Calendar of Events

31 Phi Theta Kappa, 5pm, E-310

1 Basketball Intramurals, Noon, Gym, Bio-Med vs. Pacers

2 Faculty/Staff Workshop: “Backing up Your System,” 2 pm, call 2701 for location

3 Circle K Club, Noon, E-120
Basketball Intramurals, Noon, Gym, Ebony Kinship vs. Kings
Wise Up: “Job Seeking Skills,” Noon, F-153

4 Edwin Troy Carpenter Math Competition, 9:30 am, Gym
CCC&TI 2003 Writer’s Symposium, Caldwell Campus, 2 pm, E-120

5 CCC&TI 2003 Writer’s Symposium, Watauga Campus, 9am, WC112

What’s Happening?

Remember: This week is Early Registration for Summer 2003 for current students. Caldwell students can register with their advisors this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Watauga students can register April 1-11.

Nationally renowned tale spinners recapture the art of storytelling at CCC&TI’s 2003 Writer’s Symposium. “Leafing Through the Past: Writing and Telling Our Stories” starts Friday at 2 p.m., in Room E-120 at the Caldwell Campus. Dean of Arts and Science Programs, Laurette LePrevost will deliver the symposium’s introduction. Donald Davis, who has guest-hosted National Public Radio’s “Good Evening” program, is on tap Friday, April 4, at 7 p.m. on the Caldwell Campus and Saturday, April 5, 11:15 a.m. on the Watauga campus. “It is completely appropriate to bring your children to these events...especially the evening sessions with Donald Davis,” LePrevost says.

A representative of Caldwell County’s Department of Social Services will present a Domestic Violence seminar on the Caldwell campus Thursday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m., in A-207. John Dillard, CCC&TI’s Sociology Instructor, says the seminar focuses on increasing awareness about domestic violence, especially child abuse, providing information about the resources available to the victims of domestic violence, and discussing the role Social Services plays in domestic violence cases. A question and answer session will be held at the end of the seminar.

Spring Fling is only weeks away. The theme is “Growing for the Future at CCC&TI.” This year’s event is scheduled for April 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Pop a pepper in the Jalapeno eating contest; wiggle and jiggle through the Jello eating contest or be “egg-ceptional” in the Egg Race. Other events include a bungee run, boxing, and an obstacle course. Enjoy free spaghetti or vegetarian lasagna, salad, french bread, dessert and soda. For additional information or to sponsor a booth at the event, contact the Student Government Association at 726-2479.

Congratulations to Nancy Risch and husband Phillip on the birth of their son, Braxton Alexander. Braxton was born March 19 at 3:56 a.m. and weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces.

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Robert Rogers. Rogers, a well-known and respected Lenoir physician, served on CCC&TI’s board of trustees for 16 years. He also served as the college’s Caldwell County representative to the American Association of Community Colleges Trustees’ annual meeting and a tireless promoter of the college. His leadership and passion will be missed.
The American Red Cross was on site at CCC&TI’s Caldwell Campus, Wednesday, March 26. SGA organized the event for CCC&TI and set a goal of 40 donors. According to the ARC, 52 people showed up to donate at last week’s Blood Drive—12 of whom were first-time donors—and staffers collected 45 productive units of blood. Left: Red Cross employee Melissa Kiser prepares to “stick” Amy Huffman, Secretary/Receptionist for Student Services. Center: Human Resources Director Mark Barber recovers from the euphoria of a good deed done. Right: Maintenance Assistants Jorge Serrano and Chris Williams wait “in the chairs” with SGA Treasurer Shane Bryant for ARC workers to take their information and vital statistics.

Joanne Johnson named CCC&TI’s 2003 “Great Teacher”

Joanne Johnson summed up her first day of teaching with one word: Hives.

“I was a nervous wreck,” she says. “It took years for me to calm down, but I still get butterflies on the first day of a new class. I’m not a natural public speaker.”

Natural or no, Johnson, who is the Director of Accounting and an instructor for Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute, has been named as the college’s 2003 “Great Teacher.”

The Great Teacher award got its name from a popular seminar held each summer at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Although the seminar disbanded, CCC&TI continued granting the award in recognition of excellent service. Each year, the college’s faculty senate members nominate their pick of “great teachers.” The entire CCC&TI faculty then votes by ballot to elect a winner. Recipients of the award may choose one professional activity or seminar to attend free.

“Thrilled and honored” is how Johnson described her reaction to learning she won, though she insists she doesn’t deserve the distinction. Johnson earned her BA in Accounting from UNC-Charlotte and her Master’s degree in Business Administration from Eastern Carolina University, where her teaching career began. “I had worked 11 years in corporate America and decided that I needed a change. That’s when I went back for my Masters degree and I started picking up teaching assistant jobs,” Johnson says. She also credits her sister, who teaches community college courses in Eastern North Carolina, with sparking her interest in the field. “Once I started doing it, I loved it.”

Now that she’s quelled her performance anxiety—for the most part—she focuses on trying to make Accounting accessible to all students. “I do try to address the topics in several different ways, and I try to make myself available,” Johnson says. “Some [students] pick up accounting quickly, but some need to be helped a lot. I try to find things they can relate to…like their checkbook…real world examples.”

Her biggest challenge as a teacher is trying to meet the disparate needs of a community college’s student body. “With our population, we have so many people with different backgrounds and expectations,” she says. For instance, she has a 60-year-old-student with years of real-world business experience in class with numerous 19-year-olds. His needs as a student are different than his classmates, she says, so she tries to relate the class material to him differently than she does his younger classmates.

“But that’s what makes the job interesting. If the students were all the same, my job would get boring.”

Johnson has spent 16 of her 17-year teaching career at CCC&TI. She taught her first year at Craven Community College in New Bern, NC. “I’ve seen [the college] grow and change,” she says. “There’s a lot of camaraderie here. When you’re down, people are there for you.”
Art Exhibit showcases graduating CCC&TI art majors

The Jo Seila Gallery at Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute opened a new exhibit Friday featuring the works of three graduating students from the college’s Associate of Fine Arts Program. For Pamela Bentley, Allison Schumacher, Jed Negley, this is the first time their work has been on exhibit.

“I can’t stop smiling,” Schumacher says. “It’s our first exhibit,” adds Bentley, “so we’re all giddy.”

The show, which runs until April 11, showcases a combination of painting, drawing, collage and ceramics. Of the media they’ve worked with Bentley says her favorite is graphite drawing, though she finds herself leaning more toward painting of late. “I like working in graphites, especially charcoal, because I can put my fingers in it.”

“But you have to have color!” chides Negley, who prefers drawing in pastels and painting with acrylics. “It’s strange,” Schumacher says looking over the exhibit. “I like drawing, but the pieces I like here are the paintings and the sculpture.”

All three say they eventually want to teach. Bentley and Negley hope to teach younger students, while Schumacher aspires to be a professor of studio arts.

Of their own educational experience, they believe they’re more than prepared to go out in the world. “The quality of instruction is just phenomenal for a community college,” says Schumacher. “People underestimate the training you can get at the community college level.”

The Jo Seila Gallery is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CCC&TI Instructors Hone Technology Skills

CCC&TI instructors, Teddie Barrier, Donna Bean, Terri DeFriess, Marty Dellinger, John Enamait, Regina Hartley, Melinda Hefner, Betty Jolly, Mary Kincaid, Gary Moore, Susan Wooten and Heather Wright recently attended training at the March 12-14 Spring Conference of the North Carolina Computer Instructors Association that will enable them to remain current in such topics as the application of the newest software; computer, network, and data security issues; and keeping local curriculums current and relevant to the job market.

The training sessions were hosted at Wilkes Community College and made use of the extensive computer training facilities housed at the school. In addition, conference participants had the opportunity to sit for certification examinations in several computer software and networking specialties.

Keynote speaker for the event was System President Martin Lancaster, who brought to approximately 200 computer instructors a riveting message on the status of technology and technology-related jobs in North Carolina as well as the expected impact on the Community College System of training workers for those jobs. Dinner was prepared for the occasion by Culinary Technology students at WCC.

The North Carolina Computer Instructors Association, which was formed in 1994 by a dedicated group of North Carolina community college instructors to meet their need for timely and relevant communication, education, and training, has members from each of the 58 community colleges. The annual conferences are also attended by instructors from high schools across the state as well as schools and colleges in Virginia and South Carolina.

Certina Suddreth named Business Student of the Month

Congratulations to Certina Suddreth of Whitnel, recently named Business Club Student of the Month for March at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Into her first semester at CCC&TI, Suddreth is pursuing a degree in accounting. She is a member of the business club and Student Support Services. Prior to enrolling at the college, she worked as a bank teller, handled accounts receivable and prepared taxes. Upon graduation, Suddreth wants to pursue a career as an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service. She is currently employed part-time at Bi-Lo in Lenoir.
Students: Apply now for Fall Scholarships
Spring may be in the air, but it's also time for students to begin planning for the Fall. A number of scholarships, ranging from $300 to $1,000, are available with deadlines as soon as April 15.

The Chronicle staff has compiled a snapshot of several scholarships available to CCC&TI students. This is not an exhaustive list, however. Students should contact the Financial Aid Department for additional information about the scholarships listed below and others that may be available.

North Carolina Society of Accountants Scholarship
This scholarship is offered by the North Carolina Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation. Formed in 1970, the foundation provides scholarships to “deserving students who indicated a desire to enter the profession of Accounting.”

Award Amount: Varies
Number of Awards: Varies
Deadline: April 15
Criteria: Applicants must be residents of North Carolina and enrolled in an accredited school of higher education in North Carolina. In addition, they must be enrolled in an accounting degree program, carrying six or more credit hours per semester. They must show a firm intent to enter into an Accounting career.

Application Process: Applicants must complete the application available at the Financial Aid office and submit a recent photograph; two letters of reference; a letter explaining why they want to enter the field of Accounting; a recent college transcript; tax returns (if dependent, include parents’ returns). If applicants are employed by an Accountant, they should enclose a letter from the employer stating that they support the applicant’s intent to continue his or her education in Accounting.

Caldwell Advocacy for Disabled Employees
This scholarship was formed to improve and enhance the quality of life for disabled residents of Caldwell County by promoting support for the disabled. Applicants may apply the scholarship toward tuition, book and fees while attending a community college, technical school or four-year college or university.

Award Amount: $1,000
Number of Awards Available: Three
Deadline: April 25
Criteria: This scholarship is reserved for students with disabilities. Applicants must be a resident of Caldwell County and may need to provide documentation regarding their disability.

Application Process: Applicants must complete the application available at the Financial Aid Center and write a letter describing their disability and their life goals. They must also provide a certified copy of a transcript from their prior academic year. All application material must be submitted at the same time.

Other information: Recipients must be available for an interview and make every effort to attend the scholarship award luncheon in June.

Nurse Scholars Program 2003-2004
The NSP is a competitive, merit-based scholarship and loan program available to nursing students. An 11-member Nurse Scholars Commission awards recipients based on superior academics, leadership potential and a desire to practice nursing on a full-time basis in North Carolina.

Award Amount: $3,000 per year, renewable one year
Number of Awards Available: Varies
Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by May 3
Criteria: Applicants must be a U.S citizen and North Carolina resident, and they must be enrolled as a full-time nursing student carrying an overall 3.0 GPA or higher. Applicants must demonstrate leadership experience or potential, provide a personal statement describing their commitment to becoming a nurse, and they must be willing to contract with the State to practice as a full-time RN in North Carolina after graduation or be willing to repay in cash the amount received, plus 10% annual interest.

Application process: Applicants must complete the application available at the Financial Aid Office, and submit the following: a personal statement describing their commitment to the field and their intent to practice in North Carolina after graduation, two Reference Forms in sealed envelopes and official high school and college transcripts. Applicants should also include photocopies of their SAT or ACT scores, which are not required but help in the selection process. Applicants are encouraged to submit all materials in a single packet.

Lewis Gale Foundation Annual Scholarship for Nursing and Other Medical Professionals
Founded in 1964, the Lewis-Gale Foundation is a non-profit organization providing health-related community services and medical education
to the Roanoke Valley and Southwest Virginia. Health care providers and students are assisted with continuing medical education and an average of $105,000 annually in health career scholarships. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, fees, book supplies and uniforms. Awards are directed to the schools. This is an annual scholarship; previous recipients must submit a new application each year.

**Award Amount:** Based on need  
**Number of Awards Available:** Varies  
**Deadline:** May 15  
**Criteria:** Applicants must be enrolled in and complete a health related program. Students who fail to complete the program must repay the award, plus interest, within two years after they cease to be enrolled.  
**Application Process:** Students must complete the application available at the Financial Aid Office and submit the following: a copy of their tax returns, or if a dependent, a copy of their parents’ tax returns; a copy of their estimated school expenses provided by the Financial Aid Officer; a personal summary, which carries significant weight in the selection process; the signed, notarized promissory agreement (included in the application packet); and an unofficial transcript from the last completed semester.

**Dottie Martin Teachers Scholarship**  
The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women established the Dottie Martin Teachers Scholarship in 1991 in honor of the state’s former First Lady, Dottie Martin. The annual scholarship provides aspiring teachers who are interested in focusing on child guidance and counseling with financial assistance.  
**Award Amount:** $500  
**Number of Awards Available:** Varies  
**Deadline:** Application must be postmarked by June 1.  
**Criteria:** Applicants must be currently enrolled in an education program and must be well advanced in their programs of study and possess an established career plan for teaching. Recent high school graduates may not apply.  
**Application Process:** Students must complete the application available at the Financial Aid Office and submit the following: three letters of recommendation, including the author’s telephone numbers; most recent copy of their transcript; and a typed essay, including the reasons for applying, career goals, teaching plans in North Carolina once education is complete, reasons why students think they should receive the scholarship, a discussion of the financial burden students would incur if they did not receive the scholarship, and information about their personal values, desires and ambitions.

**James G K McClure Scholarship**  
This scholarship specifically seeks to help students who reside in Western North Carolina and demonstrate academic promise and financial need.  
**Award Amount:** $300  
**Number of Awards Available:** Two health career scholarships  
**Deadline:** July 1  
**Criteria:** Two applicants are recommended by the Financial Aid Office. Candidates must have a record of both scholarship and leadership, evidence of Christian character, financial need, intellectual promise, demonstrated ambition and the desire to help people. Applicants must reside in one of the following counties: Allegheny, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga or Yancy.  
**Application Process:** Complete the application available at the Financial Aid Office.