This Week at CCC&TI

9-11 Early Registration, Summer Semester, 10-1 and 5-7 p.m.

9 Spring Job Fair, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Gym, Caldwell Campus

9 Alpha Omega Club, E-310, Noon

Basketball Intramurals, 12-1 p.m.
Bulls vs. Ebony Kinship, Gym

11 Business Club, E-120, Noon

Basketball Intramurals, 12-1 p.m.
Bulls vs. Faculty/Staff, Gym

12 Edwin Troy Carpenter High School Mathematics Competition, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Caldwell Campus

Opening and Reception of Jo Seila Art Gallery, 2-5 p.m., S Bldg.

Happy Birthday

Zan Horton, Allen Safford, Carolyn Evert, Michael Neyhouse, Lorrie Willey, Kay Crouch, Patty Wyatt, Christy Crump and Paula Rash.

What's Happening?

Attention Students: Early Registration for summer semester will be held April 9 – 11 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. See your advisor. Get the best pick of classes before they close out!

Mark your calendars for an entirely different Spring Fling on the Caldwell Campus Thursday, April 25. The event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on the breezeway. Look here for more details soon.

Check out Career Service's Spring Job Fair to be held Tuesday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gymnasium. Twenty presenters are scheduled to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for students to network with human resource representatives, business owners and managers. Free refreshments will be available.

Forty pints of blood were collected at the blood drive held March 27 on the Caldwell Campus, sponsored by the SGA and SSS. Thanks to all who participated.

A representative selling class rings will be on the Caldwell Campus Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Watauga Campus dates are Wednesday, April 24 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 25 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Foothills Performing Artists will present the Pulitzer-prize winning play Harvey on Friday, April 19 through April 21 and April 25 through April 28. Showtimes are 8 p.m. except on Sundays when matinees will be performed at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens and $1 for students. Call 726-2318 for tickets.

Attention transfer students! A representative from Lenoir-Rhyne College will be in the Student Lounge, Caldwell Campus, on Wednesday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mark your calendars! The CCC&TI Faculty/Staff Upsetters (last year’s intramural champions) will take on KICKS radio (103.3 FM) in a Benefit Basketball Game in the gym on Thursday, April 18th, at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the foundation’s Annual Fund Drive. The CCC&TI Cobras will be introduced to the community at the half in a 3 pt. and/or dunking contest with chances for audience participation and prizes. Refreshments will be sold. A $2 donation will get you in the game. Children 6 and under will be admitted free. Bring a friend. Look for more details next week.
Need help with financial planning or budget counseling? Remaining dates for free, confidential counseling and budget planning from the Financial Aid Office are April 9, April 11, April 23 and April 25. Two 1 1/2 hour sessions are 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 at 726-2713 to schedule an appointment.

CCC&TI’s literary magazine Branches is 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 me at Tom Hearron at 828-726-2324 or thearron@caldwell.cc.nc.us.

Join the Alpha Omega Club each Tuesday at noon in E-310 for Christian fellowship, including devotions and prayer. Call Cheryl Miller, club advisor, at 726-2342 for details.

CCC&TI to Host Opening Reception of Jo Seila Art Gallery

A reception to celebrate the opening of an art gallery dedicated to the memory of a local woman who was an accomplished artist and enthusiastic student will be held at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute on Friday, April 12 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in S Building. Dedicated to Jo Seila, a well-known Caldwell County artist who passed away in April 2001 at the age of 80, the opening will also include an exhibit, entitled “Jo Seila Retrospective,” of the talented artist’s works.

Jean Cauthen, director of CCC&TI’s visual arts program, who taught several classes Seila attended, said the decision to dedicate the studio in Seila’s honor was an easy one. “She was really generous with the students. If we were on a field trip, and one of the students didn’t have the money to pay to get into the museum or for lunch, Jo would take me aside and offer to pay for the student. She would always tell me not to tell the student,” she said. “Jo was a very talented artist, and art meant so much to her. Art is so much a part of who she was.”

Though the building was once used for storage and as instructional space for industrial classes, it now houses the college’s art gallery and has been totally refurbished to accommodate visual arts classes. An open area allows for workspace and the placement of easels; it also includes storage areas for supplies such as canvas, paints and brushes. The gallery has been outfitted for the hanging of art-work. Noting that art classes at one time shared space in the biology lab, Cauthen said she is thrilled with her new surroundings. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our art programs. We have an environment that allows students to work on a variety of projects, as well as the space to offer the classes our students need and want,” she said. “And now we have the ability to showcase their work.”

Cauthen said the gallery would also be a learning experience for the students. “The gallery will be directed mainly by students who are enrolled in the Gallery Assistantship I class. Students will learn every step of the exhibition process from promotion to selection to the hanging of works. The class will be centered on this space. Once a semester, we’ll have a visiting artist give an educational talk to our students,” she said. “Our main mission is to serve our students, and this is another way to do that.”

Though she was an accomplished artist, Seila took several art classes at CCC&TI and was one of Cauthen’s students. “I think going to college helped keep her youthful,” Cauthen reflected. “Art was central in her life, and attending class was important to her. She just brought so much vibrancy to our classes. Her sense of humor and enthusiasm really connected with the younger students in class.”

Lynda Lea Bonkemeyer, a local artist and an art instructor at CCC&TI, said Seila was a dynamic woman. “She was just amazing. There really was no evidence of an age gap. When you were talking to her, you had no idea you were conversing with an 80-year-old,” she said. “She was so current on so many things, art, music. Just talking to her was entertaining.”

Following the opening reception, Seila’s art, which includes watercolors, pen and ink drawings, collages and acrylic paintings, will remain on exhibit through May 17. The gallery will be open to the public on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. In the future, Cauthen and Bonkemeyer plan to organize a number of art shows featuring the work of CCC&TI students, staff and faculty members as well as that of community residents. Periodically, the gallery will feature invitational shows, which will include works from selected artists. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the gallery fund may send contributions to: The Jo Seila Gallery Fund, CCC&TI Foundation, 2055 Hickory Boulevard, Hudson, NC 28638. For more information on the opening reception or the art gallery, contact Cauthen at 726-2331.

CCC&TI Health Sciences Students Team Up For Learning

When it’s time for equipment training or repairs, the doctor is in the house. Health sciences students in biomedical equipment
technology and physical therapist assistant programs at CCC&TI teamed up recently for a joint training session on newly acquired Biodex equipment. Biomedical students presented a seminar for PTAs on how to use the complex computerized work hardening system donated by Valdese Memorial Hospital a few years ago when the machine didn’t rollover to the year 2000.

The session proved informative for both groups in learning the importance of communication when healthcare professionals find it necessary to convey equipment problems. "Many of the repair calls biomeds receive turn out to be operator errors," explained John Noblitt, director of CCC&TI's biomedical equipment technology program. "With today's sophisticated medical equipment, biomeds rely heavily on communication skills to perform inservice education to end users of medical equipment."

Biomedical technology involves more than just equipment repairs. Graduates are prepared to complete inventories, test and repair equipment, negotiate financing and compile preventive maintenance plans. While technicians generally work in hospitals or other healthcare settings, they have also found jobs in other areas of electronics such as cellular phone communications and industrial automation where their electronic instrumentation skills are utilized.

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Physical therapist assistants work under the supervision of physical therapists to improve or restore function by alleviation or prevention of physical impairment. Graduates are prepared for work in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, extended care facilities, private clinics and public school systems,

All healthcare professionals, including physical therapist assistants, rely on trained equipment technicians. Because knowing the capabilities of the equipment as well as what results are necessary to conduct a therapy session is critical to those in the healthcare field, CCC&TI strives to integrate these types of programs as often as possible. Students then learn from each other and gain experience in problem-solving. The college currently offers more than a dozen health sciences programs and numerous certifications. For more information on CCC&TI health science offerings, call 726-2710.

**BLET Graduates Achieve 100% Passage Rate on State Exam**

The 17 graduates of the fall semester Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy at CCC&TI achieved a 100 percent passage rate on the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division of the North Carolina Department of Justice certification exam. The stringent exam includes a physical fitness test and a 300-question certification exam that covers the six units of study. The six units are legal, patrol duties, law enforcement communications, investigations, practical applications and sheriff specific.

Andrew J. Burgess Jr., director of CCC&TIs academy, attributes the success and quality of the college’s program to the academy’s 55 instructors who all come from area law enforcement agencies. “They have made sure our students were more than prepared to meet the challenges and requirements for successful completion of BLET. They use the latest teaching methods including PowerPoint and other hypermedia methods of instruction,” he said.

This year’s graduates are: Michael Wesley Jacobs, Jonathan L. Brewer, David W. Murphy, Joshua A. Greene, Joseph Russell Brendle, Scott A. Mash, Ben J. Snead, Jerry Lee Johnson, Rodger W. Phillips, Bradley E. Alexander, Andrea L. Trivette, Renee Ann Conner, Mandy Marie Bates, Jaska “Dee Dee” Hughes Rominger, Timmy Gray Williams Jr., Brian M. Mullenex and Misty Blue Sheets. Special awards were presented to the following: Dee Dee Rominger, Top Academic and Most Outstanding Physical Fitness; Michael Wesley Jacobs, Class Leader, Top Firearms and Top Driver; Joseph Russell Brendle, Most Improved Physical Fitness; Rodger W. Phillips, the Henrietta “Hank” Lane Report Writing Award; and David W. Murphy and Rodger W. Phillips, Kick the Habit (smoking) awards.

CCC&TI’s next academy begins in August. In order to be eligible for admission into the academy, applicants must be at least 20-years-old or reach their twentieth birthday during the academy, possess a high school diploma or GED and have a background free from criminal offenses. Students must also be sponsored by a law enforcement agency. Applicants are asked to complete a physical exam before the beginning of class. Students who do not possess a four-year degree may be required to take a reading placement exam. A maximum of 20 students will be accepted. Total cost for the academy is less than $400. To obtain an information packet and application, contact Burgess at (828)726-2253 or Nancy Setzer at (828)726-2751.

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