This Week at CCC&TI

18 Soup/Chili Luncheon, NCAEOP, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Student Lounge
18 Petition Deadline for 2002-03 SGA officers, Noon
19 LRC Book Sale starts at 8 a.m., Caldwell Campus LRC
19 WISE UP Workshop, “Appreciating Diversity,” Noon, Rm. A-208
19 Basketball Intramurals, Bio-Med Club vs. Lakers 12:10 - 12:50 p.m., Gym
20 SGA Officer Elections 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 5-7 p.m., Student Lounge
21 SGA Officer Elections, 9:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. & 5-7 p.m., Student Lounge
21 Board of Trustees Meeting, Forlines Board Rm., 11:30 a.m.
21 Basketball Intramurals, Bulls vs. Hornets 12:10 - 12:50 p.m., Gym
21 “Strike Up the Band” 7:30 p.m., Broyhill Civic Center
22 Region X Basketball Tournament, CCC&TI vs. Central Carolina, 8:30 p.m., Gym
23 Region X Basketball Tournament continues, Championship Game, 2 p.m., Gym

Happy Birthday
Julia Davis and Brent Shook

What’s Happening?

The soup’s on! Join the NCAEOP for a soup/chili luncheon from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. today in the Student Lounge. Cost for the meal, which includes soup or chili, crackers, cornbread, dessert and drink, is $3.

Anyone still interested in running for this week’s Student Government Association’s officer elections must submit a petition with 25 signatures by noon on Mon., Feb. 18. Positions open include president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Petitions may be obtained from the SGA Office in E-Building or James Patterson in E-119. Elections will be held Feb. 20-21. Names of winners will be posted on the SGAdoor and in the E-Bldg. display case no later than noon on Fri., Feb. 22. Also, look for results in next week’s Chronicle. The following CCC&TI students are on the ballot as of press time:

President: Samantha “Sammie” Baumann, Gloria Chester, Louis Rook
Vice President: Carrie Whisnant
Secretary: Vanessa Carlton, Jennifer Owen
Treasurer: Shane Bryant

Attention, prospective graduates! 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. Curriculum graduation ceremonies will be held May 31.

Congratulations to James Hamm, SGA’s Poetry Contest winner, for his poem entitled, “No Greater Love.”

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.

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, March 27    Gardner Webb       11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24    Lenoir-Rhyne       11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Watauga Campus of CCC&TI has scheduled Appalachian State University’s “Acceptance in a Day” on Mon., March 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 108 of the Instructional Facility. Appointments are required to meet with the admissions representative. For details, contact Judy Winebarger at 297-3811.

Congratulations to CCC&TI's BLET program and the December 2001 graduating class on a perfect 100 percent passage rate on the North Carolina Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission examination.

Congratulations to CCC&TI cosmetology and nail technology students for achieving a 100% passage rate on state board exams! Keep in mind that a full menu of salon services from advanced cosmetology students is available to the public on the Caldwell Campus at a reduced cost Wednesday through Friday on a first-come, first-served basis. Advanced nail technology students offer services to the public Monday through Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m., also on a first-come, first-served basis. Services offered include cuts, perms, color, braids, facials, manicures, pedicures and more. For more information or specific hours, contact the Cosmetology Dept. at 726-2250.

CCC&TI’s motorcycle driver training program was recently recognized as number six out of 26 training sites in the state in the number of students successfully completing the course. CCC&TI trained 392 riders in 2001. Overall, CCC&TI’s program, which is offered through the college’s Continuing Education Department, increased 16 percent during the calendar year. In addition, CCC&TI was one of only four sites in the state to host a motorcycle instructor preparation course. The college plans to offer the class again in April. This will be one of only three to be held in the state. For more information on CCC&TI’s motorcycle driver training program or the instructor preparation course, contact continuing education at (828)726-2242.

The next WISE UP Workshop, Appreciating Diversity, will be held Feb. 19 at noon in Room A-208. Dr. Julian Horton from ASU will be presenting findings from her study of the changing demographics specific to this region. Multiculturalism is a very complex concept, involving race, gender, class, ability levels, language, religion, age, learning styles, and sexual orientation. Utilizing the works of Peggy McIntosh (1989), Janet Helms (1993) and others, Dr. Horton will begin to explore the implications of multiculturalism in the United States today and invite participants into the discussion with questions such as: What does it mean to be an American in today’s society? What types of privileges are shared by some and not by others? Reducing multiculturalism to mere celebration and appreciation of others does not help students respect diversity (Gallagher, 1998). This workshop will challenge participants to rethink their own assumptions and build knowledge based on multiple perspectives and acceptance.

On “The College Connection” this week, the guests are Matt Connor and Edie Hipp at the Lenoir ABLE Center; Camille Annas describing her affiliation with CCC&TI as both student and instructor; and Jennifer Gilliam and Diana Brooke discussing the upcoming Early Childhood Conference. The show airs daily on Caldwell Charter Cable channel 3 at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

There’s still time 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.

Minority Access, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization which administers internships for federal agencies, is accepting applications from qualified college students, undergraduates and graduates, for paid full-time internships throughout the nation for summer 2002. To be eligible, students must be U.S. citizens enrolled full-time with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The deadline is March 1, 2002. Those interested should see Dan Cline in F-108 for details.

Free professional development opportunities for CCC&TI faculty and staff this week include the following workshops:

Mon., Feb. 18, Hoaxes and Viruses, F219, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Dellinger; Wed., Feb. 20, Blackboard in a Seated Class, F219, 10 a.m. to noon, Dellinger; Fri., Feb. 22, Blackboard, Watauga Campus, Rm. 102, 2 to 4 p.m., Canterbury; Fri., Feb. 22, Open Lab, F218, noon to 3 p.m. Contact Myra Moore at 726-2701 for details or to sign up.

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

**The Caldwell Chronicle** is a weekly, electronic publication for CCC&TI friends and family. Items for inclusion should be submitted to the Marketing and Communications Department by noon each Thursday. Call 726-2257 or e-mail your news to Marla Christie, public information officer, at mchristie@caldwell.cc.nc.us or Kara Presnell, public information assistant, at kpresnell@caldwell.cc.nc.us. CCC&TI is an equal opportunity educator and employer.
Cobras Named Conference Co-Champs, Runner-Ups in Tournament

Celebrating another year as conference co-champs, the CCC&TI Cobras took the runner-up spot in the Western Tarheel Conference Tournament this past weekend, finishing out the season with a 16-9 record. Saturday night the Cobras defeated Wilkes Community College, 103-60, but fell to Surry 84-78 on Sunday. Leaders for CCC&TI Saturday were Curtis Jones with 19 points and 15 rebounds, Trae Smith added 16, Antwan Little had 14, Stephen Heggins had 13, Jason Marley and Brandon Robinson added 11 each. Brandon Robinson led us with 8 assists. Sunday's leaders were Curtis Jones with 26 points and 11 rebounds, Trae Smith contributed 15 points, Drew King had 12 and Brandon Robinson had 11. Antwan Little led the Cobras with 8 assists.

Of course, the Cobras are always winners at CCC&TI. “This season we have experienced success both on and off the basketball court with our men’s basketball program,” said Garrett Hinshaw, dean of student services. “Our student athletes are beginning to understand the challenges of the academic programs and have adjusted to college superbly. As we continue to instill pride into the Cobra program, we should also continue to be able to recruit quality student athletes to CCC&TI. We are excited about what the future holds and look forward to being competitive at the local and national levels.”

CCC&TI To Host Region X Tournament

The Cobras will heat up the courts once again in tournament action as CCC&TI hosts the Region X Division III Tournament this weekend, Feb. 22-23. First up will be Surry Community College against Forsyth Tech. at 7 p.m. Friday. The Cobras will take on Central Carolina Community College at 8:30 p.m. Friday. The winners will compete for the National Tournament bid on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 2 p.m. Come out and support the team!

For more information on CCC&TI basketball or other athletic opportunities, contact Athletic Director/Head Basketball Coach Bill Payne at 726-2388.
Broadway-Curtain Up! Presents Strike Up the Band at Civic Center

The upcoming presentation of “Strike Up the Band” by well-known theatre group Broadway-Curtain Up! will thrill audiences at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Thursday, Feb. 21 with a show that celebrates the best of Broadway in concert.

“Strike Up the Band” showcases the 1927 musical comedy by George and Ira Gershwin and George F. Kaufman that spawned hit tunes such as “I’ve Got a Crush on You,” “The Man I Love” and “Strike Up the Band.” This production features a cast of Broadway’s brightest talent in a unique and imaginative staged concert performance.

The storyline of “Strike Up the Band” focuses on a fictional war waged between the United States and Switzerland over a cheese tariff at the prodding of dairy tycoon Horace J. Fletcher. Though it’s a parody that may seem silly on the surface, the production has a message that is still relevant today.

“Strike Up the Band” was created by musical theater veteran Martin Charnin and New York arranger/conductor Keith Levenson who have joined forces with Columbia Artists Management to assemble a fresh and exciting look to this Broadway musical. Levenson conducts The Curtain Up! Orchestra in this production in a setting created to evoke the thrilling atmosphere of the Great White Way. Charnin is best known as the creator of the award winning musical blockbuster “Annie.” He has been the director, lyricist, composer, librettist, producer or combination of these for over 75 other theatrical productions.

The 7:30 performance of “Strike Up the Band” is part of the Showcase Series of CCC&TI. Tickets are $32.50 for gold seating and $35.50 for platinum seating. Tickets may be purchased by calling the civic center at (828) 726-2407. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

Caldwell Community College to Hold Early Childhood Conference

“Empowering the Teacher, Empowering the Child” will be the theme of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Seventh Annual Early Childhood Conference to be held Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Keynote speaker for the event will be Gloria Houston, author of “The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree” and “My Great Aunt Arizona.” Houston is an author in residence at Western Carolina University. She has won more than 40 national awards for her writing.

The conference will also feature breakout sessions with local and national childhood experts. Topics of discussion include Conflict Resolution with Preschoolers, Parent/Teacher Communication, “I Say Potatoes, You Say Papas” - How to Communicate with Non-English Speaking Families, Leave Me Alone- But Don’t Let Me Go, Kindergarten: Ready or Not!? and What Now! The Stress of Directors. Julie Boyce-Hutzel of Health Adventure in Asheville will share ideas for hands-on science activities geared toward preschoolers during her session Health Adventures. Another hands-on session, Brain Gym®, will be led by Tina Brookes. Brain Gym® is a program of physical activities that enhance learning activity. It consists of 26 easy and fun activities that use movement to help babies and young children naturally perform neural connections essential to learning.

Breakout sessions will be held from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Gloria Houston will hold a book signing from 3:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Cost for the conference is $10 per person. No registration will be accepted the day of the conference. Checks should be made payable to CCC&TI. Communities in Schools/Smart Start and CCC&TI are sponsoring the conference. For more information, contact Jennifer Gilliam or Diana Brooke at (828)726-2270.