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Women's Basketball - Dixie Conference Quarter-Finals - TBA

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Men's Basketball - TBA - Dixie Conf. Quarter-Finals

Thursday

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Spain 1987: Cultural Tour Information Meeting,
7:00 pm - W212

Friday

February 27

February 27th&28th - Dixie Conference Championship, CNC

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Memorial Gathering - Anderson Auditorium - 12:15-1:00 PM

Saturday

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Sunday

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Official Announcements

March Faculty Meeting

The Instructional Faculty will meet at 3:00 P.M., Friday, March 13, 1987, in A-105. Committee chairmen and individual faculty members who wish to have items of business considered at this meeting must submit the substance of such items to this office for inclusion on the agenda no later than noon, Wednesday, March 4, 1987. It would be helpful to all concerned if all committee reports to be presented at this meeting were submitted for publication by this deadline as well.

The agenda will be published in the Chronicle of March 6, 1987.

-- Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Class Make-Up

Because snow closings have now caused two Monday night class sessions to be cancelled, it is essential that a make-up session for these classes be scheduled. We will accomplish this in the following fashion: Monday night classes will meet at 7:30 p.m. for a regular class meeting (not a final examination) on the Monday of finals week (May 4, 1987). The final examinations in these classes will be rescheduled at 7:30 p.m. on the Friday of finals week (May 8, 1987). This change applies to all classes that are regularly scheduled to meet Mondays only and that begin at 6:00 p.m. or later.

All faculty teaching Monday night classes are requested to notify their students of these circumstances. I regret any inconvenience that they may cause, but such an arrangement is the best we can do without having classes scheduled in the spring break. Perhaps preserving the spring break will make any inconvenience caused by this arrangement seem somewhat more bearable to those involved in Monday night classes.

No other classes that have been missed to date because of snow will be rescheduled.

-- Vice President for Academic Affairs

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New Business Hours for Student Accounts & Cashier's Offices

Effective February 23, 1987, the business hours for Student Accounts and Cashier's Offices are:

<u>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday</u>	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

-- Vice President for Financial Affairs

News and General Information

Writing Contest

The fifth annual Christopher Newport College Writers' Conference will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. This year's conference features several well-known writers and poets, as well as a university press editor.

All those who register for the conference are eligible for the writing contest, which is an integral part of the event every year. Registrants may submit works in all three categories--fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. The contest deadline is March 18.

CNC faculty and staff and their dependents may register at the discount price of \$49. Please call the Office of Continuing Education at 599-7158 to register or to request a brochure giving complete details.

We would also appreciate your contacting us if you know of anyone else who may be interested in participating.

-- Norma Brown, Continuing Education

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Smith Library Mentioned in Library Journal

Smith Library was recently mentioned by author Diane Kadanoff in an article in Library Journal. Kadanoff wrote that the members of the Notable Books Council of the American Library Association came from libraries as diverse as the Brooklyn Public Library and "small college libraries," such as "Christopher Newport College." Mary Daniel, our Reference Services Li-

brarian, is a member of this committee, which compiles an annual list of the most notable books published each year. The committee recently published its list of 37 outstanding books for 1986.

-- Wendell Barbour, Library Director
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Mini Career Information Day

The Office of Career Planning & Placement is sponsoring a Mini Career Information Day concerning opportunities in the restaurant industry. The event will be held Wednesday, February 25th from 9am until 2pm in the main hallway of the Campus Center. Representatives from a variety of restaurants will be available to discuss career opportunities and interview interested students. It is important to note that students do not have to be seeking employment to benefit from this event. Many can utilize this opportunity to ask questions concerning career environments, paths, salaries, and trends. Because of the consumer orientation of this industry, many students do not recognize the business nature of these opportunities. As we know, there is money to be made in the food service industry. Students are welcome to drop by between their classes as no formal appointments are required. Such an informal atmosphere encourages participation by those who otherwise might not have been interested in something more structured. Your assistance in informing students of this informational opportunity would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will be hosting their first job fair. This activity is designed to allow individuals and groups to apply for a position at the Foundation and/or see how the different departments operate. The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Job Fair will be held Monday, March 2, 1987 at the Cascades Meeting Center from 9am-9pm.

-- Submitted by Douglas Gallaer, Career
Planning & Placement
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Memorial Gathering

Members of the College Community are invited to attend a gathering to honor Alice Randall. Several members of the faculty and staff will participate. The gathering will take place in Anderson Auditorium on Friday, February 27 from 12:15 to 1:00 PM.

-- Submitted by Douglas Gordon
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Spain 1987

Anyone interested in the trip to Spain organized by Doris Reppen and Chris Scheiderer, come to an informational meeting on Thursday, February 26, 1987 at 7:00 pm in Wingfield 212. Slides, refreshments and details on the tour. If you cannot attend the meeting, call 599-7020 for information.

-- Submitted by Doris Reppen
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Conference 87 on Critical Thinking

How do we put more stress on critical thinking in education? Are new classroom strategies needed? How would we enhance critical thinking components in courses on writing, social studies, history, or political science? Are changes in the curriculum needed? What would a single course on critical thinking look like for elementary school? Middle school? High school? College? How would we go about getting it in the curriculum? What training would be needed to teach it? With what testing instruments would we test it?

These are among the questions that will be dealt with by the innovators in critical thinking, problem solving, and cognitive skills development of the 1987 Conference on Critical Thinking, April 9-12, 1987. Some attention will be devoted to conceptual and theoretical problems, but the emphasis will be on practical matters like the promise of critical thinking for teaching and curriculum.

The format of the conference encourages personal interaction of those attending with the program presenters. There will be lectures with questions from the audience, workshops, videotapes of critical thinking classroom techniques, and panel discussions, informal interaction will be furthered by coffee breaks, and the reception and dinner on Thursday evening.

Many notable authors and leaders in the field will be on the program. The following are a few of the speakers:

- . Joseph Williams, Professor of English at the University of Chicago and developer of the Thinking in Writing program.
- . Mark Weinstein, Director of the Reasoning Skills Project at the Center for the improvement of Education, Queens College.
- . Ralph H. Johnson, Co-author of Logical Self-Defense and co-editor of the journal Informal Logic, a leading developer of informal logic and critical thinking.
- . Matthew Lipman, Founder of the Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children. Lipman and associates have developed an outstanding K-12 program focused on critical thinking.
- . Donald Lazere, Professor of English at the University of California - San Luis Obispo and author of Composition for Critical Thinking.
- . Jack Lochhead, Cognitive Processes Research Group, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, and co-author, Problem Solving and Comprehension.

There will be approximately 80 lectures and workshops, plus videotape showings of critical thinking instruction. The following is a sample of the presentations:

- . Teaching Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum
- . Composition for Critical Thinking and Literature
- . A Model for Introducing Critical Thinking into a School System
- . Dispositions: The Neglected Aspect of Thinking Instruction
- . Critical and Creative Problem Solving
- . Learning About Good Arguments Through the Fallacies
- . Using Logical Puzzles to Teach Critical Thinking

As in earlier conferences, CNC faculty, students and staff will be admitted free to events so long as space is available.

-- John Hoaglund, Professor of Philosophy
Conference Director

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Students to Celebrate Black History Month

On Monday and Thursday of next week, CNC students will observe Black History Month with two programs celebrating the idea that "The Best Is Yet To Come."

All members of the College community are invited to gather in the Campus Center Lobby at noon on Monday, February 23, for a "unity march" to the Administration Building. At 12:15 p.m., Mr. William M. Grace, President of Grace Industries, Inc., will speak. Billing his talk as "Success Breeds Success," Mr. Grace hopes to show students how they, too, can achieve with a combination of education and hard work.

On Thursday, February 26, at 12:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Theater, students will offer an original program of drama and music illustrating "The Best Is Yet To Come." They are being assisted in this by Mr. Rex Ellis, Assistant Director of Afro-American Interpretation at Colonial Williamsburg.

Students who have planned these events are Lionell Bell, Yolanda Billups, Daisy Hines, Samantha Riddick, and Nathaniel West. From the beginning they've wanted to offer something positive and upbeat for the entire College. Your support of their efforts is much appreciated.

-- Carolyn Lawrence, Campus Minister, 595-7604

Faculty, Staff, and Student News

Wendell Barbour and Cathy Doyle of Captain John Smith Library have an article in press on "Space Utilization in the Smaller Academic Library," which will be a chapter in The Smaller Academic Library: A Management Handbook. The book will be published this summer by Greenwood Press.

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Cathy Doyle has been nominated to run for the position of Councilor of the American Library Association. The Council is the legislative body of ALA, a 40,000 member organization.

Committee Reports

Committee on Non-Academic Student Activities

The Committee on Non-Academic Student Activities is in the process of developing proposals for a multi-purpose residential facility on campus. The Committee is proposing that the facility contain an academic convention center, an institute which could house several 'centers,' and a residential facility which would include several different types of housing for students, faculty, and visiting dignitaries.

The Committee will advance its proposals to the Board of Visitors in the Fall of 1987. The Board may then request planning funds from the State. The Committee invites the Faculty, either as individuals, or as departments or schools, to submit ideas regarding programs that might be developed and housed in the multi-purpose facility. The Committee needs ideas on specific programs, how these programs might be administered, the kind of space and equipment needs inherent within programs (computers, library and research needs, etc.) and a brief description of the mission of the program.

At this stage, proposals can be quite general. We can refine them later. Please forward your ideas to the Committee by mid-April. If you have any questions about any aspect of our task, please give me a call at 7092.

-- Bill Winter, Chairman, Committee on Non-Academic Student Activities

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