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Monday

February 20

Tuesday

February 21

Women's Basketball(TBA)-DIAC 1/4 Final Game

Faculty Lunch Chat - 12:15-1:15) - Banquet Room, Christopher's

Chairmen's Meeting - School of L&NS - 2:30 PM - CC214

Wednesday

February 22

Men's Basketball(TBA)-Dixie Conference Quarter-Finals

Thursday

February 23

Friday

February 24

February 24&25 - Dixie Conference Championship - Va.Wesleyan
Va.Beach

Women's Basketball (Feb.24&25)-DIAC Tournament-
Va.Wesleyan - Va.Beach

Women's Faculty Caucus - CC Board Room - 2:00 PM
(Room 214)

Alpha Kappa Psi Spring Speaker Series - Noon, CC233 - "Business Pro-
fessions in the Insurance Industry" - Mr. Jay Springer, Presi.,Drucker &
Falk

Saturday

February 25

Sunday

February 26

NEWS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Women's Faculty Caucus

The CNC Women's Faculty Caucus will meet on Friday, February 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 214 of the Campus Center Board Room.

-- Norma Brown, Continuing Education
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Christopher's Cafeteria Menu - February 20-February 24

Monday

Beef Stroganoff
Soft Tacos
Lasagna w/Garlic Toast

Tuesday

French Bread Pizza
Taco Salad
Salmon Cakes

Wednesday

Shrimp Fried Rice
Beef Stew
Turkey Tetrizzini

Thursday

Tuna Casserole
Chicken Cacciatori
Roast Beef & Gravy

Friday

Chicken & Dumplings
Beef Enchiladas
Seafood Platter

-- Ann M. Taylor, Christopher's Manager
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Dean's Colloquia Lecture

The Dean's Colloquia Committee is pleased to announce its fourth program of the academic year. On Wednesday, March 8, Dr. Edward Weiss, Associate Professor of Biology, will present a paper entitled "Biology Education in China Today." The lecture will be held in A-105 at noon.

Following the talk, Dr. Weiss will be honored at a luncheon in the Banquet Room of the Campus Center hosted by the Dean's Colloquia Committee. Members of the faculty and administration who wish to join us should forward \$5 to me by Monday, March 6, at the latest.

Please encourage your students to attend the noon lecture.

-- George Webb, Chairman, Dean's Colloquia Committee
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French Revolution Bicentennial

The French Festival Committee has begun putting together programs to celebrate the Bicentennial of the French Revolution. The Festival will extend from September through December 1989, with the Chrysler Museum as chief sponsor.

Any faculty member wishing to participate or suggest events is strongly encouraged to contact Georgia Lasko of the Chrysler Museum staff at 1-622-1211, ext. 243.

-- Submitted by Clyde Brockett, Music
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Small Project Science Grants

The Virginia Academy of Science has announced the availability of funds under their "Small Project Grants" program. Awards of up to \$1000 will be made for research in any area of science. The principal investigator must have been a member of VAS for the preceding six months, and the research must be carried out in the state of Virginia or be sponsored by an institution in the state. In order for proposals to reach VAS by their April 1 deadline, proposals should be ready for CNC's academic/financial review by March 20th. For additional information and application forms, contact the Office of Grants Development (extension 4-7266).

-- Submitted by Julie M. Norman, Grants Coordinator
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Availability of Grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are available for projects related to environmental biology, health, engineering, chemistry and physics. Applications are accepted year-round and are evaluated at scheduled intervals. For further information contact the Office of Grants Development (extension 4-7266).

-- Submitted by Julie M. Norman, Grants Coordinator
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Date Rape Speaker

The Student Government Association and Campus Ministries, along with many other student organizations, fraternities, and sororities, will sponsor a guest speaker on the issues of Date Rape on February 22, 1989. The presentation will be in room A-105 (Anderson Auditorium) from Noon to 1:00 PM.

Students, Faculty, Staff, Administration and Community are welcome.

-- Student Government Association
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AAUP Reception

The CNC Chapter of the AAUP invites all current and prospective members of the American Association of University Professors to a reception on Wednesday, March 8, from 3 to 5 P.M. in the Terrace. All regular faculty are eligible for full membership; associate membership is available to those whose primary academic work is in administration. Please join together for a relaxing afternoon.

-- Submitted by Ron Mollick, President, CNC Chapter of AAUP

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS

1988 Bachelor of Music in Music History graduate Cathie Gaherty has admirably flown CNC colors in England. She reports an early triumph at the University of London with her research paper "The Life and Work of Robert Jones" acclaimed by a faculty member of that university. Cathie was the only undergraduate student and only representative of a U.S. college participating in the Royal Musical Association Student Conference. (Three American graduate students came from universities.) She is entered in the British register of student research as the only specialist on this Elizabethan composer and his music.

-- Submitted by Clyde Brockett, Music
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Jay Paul will give a reading of his poems at Williamsburg Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship on Sunday, February 19, at the Williamsburg Regional Library. The reading is entitled "Don't Call This Place Blessed: Poems about Old People."

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND FACULTY BUSINESS

Student Assessment Steering Committee Minutes

The Committee met at 2:30 P.M. on January 23, 1989. The items we discussed were: human subjects review, preparation for the ACT-COMP during the week of February 13, other general education assessment options, majors assessments, and a meeting scheduled on February 9 with Dr. Margaret Miller (SCHEV) to discuss the revised plan for general education.

Reversing a position previously taken, the Committee decided that even though the proposed ACT-COMP testing is for the purpose of assessing the academic program, not the students, it was appropriate to seek approval for the proposed testing. This would offer added guarantees to the student participants as well as protection for the institution. Accordingly, Dennis Ridley and Harry Greenlee formulated a statement which was later approved, with minor revisions, by the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects.

Preparations for the ACT-COMP testing have gone without serious problems. Letters of invitation were sent to approximately 500 students. The goal has been to enlist at least 150 participants. (At this writing 117 have volunteered.)

The Committee also discussed the overall general education plan in the light of the goals of general education at CNC. In formulating this plan, the Committee has been guided by two principles which are more or less in tension: (a) that general education at CNC should be assessed by several methods in order to be reasonably valid and reliable, and (b) that we must take precautions to insure that the "assessment burden" on students (not to mention faculty and staff) should not be too great. To reconcile these principles, we want to be assured that whatever methods are used provide sufficient payoff to justify the time, effort and expense that go into them.

The methods proposed include, in addition to the ACT-COMP pilot test, the assessment procedures incorporated in the Writing Program and a graduate general education outcomes survey. Other methods have been brought up for discussion and are still under study.

Lee Doerries reported that the progress of majors assessments agrees closely with the plans submitted last year. Two programs, Philosophy and Political Science, have now submitted their self-assessments to the PRC, as part of the normal program review cycle. These two programs are the first to be reviewed since majors assessment plans have been in effect.

At this writing the meeting with Dr. Margaret Miller, the Student Assessment Committee, and Dr. Summerville has taken place, and the revised assessment plan has been productively discussed. As a consequence of this meeting Dr. Miller left with a positive report of the progress we have made since our report to SCHEV last June, particularly as regards general education. Dr. Miller stressed the point that an important test of assessment methods is whether the results point to specific implications for improvement. This can be a telling question in evaluating the usefulness of an instrument such as the ACT-COMP.

-- Submitted by Dennis Ridley, Asst. to the VPAA
