This Week at CCC&TI

15  NCAEOP Cookout Fundraiser
16  Basketball Intramurals, Lakers vs. Hornets, Noon, Gym
    WISE-UP Workshop, Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention, Noon, A208
    Alpha Omega Club, Noon, E310
18  Basketball Intramurals, Bulls vs. Ebony Kinship Noon, Gym
    WISE-UP Workshop, “Finals Blast!,” Noon, Student Lounge
    CCC&TI vs. KICKS 103.3 Benefit Basketball Game, 6:30 p.m., Gym
19  Writers/History Symposium, “Latin America: The Border Moves North,” Noon, Watauga Campus, Rm. 112 and 2 - 9 p.m., Civic Center, See brochure for details.
    Foothills Performing Arts Theatre, “Harvey,” 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat.
20  Writers/History Symposium Continues, 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Civic Center
    Basketball Workout, 10 a.m., gym
    Performing Artist Series, Caldwell County Musicians Showcase, 7:30 p.m., Civic Ctr.

Happy Birthday
Ira Duncan, Sara Triplett, Mandy Williams, Norman Staines and Mark Richard

What’s Happening?

Interested in playing on the CCC&TI Cobras 2002-2003 basketball team? A basketball workout will be held Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. For details, call 726-2254 or 726-2388.

Don’t forget Spring Fling to be held Thursday, April 25 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Pizza, salad, drinks and dessert will be the featured fare of the day. Fun and games will include a DJ, bungee run, obstacle course, fast pitch throw, giant boxing glove competition and tug of war. College clubs and organizations will sponsor other games, prizes and events. Look for more details next week.

A representative selling class rings will be on the Caldwell Campus Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 23 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. and on the Watauga Campus on 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.

NCAEOP is having a fundraiser cookout today, Monday, April 15.
Menu and prices are:  Hot Dog Plate - $3
                      Hamburger Plate - $3.25
                      Cheeseburger Plate $3.50
A plate includes chips, drink and dessert.

Mark your calendars now for this weekend’s performance of the Pulitzer-prize winning play Harvey by the Foothills Performing Arts 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.

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. to talk with transfer students.

Need help with financial planning or budget counseling? Remaining dates for free, confidential counseling and budget planning from the Financial Aid Office are 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.

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.
KICKS 103.3 and CCC&TI Team Up For Education

Favorite local disc jockeys will take off their headsets and put on their jerseys to hit the courts with local college employees to lend their support for education. KICKS 103.3 FM will battle it out with faculty and staff from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute in a benefit basketball game set for Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the college’s gym in Hudson. Proceeds will go toward the college foundation’s 2002 Annual Fund Drive to raise money primarily for scholarships and student aid.

“This is a chance for us to help the community come together and do something good at a difficult time with so many out of work and the slump in the economy,” said Davy Crockett, KICKS program director and popular D.J. of the Dave and L.A. morning show.

“CCC&TI is that second chance, and we just want to do our part to help make that possible for people within the community.”

Listeners tuning into KICKS have enjoyed the recent rivalry between the two teams that has escalated over the airwaves as the competition draws near. “We want to make this fun,” added Crockett. “We’ve taken great pleasure in invoking each other on the show lately, particularly with friend and frequent guest, Matt Connor, CCC&TI’s assistant coach and basic skills recruiter. We have a few special surprises planned and are looking to up the stakes with a creative wager for the losing team who has to suffer an outrageous bet.” Fans have called in to suggest anything from dressing up like women and singing karaoke to kissing a pig or taking pies in the face, and the ideas are still coming. “It will be a night where anything could happen,” said Crockett.

“What started out as a friendly wager last fall turned into a more serious challenge as KICKS worked with us to promote the recent success of our basketball team which ranked #6 in the nation at the close of this year’s season,” said Marla Christie, CCC&TI public information officer. “This is a way for the public to have fun and make an impact on helping to fund the needs of our students at a critical time for our community. The economic downturn, high unemployment rate and state budget crisis have created a triple blow to this year’s record enrollment growth as training needs continue to escalate. It was perfect timing to be able to tie the event into the college foundation’s Annual Fund Drive.”

Thursday’s guests will have the opportunity to cheer for their favorite D.J.’s as they go up against the CCC&TI faculty and staff team, last year’s college intramural champions. College team members include Mark “The Bruiser Barber,” Matt “The Hammer” Connor, Garrett “Dean of Defense” Hinshaw, David “The Hitman” Holman, Bill “House of Payne” Payne, Scott “The Renegade” Rogers and David “The Shock”

A 3-point/dunk contest at the half will feature the talents of the CCC&TI Cobras. Audience members will match their tickets with the players for a chance win CD’s, t-shirts, restaurant gift certificates, tickets for Chely Wright, Nanci Griffith, the Caldwell County Musicians Showcase and more. CCC&TI’s Biomed Club will sell hot dog and hamburger plates. Summer schedules and additional information will be available, and college officials will be on hand to answer questions about training opportunities. A $2 donation at the door will cover admission into the event though additional contributions will be accepted. Advance tickets may be purchased for $1 through Thursday at the switchboard or through instructors Tony Lingle and Melissa Davis.

The public is invited to join the excitement for a cause that will go a long way toward making a difference to the future of the community. “When you help change the life of just one student, you impact the lives of many,” said Anita Broach, director of the CCC&TI foundation. “We encourage families to come out and have some fun while supporting our efforts.” For more information on the event or the foundation’s fund drive, call 726-2260.

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Caldwell Co. Bar Association Increases Support For Local Dream Scholarships at CCC&TI

“If you can dream it, you can do it,” Walt Disney once said. Having fueled the dreams of special area sixth graders for ten years, the Caldwell County Bar Association recently increased its level of commitment to the Dream Scholarship Program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. The association voted unanimously to fund a third additional scholarship this year after a special presentation at a meeting held earlier this month.

“The project was attractive to us from the very beginning,” said Ed Blair, president of the bar association, former district court judge and attorney with Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair. “As attorneys, we have witnessed firsthand the impact of this program on the community. It offers a practical solution to a large problem.”

The Dream Scholarship program guarantees selected area sixth graders free tuition to CCC&TI, explained Anita Broach, director of the foundation of CCC&TI. “Research shows that as early as the sixth grade, family circumstances, financial hardships, peer pressure, past disappointments and frustrations all have the power to shatter dreams. The promise of free college tuition through the Dream Scholarship program encourages special students who show potential to complete high school and ensures them of a future,” said Broach.

Though the foundation of CCC&TI awards an average of 41 scholarships per year, that total represents only half of those applications submitted, according to Garrett Hinshaw, CCC&TI’s dean of student services, who shared with the bar association excerpts of recommendations from counselors and principals of youngsters not eligible for funding.

Set to graduate this May, CCC&TI student Nikki Robinson, spoke to the group about how much the Dream Scholarship has meant to her. Through the 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.

“It really tugs at the heartstrings to be able to give promise and hope for the future to those selected students who would otherwise be at risk of losing their potential,” Blair added. “The effect of the Dream
Scholarship on the entire family is remarkable. It does more than any court or law can do.”

“It is community support like this that will assist in breaking down the barriers of first-generation col-
lege students for generations to come,” stated Hinshaw. “This is about changing families.”

“We appreciate the continued commitment and enthusiasm of the bar association as we work together
to make a difference in the lives of area children and their families,” said CCC&TI President, Dr. Kenneth A.
Boham.

The Caldwell County Bar Association will hold its annual Dream Scholarship Golf Tournament at the
Lenoir Golf Club at noon on Friday, May 11th. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available. The event is open
to the public. Those interested should contact Bobbi Burchette of Beach Law Offices at 758-0064. For more
information about the Dream Scholarship program, contact the foundation of CCC&TI at 726-2260.

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Nanci Griffith to Appear in Concert at Civic Center

Nanci Griffith, well-known singer and songwriter, will thrill audiences when she appears at the J.E.
Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on May 4 to present her own unique brand of music. Celebrating over twenty
years of writing and performing, Grammy-winner Griffith will be accompanied by her band, the Blue Moon
Orchestra, and will feature her best-loved songs from her latest album, The Dust Bowl Symphony.

Originally from Austin, Griffith began her career at age 14 when her parents chaperoned her on the
Austin club circuit. In the late 70s and early 80s, she brought her self-described “folkabilly” music to
Nashville. She has since reached millions of fans and has even gathered admirers among the other artists.

Rolling Stone dubbed Griffith “the Queen of folkabilly,” while Telegraph Magazine called her “the
torchbearer of American folk music.” Her body of work includes some of country music's most enduring hits,
including Willie Nelson and Emmylou Harris “Gulf Coast Highway,” Kathy Mattea’s “Love at the Five and
Dime” and Suzy Boguss’ “Outbound Plane,” as well as over 15 literate and acclaimed solo albums.

Last year, Griffith performed at the annual St. Patrick’s Day luncheon hosted by House Speaker Dennis
Hastert (R-IL). In attendance at this exclusive social event were President George W. Bush, Prime Minister
Bertie Ahern of Ireland, Secretary of State Colin Powell, the majority leaders from the United States House
and Senate, several members of the Irish Parliament and many other luminaries. Griffith brought the luncheon
audience to a hush for the first time in recent memory, according to one Hastert staffer.

Her first Grammy Award came in 1993 for her “Other Voices, Other Rooms” album (Best
Contemporary Folk Performance). She also has received two Grammy Awards for her performances on albums
by the Chieftains and has five Grammy Award nominations to her credit.

Griffith will present a vibrant and entertaining evening, spanning over two decades of musical roads
that have brought her both national and international fame and popularity. The 7:30 p.m. performance 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.

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CCC&TI’s Small Business Center/Western Carolina
Expo Target Small Business Owners

Interested in starting your own business? Western Carolina Expo and the Small Business Center of
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute have teamed up to help prospective small business own-
ers get started. The Western Carolina Expo, on U.S. 321 North in Lenoir, is providing a special package for
new businesses in April. New businesses will pay only $35 rent on a 10x10 space per weekend during the month. In conjunction with the Expo’s offer, CCC&TI’s Small Business Center has provided free classes to help new business owners get started on the right foot. Upcoming classes in clue Recordkeeping and Taxes for Small Businesses on Tuesday, April 16 from noon to 2 p.m., Marketing Your Small Business on Tuesday, April 23 from noon to 2 p.m. and Financing Your Small Business on Tuesday, April 30 from noon to 2 p.m. Each class is free. For more information, contact Amie Harman of the Western Carolina Expo at 758-4447 or Donna Bean, CCC&TI’s Small Business Center director, at 726-2383.

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**CCC&TI Paralegal Student Wins Scholarship**

From State Association

A paralegal student at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute who has had a firsthand look at the legal system recently won second place in a student scholarship contest sponsored by the North Carolina Paralegal Association (NCPA). Carole Sears of Hickory received a $300 cash prize for her essay on “I Have Chosen to be a Paralegal...”. Sears, whose family has been embroiled in a legal suit since the 1992 death of her mother, Frances, who was killed in a head-on traffic collision, said she was thrilled with her accomplishment. “I was really surprised,” she said. “I didn’t decide to do it (enter the contest) until the last minute, and I had sort of given up hope (of winning the scholarship) because I hadn’t heard from them before the deadline date.”

Sears’ desire to become a paralegal was fueled by her family’s experiences with the legal system following her mother’s death, which occurred when her car was struck head-on by a rental car driven by an 18-year-old young man. The resulting investigation revealed the rental car had a number of mechanical malfunctions that contributed to the accident. “To this very date, the lawsuit is still pending in court,” Sears, a former legal assistant, wrote in her essay. “The judge has set a final trial date for September—eight years and five months from the date the suit was filed.”

Sears said her experience with the lawsuit, which involved a rental car company, insurance companies and a major car manufacturer, has left a bitter taste in her family’s mouth. “I have chosen to be a paralegal because Frances was my mother, and I understand. For nine years, I have eaten, slept and breathed the legal system,” Sears said. “I know what the legal system is like, and I hope that I can use that to help other people who become involved in the system. I believe it has made me more patient and more understanding of the emotions and confusion people feel when they are thrust into a situation like this.”

In addition to the cash prize, Sears also received a free membership in NCPA and free registration at the group’s annual meeting held in March. The annual competition is open to any paralegal student attending college in North Carolina. NCPA was formed in 1980 to provide a statewide organization to disseminate information to legal assistants and paralegals. CCC&TI’s Paralegal Technology program prepares individuals to work under the supervision of attorneys by performing routine legal tasks and assisting with legal work. For more information on this program, contact Lorrie Willey at (828)726-2335.