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'Transition' Succeeds

by Ann Catherine Braxton

The CNC Transition Program, a project to enable the academic and social success of incoming black freshmen in their adjustment from high school to college life, has been a success, says project coordinator Richard Butchko.

While the average black freshman's first semester GPA is usually a 2.0, the participants in the project averaged a first-semester GPA of 2.5.

The project began last Summer when the Office of Civil Rights complained to the State Council of Higher Education that Virginia's predominantly white colleges were not doing enough to recruit black students or to help the ones who were at an academic risk in school.

The Council of Higher Education responded by allocating funds to several white colleges to allow them to conduct Transition Projects for black freshmen whose low SAT scores and high school grades categorize them as being at an "academic risk."

The white colleges which participated included Old Dominion University, Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Virginia, James Madison University, and CNC.

Sociology professor Butchko was given the task of coordinating CNC's Transition Project.

Butchko sent out letters to incoming freshmen asking them to apply for positions in the project.

Of the thirty-five who applied, twenty students were accepted.

This first step was called Outreach.

The second step was Counseling/Assessment.

In his January 10, 1984 report on the project for the Council of Higher Education, Butchko described the Counseling/Assessment step: "During Workshop Week, the Counseling Center staff provided a variety of important skill-building and personal-awareness-enhancing activities for the students. 'During the Workshop Week, the Counseling/Assessment Program conducted intensive evaluations of students' aptitudes, orientations toward school work, values regarding education, and psychological systems strengths and weaknesses.'"

Throughout the semester, the students consulted a Mentor/Adviser, each of whom head-

Financial Aid Seminar Held

There will be a financial aid application seminar for 1984-85 applicants Tuesday, February 7, at noon in the Administration Building, room 105, to be repeated at the same location Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m.

All students who think they may need financial assistance in 1984-85 are encouraged to attend one of the sessions. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

1983-84 financial aid recipients have been mailed application materials and are requested to bring these to the workshops. Application materials will be available to others at the sessions.

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these forms and instructions and to ask questions.

Students interested in applying for the Pell Grant (formerly the BEOG) or Guaranteed Student Loans for the current academic year should contact the Financial Aid Office in room 239 of the Administration Building.

ed a small group of five. This arrangement was managed by professors Joseph Healy and Marshall Booker. The Mentor/Advisers were professors Cheryl Matthews, Sandy Lopater, and Susan Casey, and Dean of Admissions Keith McLoughland.

"Each one approached the task in their own way," says Butchko.

"They decided to work mostly in groups. Their intention was to get the group to reconnect with each other and know they had a support system. Each student developed his or her own learning goals and objectives for the semester."

The idea of "support systems" for these students became a dominant theme of the project.

As Butchko writes in his report, "The project constructed supportive networks at the individual, small group, large group, family, college, peer, and faculty levels. These were woven into a 'safety net' that not only provided fertile ground for growth and development, but also a means for identifying students who were having difficulties needing intervention."

One of these support systems came in the form of peer tutors.

CNC students Andrea James, Sharon Lynch, Sam Pearson, and Michelle Shafer served as peer tutors for the project.

"The peer tutors were probably most often in touch with the students," says Butchko.

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CNC Introduces New Computer

The Christopher Newport College computer center is opening this semester with a series of free short courses aimed at providing computer users with an assortment of information about the Prime 750 and its supporting software packages.

The first of these mini-courses, "Introduction to the Prime 750 & the Editor," is particularly designed for the computer novice who has had little or no experience with logging into the computer and creating files.

"Introduction to the Prime..." provides students with a general overview of the Prime 750's internal file structure, and a familiarity with some of the more important operating system and editor commands.

Noteworthy topics include how to log in to the computer, how to create and access directories and files, how to get into the editor and manipulate existing files, and how to obtain printouts.

The class was scheduled to be taught at nine different times the first week of classes by the computer center's student consultants. The times and whereabouts of the Thursday and Friday sessions are listed below.

Thursday, January 26

8:00-9:30 a.m. in Newport 125

3:00-4:30 p.m. in Newport 125

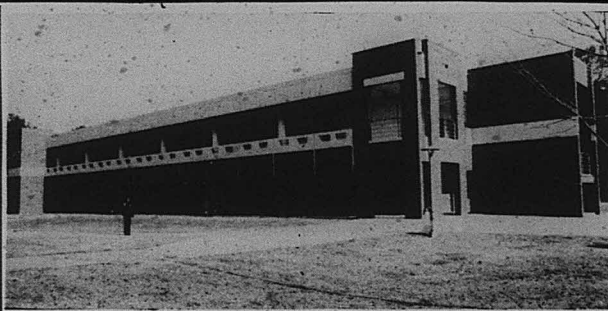
5:00-6:15 p.m. in Gosnold 145

Friday, January 27

9:00-10:00 a.m. in Newport 125

1:00-2:30 p.m. in Newport 125

It is strongly recommended that all computer students obtain a copy of the new edition of "A Guide to the Prime 750," before attending the class. It can be purchased in the bookstore for a small fee.



Exterior panels, which look like a waist-high wall by outside walkways, cause construction delay. photo by Teena Roe

Panel Problems Resolved

by Susie Hawley

After a contract for the corrective work was agreed upon by all parties involved, the construction of the science building resumed.

The panels, which were the technical problem that caused the recent delay, were taken off, reinforced with steel, and installed at a lower height by Lockwood Construction Company, an independent contractor.

The reinstallation design of the panels was worked out by an independent designer to assure complete safety and to eliminate future problems.

Now that the independent construction

company has completed the panel reinstallation, Hudgins Construction Company, the original contractor, will complete the minor interior and exterior finish work.

Also, a special chemical covering to seal the concrete walkway must be applied before construction is complete.

The chemical sealant is only effective when first applied in 60 degree temperatures.

When asked how soon the science building will be operational, James Eagle, vice president of Financial Affairs, replied, "Hopefully we will be moved in by next Fall."

'1984' Inspires Course

by Scott Millar

A course inspired and designed around the subject of control as demonstrated by English author George Orwell in his novel 1984 will be offered this spring as an open lecture series and a one-credit class at noon on Wednesdays in G145.

Orwell's text and a book of essays written by Christopher Newport College faculty members will serve as the reading assignments for the course.

Each professor will summarize and discuss his or her essay.

Students will then be able to question and discuss the content of the faculty members' work.

At the conclusion of the course, those students seeking credit will be required to write

Freshman Dies at 21

Debra Marie Rains, a Christopher Newport College freshman, died early Monday morning, January 9, at her parent's home in Newport News.

She had been living with her family on their dairy farm for several months and had just completed her first semester at CNC.

Rains was 21 and was studying to be a lab technician.

Her father, Myron Ross, said, "Lately, she'd been thinking about other things, but she still seemed fixed on being a lab technician. Debbie wanted to do something she could to help others."

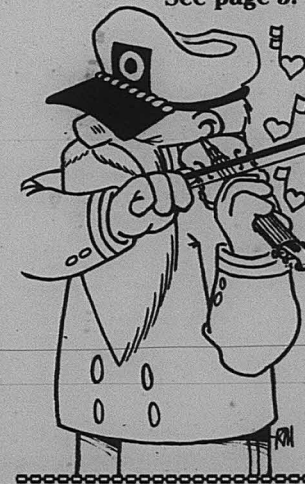
Survivors include her parents, Myron and Leona Ross; her brothers, Jerry and Mike; and her three-year-old daughter, Nicky.

a paper integrating class lectures and discussions. These papers will be graded on a pass-fail basis.

Faculty members participating in the seminar include: Robert Doane, Lee Doerries, Richard Butchko, Lea Pellett, Ruth Kernodle, Joseph Healey, James Windsor and Samuel Bauer. Also, Sanford Lopater, Robert Durel, Richard Greenough, Rita Hubbard, Hugh Treacy, Jon Petruchyk, Mary Lu Royall, Elizabeth Daley, Mario Mazarella and Joanne Squires will present their thoughts.

All interested students are encouraged to attend.

Send Your Love Notes
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Campus Closeups

UCAM

The CNC Chapter of the United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War and the Peninsula Peace Education Center will sponsor a slide presentation by Kent R. Larrabee titled "The Russians are People Too."

Larrabee, who walked 2,300 miles through Europe to Moscow, will share his first hand experiences, insights and dreams.

He believes that nuclear war can be prevented but that the steps are not easy.

The talk will be Friday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. in G145. Everyone is welcome.

D.C. Trip

The Studio A Art Club will be leaving at 7 a.m. Saturday, February 25, for Washington D.C. to see the art exhibit "Leonardo's Last Supper, Before and After. The club will return at 9 p.m.

Lunch will be at the gallery. Cost for the round trip is approximately \$12 to \$14. This money is due one week in advance.

For further details contact Dr. Alexick in G143 A.

A sign up sheet is posted on the inside of the door to G143 A.

Intramural Basketball

Rosters may be turned in to the Intramural Office any time before February 1.

The teams are limited to 13 players. For more information, contact Gene Boutin in the Intramural Office at 599-7054.

Computers

Association for Computing Machinery invites all people interested in any aspect of computers to attend a meeting February 1 in N117 at 3:30 p.m.

All ACM members - remember resumes. This meeting is free to all members. See Becky Mahoney, Leslie Jones or Arnie Nourse for further details.

Volleyball

Put some "spike" in your life with intramural volleyball.

Rosters are due no later than 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, at the Intramural Office. The season begins Sunday, February 5.

All faculty, staff, students and alumni are eligible to play.

Each team must have at least two women and can have no more than 12 people.

For more information, contact Shelley Pidgeon in the Intramural Office at 599-7054.

Student Teaching

Students who plan to enroll in Supervised Teaching, which is to be offered during the Fall 1984 semester, should pre-register with John Jenkins, director of Student Teaching, prior to March 1.

Registration blanks and information can be obtained from the Department of Education, W226, each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SA Meeting

The Student Association will hold its first meeting Tuesday, January 31, at 12:15, in CC205.

NASA Exhibits Pictures Of Satellite Discoveries

The NASA Langley Visitor Center is featuring a photographic exhibit on the discoveries of the Infrared Astronomy Satellite. The exhibit opened January 9 and will be on display until the end of February.

From its orbit 560 miles above the surface of our planet and free from distorting layers of the earth's murky atmosphere, the Infrared Astronomy Satellite surveyed more than 95 percent of the sky.

The satellite recorded more than 200,000 sources of infrared radiation, including stars, dust clouds, new comets and asteroids, and a number of possible solar systems similar to our own.

The Infrared Astronomy Satellite used super-cold liquid helium to chill the special telescope to just a few degrees above absolute zero.

Looking out at the universe with eyes sensitive to heat instead of light, the satellite detected many things that are invisible in the wavelengths of normal light.

Scientists have analyzed only a fraction of the information acquired by the Infrared Astronomy Satellite. Still, in the data so far analyzed, the following has been discovered: four comets, a multiple ring of tiny particles encircling the Sun out beyond the orbit of Mars, solid particles orbiting the star Vega,

huge clouds of dust that are giving birth to new stars deep inside the dust clouds, and new views of the center of our galaxy.

The Visitor Center is located on the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. Admission is always free.

Firm Sponsors Seminar In Accounting

The branch offices of Newport News, Norfolk and Virginia Beach for Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith are sponsoring a career seminar for entry-level account executives.

The Seminar will be held Wednesday, February 1, at 5:30 p.m. at the Omni International Hotel, 777 Waterfront Drive, Norfolk.

Account executives will discuss the accomplishments and frustrations of their positions. All business degree candidates or related majors and alumni are invited to attend this seminar.

Captain's Log Staff Meeting

Thursday, January 26
12:20 in CC223

All staff members

must attend. Editors and reporters should bring their style books.



Join Us

Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

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Deadlines

Advertising	Thursday, 4 p.m.
Club notices, Personals, Classifieds	Friday, noon

Christopher Newport College Spring 1984 Registration

Classes Begin January 23, 1984

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Courses may be added or dropped as follows:

January 23	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
January 24	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
January 25	9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
January 26	9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
January 27	9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

NO COURSE MAY BE ADDED AFTER JANUARY 27, 1984

COURSES DROPPED IN ABOVE PERIOD DO NOT APPEAR ON YOUR PERMANENT RECORD.

Withdrawal Period - January 30, 1984 to March 30, 1984
Students Who Withdraw From Courses During This Period Will Receive A Grade Of "W".

Last Day to Withdraw Without Grade Penalty - March 30, 1984
Students Who Withdraw Between April 2nd And The Last Day Of Classes Will Be Graded "W" If Passing Or "F" If Failing. Per Instructor.

NOTE: Courses Dropped Without Completing Proper Forms In The Registrar's Office Will Be Given A Failing Grade.

Seventy-Two Hour Period

All transcript requests and enrollment certifications for military ID's, etc. will require 72 hours to process.

ID Cards

Validation stickers and ID pictures can be obtained at the Information Desk in the Campus Center. Students must also obtain a Library Number on their ID Card from the Captain John Smith Library.

Parking Decals

All Students Must Obtain Current Decal At The Information Desk in the Campus Center.

Veterans

Enrollment certifications are prepared in the Office of Veterans Affairs, Room A-116, Administration Building. All students using V.A. education benefits must complete a course schedule card each semester. This office will not process enrollment certifications until the student provides a copy of our tuition payment receipt. The Office of Veterans Affairs must be notified of all changes in course schedules, address, and dependency status.

Closed Courses

If the courses you want are closed or cancelled, look for HELPING CENTER signs at Station 4 to receive help in selecting alternate courses.

Office of the Registrar

January 6, 1984

Key Dates - Spring 1984

January 27	Last day to add a course
January 27	Last day of late registration
February 3	Last day for 80% refund
February 10	Last day for 60% refund
February 17	Last day for 40% refund
February 24	Last day for 20% refund
March 7	Spring recess begins at noon
March 26	Spring recess ends 8 a.m.
March 30	Last day to withdraw without grade penalty
April 9 to 12	Early registration - Fall 1984
May 5	Classes end at noon
May 7 to 12	Final examination period
May 20	Campus closes

TURNSTIDE

by RJH



Classifieds

Wanted: Manager for men's and women's track teams. Some knowledge of track is desirable. \$300 per

Classified ads are free to all CNC students, faculty and staff. Ads run for four (4) consecutive weeks unless we are advised otherwise.

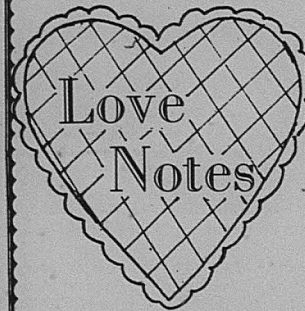
semester. Contact Coach Vince Brown or Coach Ron Garner in room 106, Ratcliffe Gym.

NASA Shows New Space Vehicle

Astronauts and space-going scientists may, within the next decade, be traveling to earth orbits far above those presently attained. Concepts for an Orbital Transfer Vehicle (OTV) will be shown in a new display at the NASA Langley Visitor Center starting Monday, January 3.

The new Orbital Transfer Vehicle will make it possible to transport astronauts and space-going scientists as high as 22,300 miles above the earth. On future missions the Space Shuttle may rendezvous with the Orbital Transfer Vehicle for transport of personnel and equipment to the higher orbits.

There are advantages to obtaining higher orbits. For example, weather satellites, navigation satellites and communication satellites, taking exactly 24 hours to complete one orbit at a higher 22,300 mile altitude, can match precisely the turning rate of the earth and thus remain stationary over one spot. Also, types of earth-synchronous space stations, stationary over one point on earth, would afford obvious advantages. The Orbital Transfer Vehicle, in combination with the Space Shuttle, may be used to service such space stations in the future.



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February 5
(Sunday Afternoon)

Bus leaves CNC at
8:30 a.m.

\$20.00 includes ticket and
refreshments to and from
the game.

Lady Captains Tie for 1st In Dixie Conference

by David M. Bean

The Christopher Newport College Lady Captains moved into a tie for first place in the Dixie Conference with the University of North Carolina-Greensboro Lady Spartans. Both CNC and UNC-G are tied with 6-1 conference

records.

The Lady Captains started off the week right by defeating Dixie rivals North Carolina Wesleyan College and Greensboro College.

At home, they beat the Lady Bishops 66-59. Senior Vicky Gunn and Junior Cindy Nice

both had 14 points to pace the Lady Captains.

Last weekend, CNC split a pair down in Greensboro as they beat Greensboro College 66-39, tying a school record with six consecutive victories.

The win also put them into first place in the conference with a 6-0 mark. Nice and Angie Cook led the Lady Captains with 13 points each.

CNC played UNC-G on Saturday and things did not go so well. Despite being down at the half by 9, 36-27, and sometimes by as much as 22 points, CNC rallied in the second half, but they fell short by 4 as UNC-G won 75-71.

Gunn led all scorers with 26 points, including 22 in the second half.

Nice added 16 and Leanne Eyster had 12.

Captains Win 17-Point Victory

by Steven Grinstead

The Christopher Newport men's basketball team played its best game of the season Tuesday, January 17, against North Carolina Wesleyan.

A close game in the first half turned into a 17-point victory for CNC. Neither team could open a larger lead than five points in the first 20 minutes. CNC had a 32-29 halftime lead.

The Captains scored early in the second half. Keith Cobb, who had eight assists, scored the first basket.

Buck Moore then stole the show. Moore hit for a season-high 27 points, with 17 in the second half. He also had eight rebounds, three block shots, and three steals. All were game highs for the Portsmouth native.

Wesleyan's man-to-man defense struggled, while CNC displayed a tenacious zone defense. The Captains were able to find the open man, which resulted many times in an easy layup.

With 4:30 left and a 15-point lead, CNC began to use the clock. Wesleyan was forced to try for steals or foul. CNC shot 62.1 percent from the foul line.

Vince Eure (16 points and seven rebounds), Terry McPherson (ten points), and Brian Schurath (nine points) also had high scoring games.

CNC won the game 77-60.

The team increased its record to 4-10 overall and 3-2 in the Dixie Conference. The Captains stopped Wesleyan's five-game winning streak. Wesleyan's record is 8-6 and 3-2.

The next home game will be January 25 against Mary Washington. January 28, CNC will host Virginia Wesleyan. Both games will start at 8 p.m.

Transition

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"They acted as friends and confidants. Peers understand more of what it's like to be a student today."

Lastly, there was the earlier-mentioned week-long workshop.

"We had a whole workshop week before the semester started so everyone could get to know each other. Then we had a mid-semester meeting, and finally we concluded the project with a luncheon meeting this past Thursday, January 19."

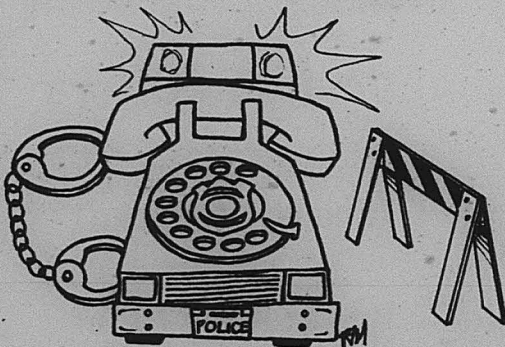
Butchko is very pleased with the project's results. Not only did the project group score a GPA half a point higher than a control group which came from a pool of black freshmen, but every one stayed in school.

"I am pleased with the outcome," he said. "It was the project that made the difference."

RUSH NIGHT

Back by popular demand...

Phone Cops



Wed., Feb. 8

**In Christopher's
(Cafeteria)**

Doors open at 8:00

RUSH NIGHT

Come see the comical, zany and x-rated floor show. Plenty of music also!!

Doug Clark & the Hot Nuts



Wed., Feb. 1

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(Cafeteria)**

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Saturday, Feb. 11, 12—6 p.m.

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