This Week at CCC&Ti

19  Last Day to Drop Classes
    Alpha-Omega Club
    Noon- E-310
    Intramurals, Noon-1 p.m., Gym
    Bulls vs. Bio-Med Club

20  SGAAprreciation Day
    11:30 - 1 p.m. & 5 - 7 p.m.
    Student Lounge

21  WISE-UP Series
    Computer-aided Education: Distance Learning & Other
    Online Academic Assistance
    12:00 - 12:50, Room A-208

21  12-Step Support Group
    Noon, E-310
    Intramurals, Noon-1 p.m., Gym
    Lakers vs. Faculty & Staff

21  CCC&TI Board of Trustees
    Meeting, 11:30 am
    Forlines Board Rm.

22  Capoeira Demonstration
    1:00 pm, Gym

Happy Birthday

Robin Canterbury
Rudy Fox
Reva Tunnion
Jeff Bentley
Kim Hinton
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What's Happening?

Way to go, Cobras!! The CCC&TI team finished a stellar season, placing sixth in the nation in the NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship. Look for a special edition of “The Cobra Den” this week.

Mark your calendars for the next blood drive, which is being sponsored by the college on Wednesday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact James Patterson, SGA or Student Support Services to sign up to give blood.

This week’s The College Connection presents highlights of the Annual Fund Campaign Kickoff Luncheon held March 12. Also, Dr. Boham and his guest, Deborah Ashley of the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, preview the “Great Balls of Fire” event celebrating Caldwell County to be held at the J. E. Broyhill Civic Center on March 25. TCC airs daily at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Caldwell Charter Cable Channel 3.

Transfer Students – Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the dates college representatives will be in the Student Lounge of the Caldwell Campus. The dates are:

Wednesday, March 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.

Aspiring graduates– remember that Friday, March 29 is the graduation application deadline for Spring 2002 graduation. Applications must be turned in by 1 p.m. and are available at the receptionist’s desk in Student Services. They 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.

Free, confidential counseling and budget planning for students is continuing on the following dates: March 26, March 28, April 9, April 11, April 23 and April 25. There are two one and a half hour sessions available each day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are made on a first come, first serve basis. Contact the Financial Aid Office to schedule an appointment.

Need a vacation? Sign up for a visit to Washington, D.C. from May 9-11 with Christian Tours. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. May 9 and return around 9 p.m. May 11. The trip is open to all faculty, staff and students. Currently,
CCC&TI’s Foundation Kicks off 2002 Annual Fund Campaign

The 2002 Annual Fund Campaign by the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute got off to a rousing start Tuesday as team captains reported at a kickoff luncheon held at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir that teams have already collected and received pledges of more than $80,000. This placed the college’s Foundation well on its way to a goal of $225,000, the largest amount ever attempted by the institution. “I think this is a day of good news here,” said Peg Broyhill, Foundation chairperson. “You’re all to be commended on your work and enthusiasm.”

John Forlines, chair of this year’s drive and chief executive officer at the Bank of Granite, said reaching the goal is of utmost importance because of the current economic situation. “When we set the goal for this year’s campaign, we knew how great the needs would be with the downturn in the economy and the state legislature cutbacks impacting severely on our budgets. We knew it was going to be a difficult task, but we also knew it was one we had to do,” he told the gathering of campaign volunteers. “I truly believe that this is one of the most critical needs the college has ever had. We’ve got more students who need even more assistance. This is the biggest goal we’ve ever had, and we need to not just meet it but surpass it.”

With the community college system facing permanent state budget cuts of 4 to 10 percent, CCC&TI President Dr. Kenneth A. Boham said this year’s fund drive is of particular importance. “The budget cuts are going to hurt us. They’re really going to hurt, so the effort we are undertaking right now is going to be extremely important,” he said.

Boham shared with the group a story of meeting a young woman working at a local grocery store who, though she was a recipient in the sixth grade of one of the college’s guaranteed “Dream” scholarships, still found herself unable to attend college. “She wasn’t able to come to the college because she couldn’t afford to buy the books. We’re going to help her find the money to buy those books,” he assured the group.

Money to assist students in situations such as that come from the Foundation’s Student Aid Fund, which is slated to receive $70,000 once the annual fund goal is met. According to Kim Hutchens, Foundation vice chairman, money raised during the campaign will be used to fund, in addition to the Student Aid Fund, general scholarships ($40,000), special scholarships ($20,000), “Dream” scholarships ($35,000) and academic support ($60,000).

Three students who have received assistance from the college’s Foundation shared with the gathering how financial assistance from the Foundation has helped them achieve their goals. Gloria Chester, a single mother of a 3-year-old and a 19-month-old, receives childcare assistance from the Foundation. “The assistance I have received from the Foundation has helped me to pay for quality childcare for my children where they can grow and learn. Without the Foundation’s generosity, I would not be able to make my children’s future brighter,” said the physical therapist assistant student who made the President’s List at the end of her first semester.

Sharon Smith, a student in the college’s Information Systems program, receives assistance from the Foundation through the work scholarship program, which pays her for work completed in the college’s Marketing and Communications Department. “This program helped to ease my transition back to student after many years away,” she said, explaining that she was offered the job scholarship through CCC&TI’s Student Support Services. “It’s really helped me to feel like I belong, like I’m a part of the big picture.”

A recipient of the Foundation’s “Dream” Scholarship, Nikki Robinson will graduate from the college in May and plans to transfer to Appalachian State University as a chemistry major with the goal of becoming a forensic scientist. “The ‘Dream’ Scholarship helped me to overcome projected failure and become a successful college student,” Robinson said. “Only seven out of the 18 students in my seventh grade class graduated high school. Knowing that I had the ‘Dream’ Scholarship encouraged me to work harder to achieve my goals. I will be forever thankful to the college and the Foundation for helping me to get started and for becoming a success in the real world.”

Students at the college aren’t the only ones who benefit from the fundraising efforts. College employees also receive aid and support the fund drive. Dr. Lorraine Minton, the college’s vice president of instruction and an annual fund team captain, reported that faculty and staff members at the college have pledged and contributed almost $23,000 to the drive. “This helps tremendously in places where we don’t have adequate state funding, such as in tuition reimbursement for faculty and staff, a faculty mentoring program for new faculty members and faculty development,” she said.

The 2002 Annual Fund Drive concludes in April. For more information on the 2002 Annual Fund Drive or to make a tax-deductible donation, contact the Foundation office at (828)726-2260.
Award-winning Rhonda Vincent and the Lonesome River Band in Concert at Civic Center

Rhonda Vincent, well-known bluegrass vocalist and entertainer, and the Lonesome River Band, one of the country’s most honored bluegrass groups, will perform in concert at the J. E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Saturday, April 6, delighting bluegrass fans with their renditions of classic and contemporary bluegrass music. The 7:30 p.m. performance will gave fans the opportunity to experience two exceptional shows in one.

Dubbed “the new queen of bluegrass” by the Wall Street Journal, music has been a way of life for Vincent since she began her professional music career at the age of 5 with her family’s band, the Sally Mountain Show. She became their official drummer and then began playing the mandolin at age 8 and the fiddle at age 10. Today, she plays most any stringed instrument. Vincent has performed at the Grand Ole Opry and has had numerous television appearances on TNN, CMT, CNN, GAC and NBC, wowing bluegrass fans worldwide and earning her the respect of fans everywhere.

While bluegrass and mountain music have always been her first love, she has also spent time singing country music both as a solo artist and alongside stars like Dolly Parton and Jim Ed Brown. At the request of George Jones, Vincent has opened many of his shows.

With 18 albums to her credit, Vincent returned to her musical roots with her most recent album “Back Home Again” on Rounder Records. She is accompanied by her exceptional road band the Rage. “The Rage consists of veteran musicians,” Vincent said, “skimmed from the cream of the crop.”

The Lonesome River Band will be a part of the same evening’s performance. The group is one of the most successful and most honored bluegrass groups of the past decade. They rock audiences with their powerful brand of bluegrass, and fans around the country are thrilled with their polished and energetic performances. Founded in the mid-1980s, the Lonesome River Band has enjoyed immense popularity since 1992, when its album, “Carrying the Tradition,” won the Album of the Year award from the IBMA.

Since then more than 10 IBMA awards have been given to band members, including four Banjo Player of the Year awards for Sammy Shelor, Guitar Player of the Year trophies in 1998 and 1999 for Kenny Smith and three Male Vocalist of the Year awards (1995, 1998, and 1999) for Ronnie Bowman, who’s song “Three Rusty Nails” took honors for both Song of the Year and Gospel Recorded Performance of the Year in 1999.

Recording for Sugar Hill Records, the band’s latest album is “Talkin’ to Myself.” The group presents a hard-smacking bluegrass sound, rooted in devastating harmonies, timeless songs and an emotional live approach that gives audiences the rare opportunity to hear true contemporary bluegrass music.

The performance is part of the Acoustic Series of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Tickets are $15 for general admission. Purchase tickets by calling the civic center at (828) 726-2407. Visa, Mastercard and Discover are accepted.

Award Winning Poet to Kick Off Writers/History Symposium at CCC&TI

The award-winning author of six books of poetry will kick off a writers and history symposium at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute during a reading and discussion on Friday, March 29 at the college’s Watauga Campus beginning at noon. The symposium, entitled “Latin America: The Border Moves North,” explores and celebrates Latin American culture with scholars, filmmakers, immigrants, performing artists, business leaders and writers. The remainder of events for the symposium will be held Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20.

Leroy Quintana, an English instructor at Mesa Community College in California, will be the featured speaker March 29 as he conducts a reading and discussion of his works. Quintana was awarded a Creative Writing Fellowship by the National Endowment for the Arts after publishing his first book of poetry and has twice won the American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation. He most recently received an award from the University of Oklahoma for a collection of short stories scheduled for publication later this year. His volumes of poetry include Sangre, Interrogation, The History of Home and The Great Whirl of Exile.

Quintana grew up in New Mexico, moving back and forth between his parents and his grandparents throughout his childhood. His narrative strengths may have their roots in his grandparents’ many folktales (cuentos) he heard as a child. He holds the master of arts in English from New Mexico State University and a master of arts in counseling from Western New Mexico University. His regional
residency is sponsored by the North Carolina Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Selected works will be available for sale before and after the reading.

In April, symposium events will feature presentations on Friday, April 19 from Bernadette M. Calafell entitled Bringing It Home: Celebrating the Works of Judith Ortiz Cofer (Watauga Campus, Room 112), Mexico’s Elusive Search for Democracy by Allen Wells, Capoeira (a Brazilian martial arts) Demonstration by CCC&TI Spanish instructor Frederico Castelloes, Film and Discussion: “Nuestra Comunidad: Latinos in NC” by Penny Simpson and Joanne Hershfield, The Challenges of Cooperation: US-Mexican Relations in a Post-NAFTAEra by Allen Wells and The Stories of Two Immigrants by Melinda Crawford on Friday. On Saturday, symposium topics include Trades and Deals by Anneliese Foerster and Ronaldo Souza and Bringing It Home: Celebrating the Works of Judith Ortiz Cofer by Bernadette Calafell. The symposium will conclude with a reading and discussion by Judith Ortiz Cofer. Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

The symposium is free for students, teachers and the general public. There is a $50 charge for teacher renewal credit. Dinner will be available Friday evening at a cost of $6 per person and will include ham or turkey sandwiches, salads and dessert.

Reservations for dinner must be made by April 11. Funding for the conference is provided by The Foundation of CCC&TI and the North Carolina Humanities Council. For more information, contact Janet Palmer at (828)297-3811 or Laurette LePrevost at (828)726-2345.

Attended CCC&TI Students!

These businesses are offering discounts to our students when you present your picture IDS!

Baywatch Tanning in Granite Falls 396-4413, 10% off package or product purchase.

Past Times in Hudson 728-4691, 10% off total purchase.

Papa John’s in Lenoir 758-7272, buy one pizza get one free (pick up only).

Gold Mine Fine Jewelry in Hudson 726-1009, 10% discount on all repairs.

Hudson Jewelry in Hudson 728-0609, 15% off purchases (excludes class rings and sale items).

Kelly’s Sports and Awards in Hudson 728-4600, 15% on retail purchases (excludes letter-jackets).

Garon’s Jewelry and Design in Whitnel 758-5405, watch batteries $3.00 and an extra 10% off charms (total discount 35%).

Red Rooster in Hudson 726-6500, 15% off purchase.

Western Steer in Hudson and Lenoir, 10% off purchase.

Gateway Computers in Hickory 261-0034, 10% off base price on system purchases.

Village Inn in Lenoir 758-8900, 20% off purchase.

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29 people have signed up to go. Cost depends on the number of people who travel with the group. The trip includes two continental breakfasts and a dinner theater. The first payment of $50 is due March 8. Final payment for the trip is due April 11. To pay or for more information, contact Sheila Pritchard at 726-2726 or Gilma Roberts at 726-2728.

Student Support Services is still collecting General Mills Boxtops for Education and Campbell soup labels for Whitnel Elementary School. Anyone with box tops or labels is asked to send them to the SSS area.

Computer Aided Education: Distance Learning and other online academic assistance will be the topic of the next WISE UPWorkshop to be held Mar. 21 at noon in Room A-208. Other topics to be discussed this semester include Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention- April 16, A-208 and Finals Blast!- April 18, E-120.

Can you say “capoeira?” Don’t miss an exciting demonstration set for Friday, March 22, at 1 p.m. in the gym. The 400-year old Brazilian art form combines dance with martial arts and gymnastics. The class offered at CCC&TI improves balance, strength, rhythm and focus.

The next Pre-Job Class begins Wed., April 10th. Contact Mandy Williams at 726-2274 for details.

Earn your GED in 6 weeks or less! The next GED Quick class begins Wed., April 3rd. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 726-2254 for more information.

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