
March 3, 1995

Welcome aboard . . . Chun Saul, a new classified employee. Chun is a fiscal technician in the business office.



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and those who donated leave to me during my absence. My son, Omar Jamal Tariq, arrived on Dec. 11, 1994 at 7:28 a.m. weighing in at a whopping 9 lbs. 9 ozs. and 21.5 inches. We are both doing just fine. Again, thanks!!

Abilison Davis-Tariq

Faculty/Staff Activities

Professors Roberta Rosenberg, Terrence Lee and Kara Keeling, are participating in "What America Reads: Myth Making in Popular Fiction," a project developed by the American Library Association with support from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. A series of five discussions, reviewing some of America's most popular best sellers of the past, will take place at the Kempsville Area Library in Va. Beach every other Monday. The first session will take place March 13, at 7 p.m. when Drs. Rosenberg and Lee discuss "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Dr. Keeling will lead the May 1 discussion of "From Here to Eternity," by James Jones.

Dr. Jay Paul, chairman of the English Dept., has a poem, "The Tall House," included in the Spring 1995 issue of *Shenandoah*, The Washington and Lee University Review.

Dr. Jennifer M. Barker, assistant professor of Music, was selected to have her orchestral composition, titled "A Celtic Prayer," performed by the Symphony Orchestra of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia at its series of public readings on March 2, 1995. At that time, she gave two presentations of her work to graduate/professional organizations -- University of Pennsylvania Graduate Arts Forum and Penn Composers' Guild -- in Philadelphia.

The Office of Sponsored Programs Announces the Availability of:

■ **-the 1995 General Guidelines for Small Project Research Funds from the Virginia Academy of Science. Application deadline is April 1, 1995, and awards up to \$1,250 will be made. Please call 4-7266 for further information.**

■ **- the 1996-97 NEH Fellowships Program Announcement. These programs provide six to 12 months of support for full-time, uninterrupted investigation of humanities projects. Deadline for applications is May 1, 1995 and faculty and staff members in undergraduate colleges and universities are eligible to apply. Please write or call the NEH to request materials.**

The address & phone number are as follows:

Division of Research Programs
National Endowment for the Humanities
Room 316
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

■ (202) 606-8466 ■

Acclaimed Poet to Read at CNU

Poet Shelly Wagner will read from her best-seller *The Andrew Poems* at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11 in the John Gaines Theatre. A Norfolk resident, Wagner began writing the poems four-and-a-half years after the drowning of her son in 1984. Since the book's publication, Wagner has been invited to be the keynote speaker for the 1996 national conference of The Compassionate Friends, a national organization for bereaved parents and siblings, in Long Beach, CA. This May she will address the 30th Anniversary Conference of the Association for the Care of Children's Health -- an advocacy group representing 35,000 members -- in Boston.

Wagner has given readings throughout Tidewater. Her work has been profiled on PBS' "Virginia Currents," which won four film awards. Her book has been favorably reviewed in *The Daily Press* and *The Virginian-Pilot* and featured in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

A reception will follow, with an opportunity to have the poet sign her book, which won the Texas Tech University Press 1992 First Book Award. Copies are on sale in the CNU bookstore and will also be available at the reading.

For more information, contact the Dept. of English at 4-7024.

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award program seeks to recognize outstanding members of the CNU alumni community at an appropriate university event, and concomitantly, the awards and the ceremonies provide positive publicity for CNU and the Alumni Society. Any graduate of CNU who has distinguished himself/herself through personal or professional accomplishment or who has rendered outstanding service to CNU or the Alumni Society is eligible for the award.

Distinction may have been brought to in various fields, such as business, law, engineering, science, education, public service, and so on. Productive quality of all Distinguished Alumni.

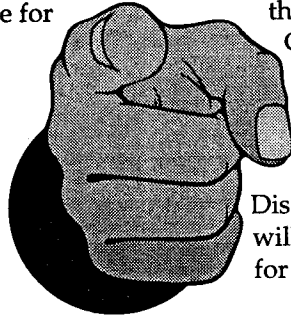
Criteria: The recipient of the graduate of the University. The award service to the community, state, nation, in one's profession.

Selection: Recipients will be selected by the Alumni Society's Nominations and Elections Committee and the Director of Alumni Relations. A recommendation will be brought before the Alumni Society Board for final approval. No members of the Board of Directors will be eligible for this award.

Nominations: During the spring semester of each year, nominations will be solicited from the appropriate sectors of the CNU community. Evidence supporting the nominations should be furnished by nominators. It is in the intent of the Society to give one award annually.

Nature of the Awards: The award will consist of an engraved plaque.

Presentations: The award will be presented at the Society's annual dinner meeting. The award will be made by the president of the Society.



CNU indirectly through one's achievements in medicine, the arts, the ministry, entertainment, politics, philanthropy, citizenship is considered the basic

Distinguished Alumni Award must be a will be made in recognition of outstanding for mankind, or outstanding accomplishment

Writers' Conference

The 14th Annual Writers' Conference will be held April 1, 1995 in the Campus Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The speakers will be:

Joseph Bosxo

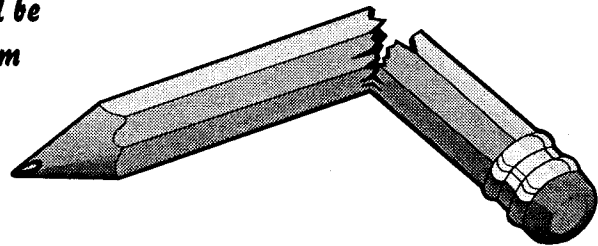
Paul Fleisher

Kathryn Hammer

Felicia Mason

Jay Paul.

Cost is \$65 for the conference and contest fee. To register, call the Office of Continuing Education at 4-7158.



CNU Restructuring Plan -- From the minutes of the January 10, 1995 meeting of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia:

"Dr. Davies reported on the restructuring plans submitted by the two remaining senior institutions, Christopher Newport University and Virginia State University, whose plans were not approved at the November 8 Council meeting. He said both institutions had worked hard and cooperated with the office of the Secretary of Education and the Council. In their final revisions the institutions had very satisfactorily addressed the reviewer's comments.

"Dr Finley reviewed the revised plan from Christopher Newport University. He said that Christopher Newport's now was one of the strongest plans. The foundation of the plan is a progressive vision of a continuous university that meets the needs of a diverse student body in diverse ways. It builds on the urban environment it serves, reallocates funds to support a strong faculty development effort, reduces the number of credit hours required for a bachelor's degree from the current average of about 135 to 120 for most academic programs, eliminates remedial courses in English and mathematics, improves the university's customer-service focus, and realizes a five-percent net savings in administrative costs by fiscal year 1998. The university also plans to privatize grounds maintenance, housekeeping, and printing functions.

"Secretary Sgro said she was pleased with the changes made to Christopher Newport University's plan and the university's cooperation with other institutions in that region. She recommended that Council approve Christopher Newport University's revised plan.

"On motion by Mr. McWhorter, seconded by Mr. Patten, the Council approved Christopher Newport's revised plan."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESULTS -- Several positive actions took place during the recently completed 1995 General Assembly session. The printout entitled "Summary of Conference Committee Report house Bill 1450 and Senate Bill 650" dated February 21, 1995 contains items of particular interest to the CNU community:

1. restoration of funds for employee pay raises;
2. restoration of \$679,667 related to restructuring, and
3. an additional \$200,000 for general fund support.

Faculty/Staff Activities

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Activity _____

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