

### OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

1974 SAT Scores Shown Nearly Same As in 1973 Tests The average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of nearly one million 1974 high-school graduates were about the same as those of 1973 graduates, the College Entrance Examination Board reported this weekend. In releasing

an extensive report on the 1974 graduates, the College Board said the recent trend toward markedly lower SAT scores did not continue this year, but that it is too early to tell if the trend is over.

A total of 985,247 high-school graduates took the SAT. This included 492,649 males and 492,598 remales. A total of 858,111 responded to the student descriptive questionnaire--418,273 males and 439,838 females.

A three-year summary of the test scores is shown in the following table:

SAT SCORE AVERAGES FOR 1972, 1973 AND 1974 GRADUATES

	VERBAL			MATHEMATICAL		
	Male	Female	<u>Total</u>	Male	Female	Total
1972 1973 1974	454 446 447	452 443 442	453 445 444	505 502 501	461 460 459	484 431 480

Source: College-Bound Seniors, 1973-74. New York: College Entrance Examination Board, 1974.

The College Board said the number of students described in the report is equal to about one-third of all 1974 high-school graduates, and about two-thirds of all those graduates who are entering college this fall. Following are some highlights of the report:

For the first time, as many females as males took the SAT.

Most Achievement Test scores of 1974 graduates were higher than those of 1973 graduates.

The percentage with postbaccalaureate degree plans has increased each year since 1971-72.

More than half plan to apply for advanced placement, course credit, or exemption from required courses in college.

Health-related majors are the first-choice field of postsecondary study for nearly one-fifth of the women; education is decreasingly popular for both sexes; the biological sciences are the most popular field.

The percentage undecided about what field to major in has increased each year since 1971-72.

Large numbers of students, especially minority students, need substantial amounts of financial aid for college. Over 40 percent plan to seek help in college in finding part-time work.

Ethnically, the percentage of students taking the SAT who described themselves as nonwhite has remained virtually stable at about 13 to 14 percent from 1971-72 through 1973-74. At the same time, the percentage of nonwhite graduates going directly to college decreased in 1973.

Estimates of the amount of money that parents can afford to contribute toward college costs, calculated from information reported by the students, show that the parents of one-fourth can contribute less than \$625, about one-fourth between \$625 and \$1,500, another one-fourth between \$1,500 and \$3,300, and the remaining one-fourth more than \$3,300. Two-thirds of the black students estimated contributions less than \$625.

Over half of the students reported a preference for living in a dormitory, more than one-fourth indicated a preference for living at home, and a small percentage preferred other housing. Of those who preferred a dorm, three out of five males preferred a coed dorm, while three out of five females preferred a single-sex dorm.

## FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Vinod P. Maniyar attended the 49th Annual Conference of Western Economic Association at Las Vegas, June 10-12 and presented a paper, Feedback Control of an Economy with a Monetary Sector Using an Observer." The paper was an application of mathematical control theory to economic stabilization problems.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Stan and Billie Fedyszyn on the birth of their son, Andre Josef.

#### NOTICES

Effective Sunday, September 22, 1974

New Campus Center Hours

Monday through Thursday

Open 7:00 A.M. - game room close 9:30 P.M. - doors closed 10:00 P.M.

Friday

Open 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (except for special events)

Saturday

Closed (except for special events)

Sunday

Open 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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# Newspapers

This year the Campus Center is offering for sale The Daily Press, The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Sunday New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal at the information desk Monday through Friday. Suggestions for other publications will be gladly accepted.

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The Christopher Newport College Woman's Association would like to extend an invitation to all women members and wives of the faculty, the staff, and the adjunct faculty to attend a tea to be held Sunday, September 29, at the home of: Mrs. Amalie Polis, 727 Keppel Drive (Windsor Great Park), Newport News, from 3-5 P.M.

Please respond by September 25 to: Mrs. Charlene Bankes, 596-2251
Mrs. Shirley Saunders, 595-9607
Mrs. Mary Dale Williams, 595-3126.

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To date, twenty-two faculty members have made their contributions to support the CNC representative to the Virginia Faculty Senate. Please try to remember to leave your dollar with Mrs. Casey this week.

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All department chairmen planning to recommend new faculty positions for the 1975-76 academic year should submit their recommendations, together with a rationale and supporting data, to the Dean of Academic Affairs by October 1, 1974. Figures and projected needs for the 1975-76 academic year will be confirmed by mid October. Authorization for new faculty positions are planned for November 1.

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The CNC Chronicle is intended for the convenience of all faculty members who wish to circulate information to the faculty. Short printed passages of general academic interest are welcome. Committee reports are appropriate. News of personal or professional activity or accomplishment is always appreciated. The one general rule that seems appropriate, as all faculty members contribute news to the Chronicle, is that the source of the information be identified when it is turned in. Since it would be irresponsible to print very 'newsy' items that are contributed annonymously, I would appreciate your cooperation in leaving your name with all news or announcements contributed to the Chronicle.

T. Musial

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Ken Kirby and Bill Winters are pleased to announce that they both beat Bob Saunders in tennis this week.

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Professors Armistead, Bright, Edwards, Pillow, Polis, Pugh, Thompson, and Vazzana have been asked to serve as the members of the ad hoc committee to recommend a scheduling master plan to increase efficiency of our classroom use. Professor Pugh is serving as chairperson of the committee. The committee will make an initial report to the faculty at the October faculty meeting.

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# Classroom Housekeeping

Faculty members are requested to assist in keeping classrooms in a reasonable state of cleanliness by requiring students to use proper receptacles for cigarette ashes and butts (not the floor), and by seeking cooperation in the disposal of soft drink cans and paper cups in trash cans instead of their being left on the floor and on desks.

It is also requested as an act of courtesy to your fellow faculty members that chalk boards be erased at the end of class periods.

R. Edwards

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Virtually all of the faculty committees have begun their work for the semester except the Nominations Committee which will meet shortly after the election of its one remaining member at the October faculty meeting. Chairpersons of the elected committees are as follows:

Academic Status - David Bankes
Admissions - Ruth Mulliken
Curriculum - Jean Pugh
Degrees - Spencer Wise
Faculty Advisory - Gary Hammer
Faculty Evaluation - JoAnne Squires
Nominations -

Chairpersons are requested to report proceedings of their work, as appropriate, in the Chronicle as well as at faculty meetings.

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The Faculty Advisory Committee has placed names of the following faculty members in nomination for the vacancy on the Nominations Committee:

Professor Edwin Boyd (Management, Marketing, and Retailing)
Professor Charlotte Fitzgerald (Sociology)
Professor Mario Mazzarella (History)
Professor James Moore (Political Science).

The election to fill the one remaining vacancy on the Nominations Committee will be held at the October faculty meeting.

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The Faculty Evaluation Committee would like to request that any faculty member having suggestions to offer for improving and revising the evaluation process or the procedures, send them in writing to Ruth Kernodle, FEC committee member. The FEC will shortly be giving consideration to any revisions or modifications for this year's evaluation and welcomes faculty input.