Congratulations to CCC&TI’s 2002 Basketball Intramurals Champs, the Faculty/Staff Upsetters. Finishing up with a 10-2 record, the team took the title for the third consecutive year. Pictured at right, left to right, top row are: David Shockley, Bill Payne, Garrett Hinshaw and Matt Connor; front row: Scott Rogers, Mark Barber and David Holman. Way to go, guys!

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.

Enjoy a delicious lunch on Friday, May 10 and “journey” to the Caribbean for tips on how to relax and recharge your body, mind and soul during a “Fire from the Islands” seminar conducted by motivational/inspirational speaker Denise Ryan. Ryan will take you to places that you'll never imagine - places where you do not have to take your work home with you. This seminar is part of the Home and Garden Show at the Western Carolina Expo on Friday, May 10. The seminar will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Cost is $10. A box lunch will be provided. Deadline for registrations is May 7 at 5 p.m. This event is sponsored by CCC&TI’s Small Business Center. Contact Donna Bean at 726-2383 to register.

The Caldwell Co. Career Center will hold a special celebration of its annual accomplishments on Monday, May 13th. Cherrie Berry, the Commissioner of Labor, will be on hand from 1 to 1:50 p.m. to recognize Career Center apprentices and tour the facility. Awards Night will be held that evening from 6 to 7 p.m. in recognition of student achievements. Those interested in attending should contact Linda Robbins at lrobbins@caldwell.cc.nc.us or 726-2608.

Congratulations to the following new Faculty Senate officers: Nancy Risch, president; Vale Biddix, vice president/treasurer; and Julia Davis, secretary.

This week on The College Connection, Matt Connor interviews two students scheduled to graduate in May from the GED program and Elaine Lockhart previews various summer classes being offered by Corporate and Continuing Education. The show airs on Caldwell Charter Cable Channel 3 each day at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Congratulations to Mary Kincaid, the winner of the $100 Wal-Mart gift certificate raffled off by the Business Club at spring fling. A special thanks to every one who purchased tickets and helped in the club’s fundraisers.

Pictured at right: CCC&TI students slug it out at this year’s Spring Fling held April 26th on the Caldwell Campus. The event, sponsored by the SGA, included an obstacle course, rock wall climbing, fast pitch, giant boxing glove competition, tug-of-war, free pizza, music and more. Thanks to all clubs and those who volunteered their time and efforts to help with the event.

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. CCC&TI’s Small Business Center is sponsoring this seminar. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Donna Bean at 726-2383.

Tune in Tuesday, May 28, at 8 p.m. for a state budget special on UNC-TV. The broadcast, “State Budget Crisis: Cuts And Consequences,” will review the situation, which began about five months after the state budget was passed as state lawmakers realized that savings from budget cuts and dwindling tax revenues had not earned enough capital to balance the budget. By the end of March, at Governor Mike Easley’s request, state senators and representatives proposed another round of cuts, including education, health and human services and the department of correction. The show will profile the impact of budget reductions on the state and its citizens, and a panel of policymakers will discuss options to balance the state budget and answering questions from viewers. UNC-TV is NC’s statewide public TV network. Check local listings for the correct channel.

The Caldwell Chronicle is a weekly, electronic publication for CCC&TI friends and family. Items for inclusion should be submitted to the Marketing & Communications Department by noon each Thursday. Call 726-2257 or e-mail your news to Marla Christie, public information officer, at mchristie@caldwell.cc.nc.us or Kara Presnell, public information assistant, at kpresnell@caldwell.cc.nc.us. CCC&TI is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

The Scoop...

Ophthalmic Medical Personnel Attend Seminar Hosted by CCC&TI

More than 50 ophthalmic medical personnel from three states attended a “Brush Up on the Basics” seminar recently at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. The seminar was sponsored and coordinated by the Ophthalmic Medical Assistant program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Seven hours of credit for continuing education were earned for those in attendance from the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO).

Topics covered included ophthalmic charting, triage, ocular motility and adjunctive testing. Area guest speakers were Dr. Trey Oursler of Graystone Ophthalmology, Hickory; Dr. Jack Gillis, Iredell Eye Center, Statesville; Sandra Gay, Graystone Ophthalmology, Hickory; Michelle Willis, East Carolina Retinal Consultants, Greenville, NC; JoAnne Legacki, Wake Forest University Eye Center, Winston-Salem; Dr. Tim Martin, Wake Forest University Eye Center, Winston-Salem; and Barbara Harris, Graystone Ophthalmology and director/instructor of CCC&TI’s OMA program.

One of the highlights of the day was a game show called “Test Your Eye-Q,” where four teams competed in answering Jeopardy-style questions. The CCC&TI OMA student team won high praise as it won the competition over three teams of experienced ophthalmic assistants. The OMA curriculum is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to practice in the field of ophthalmology. Graduates are qualified for employment in medical institutions, clinics or physicians’ groups. For more information on the OMA diploma program, contact Harris at (828)726-2367.
Area Piano Students Audition for Membership in National Organization

Dozens of students from around the Unifour participated in a three-day piano-playing event recently sponsored by the National Piano Teachers Guild at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Broyhill House in Lenoir. Rhonda Smith, coordinator of the event and a part-time music instructor at the college, said each student received a certificate at the end of individual auditions during which they performed music from the standard piano repertoire. Raymond Dudley of Columbia, S.C., an international concert pianist who has performed with the London and New York Philharmonic orchestras, served as adjudicator for the local session.

Area piano teachers with students entered in the event include Anna Bottoms of Lenoir, Rhonda Smith of Hudson, Valera Gregory and Betty Jean Smith, both of Hickory, Nancy Tyler of Marion and Sharon Kellam of Boone. More than 120,000 students across the country are expected to participate in this year’s event at selected sites. Founded in 1929, the basic aim of the guild is to establish attainable goals, honors, and cash awards for piano pupils of all grades and talent through noncompetitive evaluation in the Annual National Piano Playing Auditions.

CCC&TI’s 2002 Annual Fund Campaign
“On Target” For Goal

The final report meeting of the 2002 Annual Fund for Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute revealed that contributions are still coming in as the campaign’s celebration luncheon on May 7 draws near. John A. Forlines, Jr., campaign chairman, said he was confident that the celebration luncheon would be a “true celebration” and that the campaign would meet and exceed its goal of $225,000.

“It’s been a difficult campaign because of the weak economy,” Forlines said, “Everybody had to work a little harder.” The key to the campaign’s success has been the addition of 164 new contributors, according to Forlines. “This should be a big help for future years,” he said. He thanked many “regulars” who increased their contribution this year because the college’s needs are greater than ever. Expressing appreciation for all those who already contributed to the campaign, Forlines also invited anyone who has not contributed to do so now.

Forlines praised campaign workers at the meeting. This year’s team captains are: H. Edwin Beam, Donna Belk, Sheila Burns, Barbara Freiman, Ann Hancock, Kim Hutchens, Wayne Keller, Kim Kincaid, Dick Mitchell, Shirley Orrell, Mary Frances Sullivan, Reva Tunnire, Barbara Weiller and a 17-member faculty/staff team. Forlines and Peg Broyhill, chair of the college foundation, also serve as team captain.

The celebration luncheon for all campaign workers will be held at noon on May 7 at the college’s Broyhill House in Lenoir. Final campaign results will be reported at that time. Donations may be mailed to the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute at 2855 Hickory Boulevard, Hudson, NC 28638.