This Week at CCC&TI

12 Basketball Intramurals, Bulls vs. Ebony Kinship Club
   12:10 - 12:50 p.m., Gym

12 Noon Deadline for SGA Poetry, Short Story Contest

12 Performing Artist Series, Barry Scott as Martin Luther King Jr.,
   7:30 p.m., Civic Center

12 Cobras at CVCC, 7 p.m.

12-14 Valentine’s Day Sale, Ebony Kinship Club, 11a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Student Lounge

13 Bake Sale, Radiography Club, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 3-5 p.m., lounge

14 Business Club Mtg., Noon, E-120

14 NW Regional VICA Contest

14 Basketball Intramurals, Faculty/Staff vs. Hornets,
   12:10 - 12:50 p.m., Gym

15-17 W. Tarheel Conference Basketball Tournament at Wilkes CC, TBA

Happy Birthday
Linda Land Wilcox and Myra Moore.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

What’s Happening?

Now there’s another way to reach the CCC&TI website! Log on to www.ccti.com or www.cccti.edu for college news, sports, information and class offerings. Either address will get you to our home page.

Anyone interested in running for an officer’s position in the Student Government Association must submit a petition with 25 signatures by noon on Feb. 18. Positions open include president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Elections will be held Feb. 20 and Feb. 21. Petitions may be obtained from the SGA Office in E-Building or James Patterson in E-119.

The graduation application deadline for Spring 2002 graduation will be Friday, March 29 at 1 p.m. Applications are available at the receptionist desk in Student Services and should be turned into the Business Office with the appropriate fee by the deadline. Any students completing their course of study in the spring or summer are encouraged to complete this process early in order to obtain a check of their graduation readiness.

Get your tickets now for the upcoming presentation of Strike Up the Band by well-known theatre group Broadway-Curtain Up!, which will be at the civic center Thursday, Feb. 21 with a show that celebrates the best of Broadway in concert. Tickets may be purchased by calling the civic center at (828) 726-2407. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

This week on The College Connection, the guests are David Briggs describing upcoming events at the Broyhill Civic Center; Sally Lackey promoting the Huskins and dual-enrollment programs; and Dianne Henderson explaining the financial aid application process. The show airs daily on Charter Cable channel 3 at 7 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Forget cooking and tempt your tastebuds this week at the Bake Sale sponsored by Level I Radiography students. (see left) Proceeds will go toward a state meeting in Raleigh.

Don’t know what to buy your sweetheart for Valentine’s Day? The Ebony Kinship Club will hold a 3-day Valentine’s Day Sale(see left) this week. One dozen flowers - $12; 1/2 dozen - $6; teddy bears - $5 and $7; 18” balloons - $3. The club will take your order in advance and deliver on campus. To place an order, call Elaine Setzer at 726-2721 or James Patterson at 726-2301.
Need money for college? Many local scholarships are available at CCC&TI! Visit the CCC&TI Financial Aid Office to check out the latest opportunities on the scholarship bulletin board. Hurry! Time is limited.

Attention: Transfer Students! College representatives will be available in the Student Lounge of the Caldwell Campus as follows:
Thursday, Feb. 28     Lenoir-Rhyne  11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Mach 20  Lenoir-Rhyne  11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27  Gardner Webb  11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24  Lenoir-Rhyne  11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The next WISE UP Workshop, Appreciating Diversity, will be held Feb. 19 at noon in Room A-208. Mark your calendars for upcoming workshops this semester: Computer Aided Education- Mar. 21, A-208; Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention- April 16, A-208; and Finals Blast!- April 18, E-120.

CCC&TI’s Adult High School is enrolling new students now through Feb. 21 for spring semester classes on both campuses. Previous units earned in high school can be transferred into this program. Classes are free! For more information call 726-2230 or 297-5253.

There are still a few weeks left to catch the CCC&TI Student Art Exhibition at the Jones House in Boone. The display, which continues through Feb. 22, coincided with the unveiling of the tenth anniversary edition of Branches, CCC&TI’s literary magazine, which drew a record crowd at its premiere reception on Feb. 1. Gallery hours at the Jones House are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Jones House at 264-1789.

Make plans now to attend the next CCC&TI Book Club meeting tentatively scheduled for noon, Feb. 28th. Discussion will center around Julia Alvarez's How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents.

The LRC will hold a Book Sale (hardbacks and paperbacks) on the Caldwell Campus starting Tues., Feb. 19th at 8 a.m. Come early for the best selection!

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol will be holding a community meeting Wednesday, March 13 in R-Building beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and discuss public issues related to law enforcement.

With the groundhog predicting six more weeks of winter, be sure to make note of the quickest ways to access the latest info on CCC&TI closings and delays: Caldwell Campus Snow Line, 726-2900; Watauga Campus Snow Line, 297-7077; or log on to www.cccti.edu or www.cccti.com.

Free professional development opportunities for CCC&TI faculty and staff this week include the following workshops: Mon., Feb. 11, Basic Computer Skills, F219, 10 a.m. to noon, Dellinger; Wed., Feb. 13, Power Point I, F219, 10 a.m. to noon, Dellinger; Thurs., Feb. 14, Microsoft Publisher, F 220, 1 to 3 p.m., Moore; Fri., Feb. 15, Power Point II, Watauga Campus Rm. 102, 2 to 4 p.m., Canterbury; and Fri., Feb. 15, Open Lab, F218, 12 to 3 p.m. Contact Myra Moore at 726-2701 for details or to sign up.
CCC&TI’s Cobras Put the Squeeze on Wilkes, Brunswick and Forsyth

The CCC&TI Cobras’ Basketball team defeated Wilkes Community College last week, 108-78, moving CCC&TI’s record to 13-9 and 5-1 in the Western Tarheel Conference. Leaders for the Cobras were Menyel Flowers with 21 points, Trae Smith- 20 and Curtis Jones with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Antwan Little and Jason Marley added 12 points each while Stephen Heggins had 10, making six Cobras in double figures. Brandon Robinson led the team with 12 assists.

On Friday night, CCC&TI defeated Brunswick Community College, 91-83, bringing CCC&TI’s record to 14-9. Leaders for the Cobras were Curtis Jones with 24, Stephen Heggins had 19, Jason Marley added 15 and Menyel Flowers had 10, two others contributed 9 each. Leading rebounders were Antwan Little and Stephen Heggins with 7 each. Brandon Robinson led with 7 assists.

The Cobras continued their winning streak Saturday, defeating Forsyth Tech Community College, 105-49. Leaders for Caldwell were Jason Marley with 23 points, Trae Smith and Curtis Jones added 16, Menyel Flowers had 11 and Drew King along with Stephen Heggins both had 10 each. Jason Marley also led CCC&TI with 10 rebounds. Antwan Little and Stephen Heggins led us with 8 assists each. Next game is Tuesday, Feb. 12th, at 7 pm at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory.

Conference Championship Slated This Week

Finishing out the season on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at CVCC, the Cobras will take to the courts to compete for the number one title in the Western Tarheel Conference Tournament this weekend, Feb. 15-17, at Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro. CCC&TI is slated for conference play on Saturday, Feb. 16. Forsyth and Wilkes will open the tournament Friday night with the winner up against defending champ, Surry Community College, on Saturday. Winners of Saturday’s games will compete for the championship on Sunday, Feb. 17. “Team morale is very high, and our chances are very good,” stated Coach Payne. Times and opponents, pending at press time, will be announced as the schedule becomes available. CCC&TI will host the Region X Tournament Feb. 22-23 with the Cobras scheduled to to play Friday night. Look for details in next week’s Chronicle. Go Cobras!

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Coach Payne and the following CCC&TI students recently took honors for their hard work and dedication to the basketball team in the NJCAA Division III, Region X Western Tarheel Athletic Conference:

**Co-Coach of the Year**
Bill Payne, CCC&TI Athletic Director/Head Basketball Coach

**All Academic Team**
(C.0 GPA or higher)
Curtis Jones
Doug Sherrard

**1st Team All Conference**
Curtis Jones, “Player of the Year”
Trae Smith

**All Freshman Team**
Curtis Jones

For more information on CCC&TI basketball and other athletic opportunities, contact Coach Payne at 726-2388.
CCC&TI Students Participate in Job Shadow Event

The Groundhog wasn’t the only one to see his shadow this year. Nineteen students enrolled in business programs at CCC&TI recently spent a day shadowing business professionals employed in area businesses. Dan Cline, organizer of the event, which was held the day before Groundhog’s Day, said the reason for the job shadowing program was to give students who don’t normally participate in internships or practical or clinical activities the opportunity to get a first-hand look at environments in which they may someday work. “Many business students have no experience with the work world before they graduate. This gives them the chance to meet some of our area business leaders and see a wide variety of functions being completed in the everyday world of business,” he said.

Accounting students Lisa Pilkinton of Lenoir and Rena Elliot of Granite Falls said they were excited about the opportunity to job shadow as a way to supplement their college education. “It gives you the chance to see how the businesses operate,” Pilkinton said. “And it’s a great way to make contacts for future references,” Elliot added.

Mark Stephens, director of operations at the Bank of Granite, said the event benefits employers as well as students. “As a bank and an employer we have a particular interest in what students are doing,” he said. “We draw on local residents and the community college for many of our employees.”

Other participating businesses included Broyhill Furniture Industries, American and Efird Inc., Caldwell Memorial Hospital, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Computer Forms and Products Inc. and the City of Lenoir. Cline, director of cooperative education and job placement at CCC&TI, said this is the second time the college has held the event in recent years and noted that participation has grown. “In 2000, we had only four employers and seven students who were able to participate, so it’s really grown,” he said. “We plan to continue offering this opportunity and expect that participation will continue to increase.”

Doris Conn, the college’s director of career services, said the event has the potential to benefit even more students. “We hope to expand into other areas such as the college transfer program,” she said. “Students spent a lot of money for education, and they need the exposure to various careers before they make a final commitment.”

For more information on CCC&TI’s job placement and career advisement services, contact Cline at (828)726-2705 or Conn at (828)726-2704.

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Foundation Gears Up For Annual Fund Drive

The foundation of CCC&TI held its Faculty-Staff Kickoff Luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 6, as it gears up for this year’s Annual Fund Drive next month. “You are the pacesetters, the group that sets the tone for the campaign,” stated Peg Broyhill, chair of the foundation, welcoming a roomful of team captains, students and other college officials. “Who knows better how much money the college needs than you? You see first-hand the difference it makes in people’s lives.”

Despite the sluggish economy, this year’s goal of $225,000 reflects the need for additional money to support the college’s rise in enrollment. Unemployment benefits are not sufficient to cover costs for training and supporting a family, shared Broyhill on behalf of this year’s campaign chairman, John Forlines, Jr. and college president, Dr. Ken Boham. “The state funds for the average needs of a college,” she added. “When only average needs are met, you get an average college, and that’s just not good enough.”

CCC&TI students Gloria Chester, Sharon Smith and Nikki Robinson shared how much the support of the foundation has meant to them in the form of childcare assistance, the Student Support Services Work Study program and the “Dream” Scholarship. Chester, enrolled in the physical therapist assistant program, was appreciative of the help she has received for childcare. A mother of two, she said she could never have enrolled at the college without the opportunity to provide a safe, sanitary learning environment for her children. Into her second semester, Chester was named to CCC&TI’s President’s List for her achievements last fall.

Sharon Smith shared her thanks for the SSS Work Study assistance she receives for her help in the college’s Marketing and Communications Department. Having earned her GED from CCC&TI in 1990, Smith has returned to the college seeking a degree in information systems. She credits the SSS family and the assistance received through the foundation for her motivation to continue her studies.

Nikki Robinson shared that through the foundation’s “Dream” Scholarship program, she was able to overcome projected failure and become a successful college student. She said the scholarship prompted her to work harder than she might have in high school, taking harder courses and graduating with honors. After graduating from CCC&TI this May, Robinson plans to major in chemistry at Appalachian State University.
Dr. Lorraine Minton spoke to needs for the college’s mentoring program. A total of 15 new instructors benefited last year by being paired with “seasoned” instructors to assist them with college acclimation, test development and general classroom management. The foundation board hopes to be able to fund these efforts again this year. Continuing education coordinator/instructor Steve Melton addressed how he benefited from professional development with contributions from the foundation. Through this special funding, Melton was able to keep two children in college while earning his master’s degree from Pfeiffer University.

Another new push from the foundation this year is the development of an alumni team led by former bookstore manager and CCC&TI graduate, Shelia Burns. She and a group of volunteers recently finished up a “phone bank,” contacting graduates from ten years and up. More details will be forthcoming as this new team gets underway.

Team captains for the college were introduced as follows: Dr. Sandra Anderson, Mark Barber, Vale Biddix, Anna Brown, Muggy Davenport, Carolyn Evert, Melinda Hefner, Garrett Hinshaw, Joanne Johnson, Teena McRary, Steve Melton, Dr. Lorraine Minton, Jan Overman, Jim Robbins, Chris Thompson, Kim Watts and Sherry Wilson.

Anita Broach, director of the college foundation, urged everyone to make their pledges as soon as possible. “Commitment from the college family is vitally important, and we ask for your continued support,” added Broyhill. Captains and volunteers of the community division will hold their luncheon and organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 12, as the 2002 Annual Fund Drive officially kicks off. The campaign concludes in May. For additional information on foundation needs and contributions, contact Anita Broach at 726-2203.

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