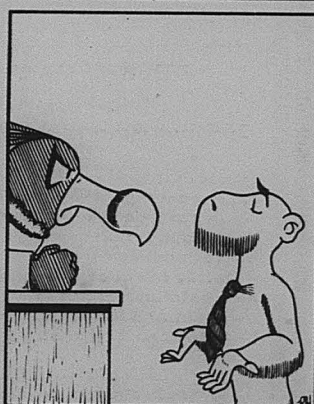
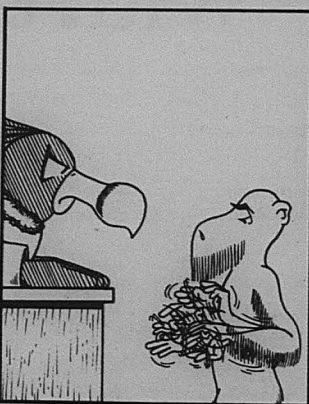
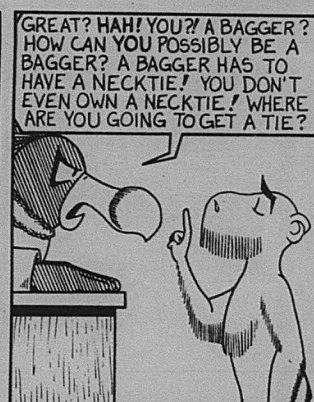
Thursday, September 1 at 12:15 in CC223.

All staff members are to attend. Anyone interested in joining the staff is also invited to attend.

Those who cannot come to the meeting should come by CC223 on or before September 1 to fill out applications and receive their first assignment.

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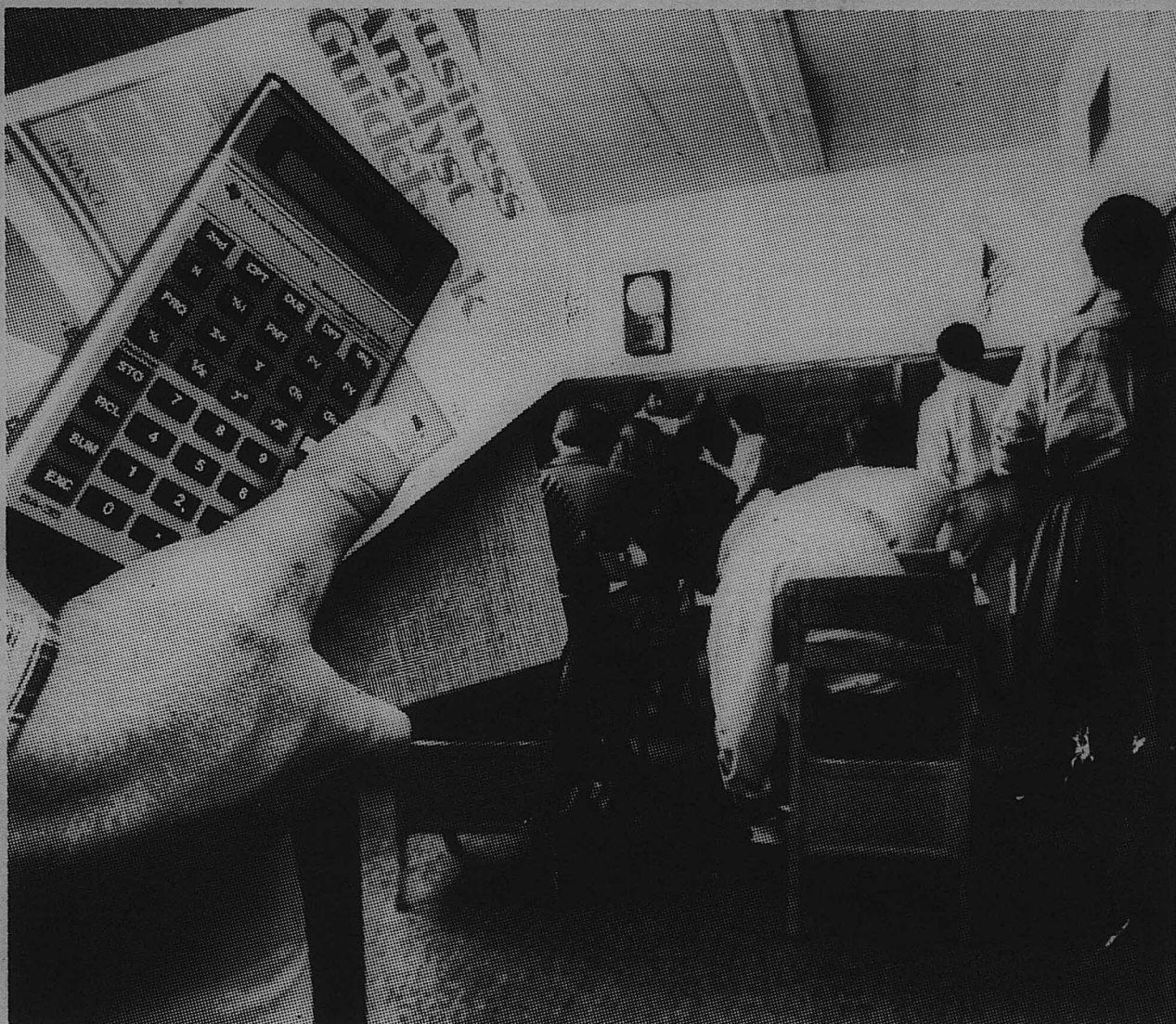
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