This Week at CCC&TI

25  Phi Theta Kappa Meeting, E-310, Noon and 4:30 p.m.
26  Alpha Omega Club, Noon
    Circle K Club, Noon
    Basketball Intramurals, Hornets vs. Faculty/Staff
    12:10 - 12:50 p.m., Gym
27  Blood Drive, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
    Gym, Caldwell Campus
28  8th Grade Career Day
    12-Step Support Group, Noon
    Book Club Meeting, F-153, Noon
    Basketball Intramurals, Hornets vs. BioMed Club
    12:10 - 12:50 p.m., Gym
29  Writers Symposium,
    Reading and Discussion with writer Leroy Quintana,
    Watauga Campus, noon to 1 p.m.
    1 p.m. - Deadline for spring graduation applications

What’s Happening?

Congratulations to the new Circle K Club officers and committee chairs for the 2002-2003 school year. New officers are Justin Connelly- president, Angie Helton- vice president, Ebony Greene- secretary and Courtney Bentley, treasurer. Committee chairs are Tommy Clark- fundraising/service/special events, Dana Jetton- membership development/Kiwanis family relations, Charles Hayes- Web master, Faye Auton- food service, Sara Spencer- scrapbook, Diana Cover- public relations and David Cline- program director.

Don’t forget the blood drive scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact James Patterson, SGAor Student Support Services to sign up to donate blood.

Two dates remain for transfer students interested in meeting with college representatives:

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 representatives will be in the Student Lounge on the Caldwell campus.

The Caldwell Campus Book Club will meet Thursday, March 28 at noon to discuss An Island Like You by Judith Ortiz Cofer. In addition, Cofer will be on campus in April as part of the college’s annual Writers Symposium, which will give readers a chance to meet and discuss the book with the author. The group will meet in F-153.

Earn your GED in 6 weeks or less! The next GED Quick class starts Wed., April 3. Classes will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 726-2254.

Need help getting a job? Looking for a better job? The next Pre-Job class is set for April 10 through May 15, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Explore careers. Master interview skills. Develop a winning resume. Match yourself to a good job. The class is free for those who qualify. Pre-register by calling 726-2230 or 726-2274. For details, contact Mandy Williams at 726-2274.

On this week’s The College Connection the guests are Janet Palmer, who discusses the upcoming writers/history symposium; Matt Connor talks about the need for volunteer tutors in the ABE and GED classes; and special guests Sheila Burns and Chris Hatley describe the efforts being undertaken by an alumni group to raise funds for student scholarships as a part of The Foundation’s Annual Fund Campaign. The program airs daily at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Caldwell Charter Cable channel 3.

Happy Birthday

Jan Overman, Dr. Boham, John Burnett and Wanda Helton

March 30 - April 5

Student Spring Break
Remaining dates for **free, confidential counseling and budget planning** are 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 served basis. Contact the Financial Aid Office to schedule an appointment. 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.

There is still time to sign up for a visit to **Washington, D.C.** from May 9-11 with Christian Tours. The trip is open to all faculty, staff and students. Cost depends on number of people who travel with the group. The trip includes two continental breakfasts and a dinner theater. 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.

**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.

Special thanks to **Tammy Greene** for her solo, “Children Are Our Future,” at this year’s Annual Fund Kickoff Luncheon. Tammy, a Student Support Services student, will graduate this spring in Information Systems.

Congratulations to CCC&TI English instructor **Tom Hearron** whose short story, “Crown of Thorns,” has been published in the Winter 2002 issue of the journal “Spectacle.” Check out a “teaser” excerpt online at www.spectaclejournal.com.

CCC&TI’s literary magazine **Branches** is now accepting submissions of poetry, prose and graphics for its 2002-2003 issue. For the second year, an “Editors’ Choice” contest, which offers a $50 prize for the best poem, prose piece (fiction or nonfiction) and graphics, is being held. For entry forms, contact Tom Hearron at 828-726-2324 or thearron@caldwell.cc.nc.us.

**Writers and History Symposium**
**To Kick Off This Week**

The award-winning author of six books of poetry will kick off this year’s 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.
Former CCC&TI History Instructor Remembered with New Scholarship

A former instructor at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute who passed away unexpectedly during a trip to Texas has been remembered by his colleagues through the establishment of a scholarship in his memory. Ray Huckabee, who taught history, geography and political science for 25 years at the college until his retirement in 1998, was described as a man who loved life and who enjoyed sharing that love with others. “Ray was just an incredibly intelligent, well-versed, well-traveled and insightful instructor of history,” said Laurette LePrevost, dean of arts and sciences at CCC&TI who worked with Huckabee for more than two decades. “He was a very loyal and caring colleague, and the scholarship is a fitting tribute to him and a fitting way to remember him.”

LePrevost said Huckabee took his responsibilities as an educator seriously. “He was a very demanding, rigorous instructor, and students often said he, more than anyone else, prepared them for transfer to a four-year institution,” she said. “He demanded that his students perform at their highest levels.”

In addition to his love of learning, Huckabee was also passionate about the world at large. “He loved to travel. He loved to share the world with others and often arranged trips for the community at large,” LePrevost said. “That’s one of the things I remember most about him. He loved to broaden the experiences of students and other people he knew. He opened for them doors that they would not have opened otherwise.”

Huckabee arranged trips to Egypt, France, Germany, Italy and other locations throughout the world. One of the most intriguing aspects of the trips, according to LePrevost, was the variety of people who traveled. “Each trip represented a microcosm of society. There were older people, retirees. There were young people. My daughter Katherine was only 6- or 7-years-old when we went on a trip to Europe with Ray. There were people who were greatly educated- physicians, pharmacists, college presidents- and people who were students or blue-collar workers, and they all came together to share the experiences of Italy or France or experiencing glaciers close up,” LePrevost said, adding that Huckabee was a man of many interests. “He loved to read, and he was a train buff. He knew the history of trains. He liked to collect model trains. He was just a very interesting man.”

Most importantly, Huckabee was also a family man. “He was devoted to his wife, Ute, and their two sons,” LePrevost remembered, “and he was just delighted by his three preschool-age granddaughters (one of whom played the violin at his funeral). Family, including his college family, was very important to him.”

According to LePrevost, the Ray Huckabee History Scholarship will be awarded to students pursuing an undergraduate degree in history. “Ray touched the lives of a lot of people in very positive ways. He was a very optimistic, warm and supportive person,” she reflected. “This is just a way of thanking him and remembering his life.”

For more information on the Ray Huckabee History Scholarship, contact LePrevost at (828)726-2345.

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Strictly Clean and Decent To Anchor Musicians Showcase

Many talented local musicians will delight audiences when they appear at the J. E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Saturday, April 20, to present the fourth annual Caldwell County Musicians Showcase. Patrick Crouch, Ron Shuffler, and Kay Crouch, members of Strictly Clean and Decent, will once again provide the musical backing, and Dude Shuffler will be the master of ceremonies.

The program will feature seven married couples from the county. They will play a wide variety of musical styles from bluegrass to blues, Celtic to old time country, gospel to swing, and pop to folk. Local musicians will include David and Nancy Abernethy who perform regularly with Puddingstone; mandolinist Jerry McLean who will perform with his wife, singer Amanda (Amy) McLean; David and Rhonda Smith along with their family band Musicsmythe; Bill and Angie Warren who are active in both the bluegrass and gospel circuits; Rick and Sandy Kirby who are well-known for their work with the annual Christmas in the Blue Ridge program; con-
temporary Christian duo Tommy and Tracy Smith; and blues veterans David and Lynne Lovatto.

The musicians recently completed a CD, entitled I Do Re Mi, which features each couple performing two selections with Strictly Clean and Decent. The CDs will be available at the showcase and thereafter through Strictly Clean and Decent and the Caldwell Arts council. The CD was made possible by support from the Caldwell Arts Council and by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Program at the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency.

The showcase, part of the Performing Artist Series of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, it will begin at 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets are $7. CCC&TI students are admitted free. Purchase tickets by calling the civic center at (828) 726-2407. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

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**Tributes and Memorials**

Memorial gifts and honoraria are very meaningful ways to express sympathy to a bereaved family or to recognize someone on a special occasion. The legacy of the individual will continue to live on through the educational opportunities made possible by these special gifts. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following tributes, which were received February 6 - March 22:

**In Honor of Edith McGuire Cook [mother of Diane Barefoot] to the Watauga Dream Scholarship Fund:**
- Ms. Diane Barefoot

**In Honor of M. L. DeVane to the M. L. DeVane Scholarship Fund:**
- Ms. Annette Dula
- Mr. James Patterson
- Ms. Elaine Setzer

**In Honor of John A. Fortlines, Jr. to the John Forlines Staff Development Fund:**
- Bob and Andrea Bell

**In Honor of Reva Tunmire [mother of Joanne Jennings] to the Thad and Reva Tunmire Truck Driving Scholarship Fund:**
- Kenneth and Joanne Jennings

**In Memory of Geary Aultman [sister of Diana Miller] to the Watauga Business Student Curriculum Fund:**
- Business Department of CCC&TI
- Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill

**In Memory of John Alton Carpenter, Sr. [father of Dr. Gene Carpenter] to the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Fund:**
- Andy and Jan Burgess

**In Memory of Dean Cook [father of Diane Barefoot] to the Watauga Dream Scholarship Fund:**
- Ms. Diane Barefoot

**In Memory of Edsel Cook:**
- Johnny and Hughleta Edmiston

**In Memory of Irene Correll [mother of Carroll Correll] to the Business Curriculum Department of CCC&TI:**
- Mr. Charles and Dr. Lorraine Minton

**In Memory of Irene Correll [mother of Carroll Correll] to the Watauga Nursing Scholarship Funds:**
- Mrs. Lynn Correll

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**In Memory of B. E. Haynes to the Machine Shop Program Scholarship Fund:**
- Ms. Eloise Harren
In Memory of Ray Huckabee to the Ray Huckabee History Scholarship Fund:
- Bart and Caroline Bare
- Dr. H. Ed and Mrs. Evelyn Beam
- Ms. Eliza F. Bishop
- Mr. Gerd Breuer and Family
- Mrs. Beth Bundy
- Sheila and Phil Burns
- CCC&TI Retirees’ Organization
- Elaine and Barman Cornett, Jr.
- Kay and Patrick Crouch
- Johnny and Hughleta Edmiston
- Mrs. Dorothy K. Ford
- Brenda and Paul Goble
- Mr. Matthew Hayes
- Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill
- Ms. Ruth Herold
- Michael and Martha Sowers
- Mr. E. Jack Temple, III
- David T. and Susan M. Wagner
- Mr. Ulrich Wurz and Family

In Memory of Marie King Huffstetler [mother of Gary Huffstetler]:
- Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill

In Memory of Martha Jenkins [mother of Clara Johnson]:
- Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill
- Gilma and Don Roberts

In Memory of Geary Franklin Joines to the Nursing Hospital Fund:
- Jeff, Cathy, and Brooke Greene

In Memory of Aaron Kiziah [son of Dr. Ron Kiziah] to the Business Curriculum Department of CCC&TI:
- Hugh and Sherri Hollar
- Dr. Ron and Mrs. Shirley Kiziah

In Memory of Maynard Land [father of Linda Wilcox]:
- Linda and Vic Wilcox

In Memory of Daniel C. Logue to the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Fund:
- Andy and Jan Burgess

In Memory of David Minton, Sr. [husband of Martha Minton]:
- Sheila and Phil Burns
- Ms. Eloise Harren
- Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill
- Ms. Phyllis Huffstetler
- Susan and Tommy Pritchard

In Memory of David Minton, Sr. [husband of Martha Minton] to the Student Support Services’ Mentoring Luncheon Fund:
- Brenda and Paul Goble

In Memory of Vera C. Moretz [mother of Brenda Goble] to the Julia Alexander Scholarship Fund and the Ray Huckabee History Scholarship Fund:
- Brenda and Paul Goble

In Memory of Jo Seila to the Jo Seila Art Gallery:
- Kay and Patrick Crouch

In Memory of Ann Moore Setzer [mother of Laurie James] to the Dream Scholarship:
- Ms. Wendy W. Houck