This Week at CCC&TI

30 Basketball Intramurals,
   Bio-Med Club vs. Faculty/Staff,
   Noon, Gym
Alpha Omega Club, Noon, E-310

1 Spring Concert, CCC&TI Chorus
   12:15 p.m., FPA Theatre

2 Basketball Intramurals,
   Bio-Med Club vs. the Lakers,
   Noon, Gym

3 KICKS 103.3 Morning Show
   Live from Caldwell Campus,
   6 - 10 a.m.

4 Nanci Griffith in Concert,
   7:30 p.m., Civic Center

Happy Birthday

Sally Lackey, Nancy Leonard,
Joan Main, David Shockley,
and Tamara Younce.

What's Happening?

Take time out for yourself as the CCC&TI Chorus presents its
Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 1, at 12:15 p.m. in the
FPA Theatre on the Caldwell Campus. Admission is free.

Enroll now through May 16 for summer classes in the Adult
High School Program. Previous units earned in high school
can be transferred into the program. Classes are free. For more
information, contact Basic Skills at (828)726-2230 or (828)297-5253.

The CCC&TI Women's Volleyball Team is in need of a coach for the 2002-2003
season. The season runs from August until October. It will involve some local travel
to other community colleges for games and participation in the NJCAA tournaments.
Please contact Bill Payne at 828-726-2388 or by email at bpayne@caldwell.cc.nc.us.

Don't forget to purchase tickets for singer/songwriter Nanci Griffith's performance
Sat. May 4 at the Civic Center. Celebrating over 20 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. 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. Call the civic
center at (828) 726-2407 to reserve your seat.

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 more
information.

CCC&TI currently has positions open for a financial aid counselor on the Watauga
Campus and a housekeeper. The financial aid counselor position requires two years of
experience working with financial aid programs and scholarships, and a bachelor’s
degree in higher education, business, human services or a related field. Application
deadline is May 17. No experience is required for the housekeeper/environmental ser-
vice position. Application deadline is May 10. Contact Human Resources at
(828)726-2499 for an official application package.

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Department by noon each Thursday. Call 726-2257 or e-mail your news to Marla
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public information assistant, at kpresnell@caldwell.cc.nc.us. CCC&TI is an equal
opportunity educator and employer.
CCC&TI Holds Opening of Jo Seila Art Gallery

Friends and family of a former Caldwell County woman known for her passion and talent for art gathered recently to celebrate the opening and dedication of the Jo Seila Art Gallery on the campus of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. The gallery was named in Seila’s honor because of her commitment to and enjoyment of art. “She was an art enthusiast,” said CCC&TI art instructor Lynda Lea Bonkemyer who knew Seila on a personal level. “She was a person who just enjoyed life and sharing it with others.”

Jean Cauthen, director of the college’s visual arts program, said Seila made her presence felt on the campus and in the art classes she attended. “The other students, no matter what their age, never saw a difference between their age and Jo’s. Even though Jo was in her 80s, the other students found so much in common with her and just enjoyed being around her,” she said, adding that it was not unusual to watch Seila set up her easel in a particular location and be surrounded by her classmates within minutes. “They respected her judgment as much as her talent and enjoyed learning from her.”

Seila’s brother Bernard Lee, who attended the gallery opening, said the tribute was a fitting memory to his sister who “loved life. She was always a lot of fun. She didn’t really get involved in art until after she got married and moved away, but she was really talented.”

Using a variety of techniques, Seila created works of art that influenced others. “She was the one who talked me into taking art classes here at the college,” said Jan Pennell of Lenoir. “She wouldn’t let me quit even when I kept insisting I didn’t have any talent. She just kept encouraging me and inspiring me with her art.”

Sue Law, a one-time neighbor of Seila’s, described the former artist as a person who really made a difference. “She was a unique lady. She really made the best of everything. She was always happy and enjoying life,” she said. “I think she would be really pleased with this gallery.”

The exhibit of Seila’s work, entitled “The Jo Seila Retrospective,” 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. 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 art gallery, contact Cauthen at 726-2331.

CCC&TI Announces Winners of Thirteenth Annual Math Contest

A former team champion of the Edwin Troy Carpenter Math Contest held annually at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently reclaimed its title after emerging as the winner of this year’s event. Watauga High School placed first in front of West Caldwell High School, which finished second, and third place winner, South Caldwell High School. Watauga High School placed first in the team competition in 2000 and second in the 2001 competition behind Hickory High School. This was the thirteenth year the competition, named in honor of the first math instructor to retire from the college, has been held. High schools involved in this year’s competition were Harris Chapel Christian Academy, South Caldwell, West Caldwell and Watauga.

Carpenter, who returned to the college this year to assist in the awarding of trophies and ribbons, said he was pleased the event is continuing. “I am very honored by it, though I don’t feel I deserved it,” he said, adding that he felt the honor should have gone to former co-worker Lloyd Coffey. “He was a good friend, and he did a lot of things for the college when he was here. I enjoy the opportunity to come back and participate in the competition.”

The students participated in several categories including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and Advanced Math. Each school was allowed to send two students to participate in each of the four areas. Participants were given 80 minutes to complete a multiple-choice test composed by the CCC&TI math department. The contest gives the students an opportunity to practice and showcase their math skills. It also gives the winning school bragging rights for a year.

Individual winners in each category were: Algebra I: First Place, Joseph Coffey/West Caldwell High School; Second Place, Bekah Archer/Watauga High School; Third Place, Kent George/South Caldwell High School.

Algebra II: First Place, Chelsea McFelea/West Caldwell; Second Place, Josh Carroll/Watauga; Third Place, Breanne Hataway/South Caldwell.

Geometry: First Place, Kristen Hardee/South Caldwell; Second Place, Charlie Soeder/Watauga; Third Place, Ryan Allred/South Caldwell.

Advanced Math: First Place, Jenna Hoover/West Caldwell; Second Place, Ashlee Jensen/South Caldwell; Third Place, Jeff Holycross/Watauga.
Individual winners were presented with engraved plaques or ribbons while team trophies were awarded to the top three schools. The Caldwell County Altrusa Club and the Arts and Sciences Humanities Fund of the CCC&TI Foundation sponsor the annual contest.

**Free Seminar Geared Toward Business Managers**

A free seminar designed to help managers learn to lead their employees, boost morale, improve productivity and become better leaders will be held at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Tuesday, May 14 from 9 a.m. until noon. Entitled “Inspire! Don’t Fire! Moving From Manager to Leader,” the seminar will be led by well-known motivational speaker Denise Ryan. Ryan has toured the country with her messages of hope and inspiration through the discussion of such topics as “Should I Quit My Day Job?, Self-Esteem & Motivation for Women and Networking.” The event is sponsored by the Small Business Center of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. For more information, contact Donna Bean at (828)726-2383.

**CCC&TI and IAAP Salute Office Professionals**

Celebrating 50 years of recognizing professional excellence in the office, CCC&TI Office Systems Technology faculty and the Caldwell Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals hosted a special luncheon and seminar Wednesday, April 24, at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Honoring administrative professionals, the annual event recognized the efforts and daily contributions of college employees as well as students and graduates of CCC&TI’s office systems technology and medical office systems programs.

“You are the glue that keeps things together,” said CCC&TI President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, as he welcomed the group. “You represent your organization to the public, and that is an awesome responsibility.” Boham added that Office Professionals Week was a reminder of the importance of the role the college plays in providing various programs and ongoing training for administrative professionals.

Key speaker for the program was Jon Erikson, senior account representative for 3M of Minnesota. Featuring 3M’s latest products designed to help increase efficiency in the office, the seminar was full of innovative ideas and product samples. From new Post-Its and laminating machines to tabletop easel pads and computer mouses, participants were invited to explore new gadgets to make their jobs easier and quicker.

The IAAP awarded two scholarships to local students pursuing office careers. Shirley Kiziah, vice president of the Caldwell Chapter, presented the awards to Ruby Price, currently enrolled in business and graphic design at Appalachian State University and to Bob Andrews, enrolled in the office systems technology program at CCC&TI.

Mark Barber, CCC&TI’s director of human resources, applauded the group for their efforts and all the things they do that go unnoticed. “You are the backbone of any organization,” he said.

More than a dozen gifts and door prizes were given away at the seminar. Elizabeth Stanford, president of IAAP’s Caldwell Chapter, welcomed guests and led a silent auction for participants. Special thanks goes to Back Yard Burgers, Belk’s of Lenoir, CCC&TI’s Cosmetology Dept., C & E home Repairs, Classic Cuts, Hudson Hardware, Krispy Kreme of Hickory, Office Depot, Sagebrush of Lenoir, Shurtape Technologies, Inc., Southern Living at HOME, Staples, Suzanne’s Flowers and Gifts, The Gold Mine and Treasures.

First observed as National Secretarial Week in 1952, Administrative Professionals Week was renamed in the year 2000 to reflect the expanded job duties of office workers. The week was originally developed to honor secretaries and assistants for their contributions and to attract more people to secretarial careers. The college luncheon is an annual event organized by the faculty of CCC&TI’s office systems technology and medical office systems programs.

**State Museum Hosts Genomic Revolution Exhibit**

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is hosting the exceptional exhibit THE GENOMIC REVOLUTION at the museum in downtown Raleigh. The exhibit runs through Sept. 2. THE GENOMIC REVOLUTION has been assembled by the American Museum of Natural History in New York. North Carolina is the first stop on its international tour. The exhibit is the most comprehensive one ever presented on genomics, including cloning, genetic privacy issues, bio-engineered food and more. Check http://www.naturalsciences.org/exhibits/special_exhibits.html#gr for more information. Admission to the museum itself is free, but there is an admission charge for this exhibit, as follows: ADULTS $6.50, CHILDREN (6-11) $4.50, Seniors (60-plus) $4.50. Friends of the Museum: Free A discount rate of $3 per person for groups of K-12 aged students scheduled in advance through the Capital Area Visitors’ Center. 919-733-3456, is available. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. the first Friday of every month. The NC Museum of Natural Sciences is located between the Legislative Building and the Capitol in the state government complex in downtown Raleigh.