This Week at CCC&TI

19  Welcome Students!
Fall curriculum classes begin

19-20  Schedule Change Period
Current students should see
Student Svcs. to add or drop
classes.

22  “Success in College,” Student
Panel, F-153, 12-12:50 p.m.

23  Dream Scholarship Awards
Ceremony, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Don’t see your event listed?
Contact the Marketing and
Communications Department.

Happy Birthday
Patty Greer, Jayme Braun,
Tony Lingle, Carolyn Woodard
and Laurie James

What’s Happening?

Interested in NJCAA women's volleyball, men’s basketball or
cheerleading? Contact Coach Bill Payne at 726-2388 or email
bpayne@cccti.edu.

Tune into CCC&TI’s weekly cable show, “The College
Connection,” this week as Director Keith Smith gives a sneak
preview of Foothills Performing Arts Theatre’s upcoming production of “The Cotton
Patch Gospel.” The program airs daily at 7 a.m. and 7 pm. on Caldwell Co. Cable Ch. 3.

Stumped with that math problem? Looking for help with class? The
Academic Support Center offers FREE tutors, computer programs,
videos, placement test review, English/Writing lab and more. Sharpen your
study skills, conquer math or test anxiety, or just find a quiet place to study.
The Academic Support Center is located on the first floor of F Bldg.

Next week: Look here for details about Club Day, volleyball and upcoming season events
at the college’s J.E. Broyhill Civic Center!

Deadline for announcements for the Caldwell Chronicle is every Thursday at noon.
Contact the Marketing and Communications Dept. at 726-2202 or e-mail your news
to Marla Christie, public information officer, at mchristie@cccti.edu.

The Scoop...

CCC&TI Employees Kick Off New Semester

Beginning his eighth year at Caldwell Community College and Technical
Institute, President Kenneth A. Boham welcomed employees to the fall semester at its
recent annual orientation, lauding the institution’s second consecutive superior rating
awarded by the state last month. The college was one of only three to be honored with
the distinction for the last two years and one of only ten this year to meet all six of six
required performance measures based on quality instruction and overall satisfaction.
Boham reflected on major college events and achievements, charging employees to
continue their commitment in making CCC&TI the best it can be.
Boham shared that CCC&TI saw its ninth consecutive semester of enrollment growth this past year, increasing its total number of students by a whopping 13 percent over the previous year. CCC&TI celebrated a record 542 GED and Adult High School graduates along with 471 curriculum graduates in its May commencement exercises.

The college also looked on with pride as its Cobras finished sixth in the nation in NJCAA, Division III men’s basketball. Employees, students and the community rallied behind the team as it advanced to the national championship tournament in Delhi, New York. Two CCC&TI players, Trae Smith and Curtis Jones, were named All-American.

Other accomplishments for the 2001-02 year included progress with the college’s Title III Grant with its key focus on access to education. Boham reported a large number of employees took advantage of the opportunity to receive training in technology while the number of distance learning classes and students continued to rise with the convenience of online classes and telecourses.

A total of more than $2.2 million in external funding and grants was awarded to the college during the year. Major grants included the Department of Education’s Title III and Student Support Services Grants, the North Carolina Community College System Comprehensive Family Literacy and Literacy Block Grants, Caldwell County Smart Start and the Western North Carolina Center and CCC&TI’s Even Start Program.

CCC&TI spent the year “blazing trails” as a pilot school for the CIS project, providing input into the design of the new administrative software for the North Carolina Community College System. “It has not been without pains,” commented Boham, “but we’re moving ahead.” Student information was entered into the new system for the first time during fall semester registration with online registration scheduled within the next year. The system will further provide the capability for more web-based applications and data imaging (CD’s) for records versus insurmountable paper trails for items such as grades, payroll, schedules, student and employee records, inventory and more. The institution was one of eight colleges selected for the project, based on its size, commitment and experience.

Boham reported that the college is moving forward with the construction projects funded by the Higher Education State Bond in 2000. The northeast site on the Caldwell Campus at the intersection of Mt. Herman Road and Highway 321 is being cleared and prepared for fill for future development. Renovations to the conference facilities at the college’s J.E. Broyhill Civic Center are under discussion and scheduled to begin in January. Construction of the new television studio and distance learning production facility in B Building is well underway for completion in time for spring semester. Blasting and clearing of property just above CCC&TI’s Watauga Campus will begin soon in preparation for modular units to provide space for additional growth to consolidate services and meet area demand.

As part of the Appalachian Learning Alliance, CCC&TI continues to serve a growing number of students working toward their bachelor’s degrees through Appalachian State University. The college continues to pursue the ASU/CCC&TI Teacher Training Center to address the national teacher shortage, making it more convenient for a greater number of local students to prepare for a career in education. The concept has received much favorable support at the local and national levels, according to Boham.

CCC&TI can be equally proud of international attention as educators from the United Kingdom visited the campus last spring to learn more about the college’s partnerships with business and industry and its strategic planning process. Several members of the group have already requested a return visit to the college next spring.

In addressing the state budget situation, Boham said it has been the worst year in terms of trying to act and anticipate its impact on the college. “It’s been a real roller coaster,” he said. The college is braced for the coming year as it still awaits a final budget.

“I am proud of you and of the college,” Boham said. “It takes a great everything to be superior, and we want to be superior from the inside out. Continue to work together, concentrate on the positive and take pride in our accomplishments.”

**CCC&TI Employees Celebrated for Service**

A number of CCC&TI employees were honored for their commitment to the college. Kathy Gragg, network support administrator, was named this year’s recipient of the E.M. Dudley Employee Achievement Award for her dedication. Her commitment in dealing with the implementation of the new Colleague System has required extensive travel and the knowledge of how to transition and apply changes to every area of the institution. “Kathy is a one-of-a-kind,” said her nominator.

The Lydia Beam Memorial Award was presented to Chris Thompson, administrative assistant to the industrial area, for her outstanding performance, cooperation and dedication to the success of the institution. “She has shown composure, initiative and dedication to her job, particularly with the transition to a new truck driver training director,” wrote her nominator.

Rhonda Smith, music instructor, (not pictured) was named recipient of the Outstanding Part-time Faculty Award for her “enthusiasm and devotion to students and the college family.” Smith has taught Music Appreciation and American Music classes for eight semesters in addition to accompanying the CCC&TI chorus for more than six years.

Chosen on the basis of job performance, collegiality, professionalism and other attributes normally associated with “best-all-around” employee, this year’s Colleagues of the Year include: Penny Whisnant, program assistant, Corporate and Continuing Education; Gloria Barlowe, technician,
Computer Information Services; Melissa Davis, mathematics instructor; and Christina Toy, speech and communications instructor. The honorees were presented with an inscribed memento, and their names will be added to a plaque displayed in the college administration building.

Orientation concluded with the following presentation of awards for years of service to CCC&TI:

5 Years: Anna Alexander, Maggie Buchanan, Jean Cauthen, Angela Crotts, Dale Joyner, Patricia Joyner, Linda Wortman Lowe, Paula Rash, Susan Wooten and Melodie Yancey.
10 Years: Cindy Parsons and Anita Triplett
15 Years: Bonnie Brown, Martha Minton and JoAnne Johnson
20 Years: Janice Van Osdol
25 Years: Mark Richard
30 Years: Brenda Goble, James Patterson and Dixie Poarch.

Students Participate in Lions Club Vision Screening Project

Nine students enrolled in the Ophthalmic Medical Assistant program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently participated in a community service project with the Lions Club of Lenoir. The students assisted Lions Club members with a vision-screening project. Barbara Harris, director of the college’s OMA program, said this is the third year students have participated in the event. “Participating in the Lions Vision Van screening has become a tradition with the OMA students. This is the third year in which we have been able to assist the local Lions Clubs in this endeavor,” she said. “This type of community service affords the OMA students an opportunity to apply the clinical skills that they have learned while helping to screen for a disease that has no symptoms until vision loss has occurred.”

Harris said the benefits of the program are so great to both students and community members that she plans to keep her students involved. “We are already planning next year’s screening,” she said.

About 75 area residents took advantage of the opportunity to have vision screening completed in the Lions Club Vision Van at the Lenoir K-Mart parking lot on U.S. 321 North. The students tested visual acuity and visual fields. Harris performed Tonopen intraocular pressure readings for glaucoma while Ronald Amaker, OD, and William Harris, MD, oversaw the project and completed other testing.

CCC&TI students participating in this year’s vision screening were Melissa Canter, Kamie Clontz, Betsy Foster, Jodi Hammond, Crystal Helton, Sherri Hicks, Mary Huffman, Tong Moua and Rochelle Smith. The one-year OMA diploma program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to work as ophthalmic medical personnel. Graduates are qualified for employment in medical institutions, clinics or physicians’ groups. Applications are now being accepted for the May 2003 term. For more information, contact Harris at (828)726-2367.

CCC&TI Welcomes Growing Number of Huskins Students

Huskins students at CCC&TI received a special welcome as college and public school officials held orientation on the college campus recently. A total of 640 are registered for the innovative program this year that offers students a headstart on their college degrees by earning both high school and college credit for selected courses at CCC&TI. Classes are offered on the college campus, at area high schools and at the Caldwell County Career Center.

“The most appealing aspect of the Huskins program is that classes are tuition free. Textbooks and supplies are provided by the public schools,” said Ann Edwards, CCC&TI Huskins program coordinator and former principal at Davenport Elementary School in Lenoir.

The orientation session included a warm welcome from administrators and an overview of expectations. Students were then introduced to instructors and assisted with any remaining registration information.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for you to take advantage of classes both here and at your high schools,” said CCC&TI President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham. “We embrace you as our student and hope you have a wonderful experience.”

By attending college classes, Huskins students may take advantage of a full range of college services, including academic tutoring, financial, personal and career counseling. Students are subject to college rules and procedures.

Popular course offerings in the program include autobody, cosmetology, drafting, health occupations, horticulture and more. Those interested in enrolling for the January term should contact their guidance counselors.
CCC&TI’s Dream Scholars Honored

What do you want to be when you grow up? Graduates and transfer students of the popular Dream Scholarship program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute shared their dreams and accomplishments at a recent dinner held in their honor at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. CCC&TI foundation board members, college officials, sponsors and volunteers gathered to celebrate student achievements and offer their continued support.

The promise of an education has fueled the dreams of 32 students who have graduated from CCC&TI or transferred to other state colleges and universities with assistance from the college’s popular Dream Scholarship program. Since 1989, the program has provided free college tuition for deserving sixth graders in Caldwell and Watauga counties based on recommendations from the public school systems. The program targets those students who show potential through academic ability and leadership yet might not otherwise have the means or support to consider a college education.

“This program serves as the ‘wizard’in ‘The Wizard of Oz,’” commented Dr. Tony Deal, former executive vice president at CCC&TI. “These students already have the wisdom, heart and courage. This program just allows them to believe they have it.” Deal brought the idea to CCC&TI after hearing of similar efforts in New York.

“It’s all about options,” said Richard Steer, who will transfer to Appalachian State University this fall to study graphics design. “I always wanted to do something with art, and this scholarship has opened the door for me.” Finishing CCC&TI with a 3.5 grade point average, Steer will be able to transfer his classes for credit at ASU.

Fellow dream scholar, Bradley Shook of Gamewell will graduate from ASU in May with a degree in public relations and a minor in business. “The scholarship gave me goals to strive for,” said Shook. “The program also showed me how to develop them and how to get there.”

Nikki Robinson said the Dream scholarship gave her confidence and the opportunity to better provide for her son, adding that the scholarship prompted her to work harder than she might have in high school, taking harder courses and graduating with honors. In fact, CCC&TI has become a family event for the Robinsons where Nikki’s mother and brother are also enrolled. Robinson will transfer to ASU this fall to pursue her degree in chemistry.

Amber Miller, who worked as a part-time receptionist at CCC&TI, is a recent graduate of the college’s transfer program. Miller will attend ASU this fall where she plans to study psychology. “This has been a great stepping stone toward reaching my goals,” she said.

CCC&TI’s first Dream graduate, Jason Lovins, shared that he was ecstatic to learn of the scholarship as a sixth grader. A graduate of CCC&TI, Lovins transferred to Gardner-Webb University with has sights on a master’s degree in business administration, possibly considering a career in education.

“These people now have a vision. They know what’s in front of them, and that’s what success is all about,” said Garrett Hinshaw, CCC&TI dean of student services. “The scholarship instills hope without placing a burden on the family. It says that education is important, and that will touch the lives of families for generations to come.”

Debbie Yount, who has coordinated the Dream Scholarship program since its inception, was recognized for her contributions. “I have 600 children,” she laughed. Serving as a mentor, Yount keeps up with the names, follows grades, sends birthday and congratulatory cards, and is always there to provide support and encouragement for these students in helping them to meet their goals.

“You are truly setting the pace for others,” said Peg Broyhill, chair of the foundation of CCC&TI, to the Dream students. “We’re so proud of you, and we’re still here for you.”

CCC&TI’s Watauga Campus also held a Dream Scholar Reception earlier this month for a record number of 29 new scholarship recipients in Watauga County. “We try to get the ‘dreamer’s and their families together with their sponsors and let them connect,” said Jane Rex, director of Watauga Student Support Services. The dessert social included an overview of the college along with career awareness activities.

CCC&TI will award a record total of 68 Dream Scholarships at its annual ceremony on August 22. “This program is contagious,” added Broyhill. “We will not be through with our jobs until we’ve touched every sixth grader in need.”

Community College System President Applauds House Budget at State Board Meeting

RALEIGH: “The Senate Appropriations was very good to us and the House has improved on that,” said North Carolina Community College System President H. Martin Lancaster at the State Board of Community Colleges meeting on Friday morning. “The House budget is modified in ways that greatly benefit our System.”

Lancaster praised the House for restoring $7.1 million in essential Summer Term Funding, the Senate had completely eliminated the line item. The House also provided Full Enrollment Growth Funding of $51.8 million, $1.2 million more than approved by
the Senate. This amount reflects the final enrollment growth figures reported by the System of 51,939 FTE, a 10.35% increase for 2001-2002. The bill also includes full funding for North Carolina Information Highway line charges.

"It's now in the hands of the Conference Committee," Lancaster told the State Board. He urged the members to contact House and Senate committee members to state the case for community colleges.

In other action the State Board approved Lynne Bunch as Interim President of College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City. Bunch will maintain her responsibilities as Vice President of College Advancement while serving as Interim President. She replaces former president Dr. Sylvester McKay, who now heads Baltimore City Community College.

The Board approved the distribution of $138,308 in Technology Enhancement Grant to 17 community colleges (list attached). The funds are part of a congressional appropriation arranged by U.S. Representative David Price.

The Board also heard about the participation of the NCCCS in the production of two national Literacy television series. Dr. Randy Whitfield, NCCCS Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Services, was a consultant on the project that produced the series. Madison Heights is a series of ten dramas and Lifelines is a series of ten documentaries featuring real people in real situations, including a North Carolina community college student. Both series are designed to assist adult learners and will be broadcast on public television stations across the country.

Memorials and Tributes

Memorial gifts and honoraria are very meaningful ways to express sympathy for a bereaved family or to demonstrate high regard for someone who is both respected and admired. When you want to let the family of a deceased loved one know that you share their grief or when you want to recognize, express gratitude, or congratulate someone, consider sending a tax-deductible gift to the CCC&TI Foundation. The family of the deceased loved one or the person you have honored with your gift will be notified through a special gift card. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following tributes, which were received July 16 through August 15, 2002:

In Honor of Dr. and Mrs. Clayton Dean to the David Pittman Student Emergency Fund:
- Ms. Margaret E. Agle

In Honor of Jimmy Hemphill to the Jimmy Hemphill Scholarship Fund:
- Alice and James Whisnant

In Honor of Martha Hollar, on the occasion of her birthday, to the Basic Skills Fund:
- Edie and James Hipp

In Honor of Gilma Roberts and her devotion to student success, to the Student Support Services' Mentoring Lunch Program:
- Foothills Performing Arts, Inc.

In Memory of Freddy Arnold, to the Basic Skills' Cap and Gown Fund:
- Ms. Lynn L. Rascoe

In Memory of Melinda Carlton, to the Dream Scholarship Fund:
- Camille and Darryl Annas

In Memory of Melinda Carlton, to the Dr. H. E. Beam Scholarship Fund:
- Lorraine and Charles Minton
- Alice and James Whisnant

In Memory of Loye Steven Drum, brother of Trudi Denise Drum, to the General Scholarship Fund:
- Mr. N. Douglas Beach, Jr.

In Memory of Robert Kennedy, Watauga BLET instructor, to the BLET Program Fund:
- Andy and Jan Burgess
- Alice and James Whisnant

In Memory of Meena Prasad, wife of Dr. Dan Prasad, to the Humanities Fund:
- Camille and Darryl Annas

In Memory of Carroll Setzer, Sr., wife of Nancy Setzer, to the BLET Program Fund:
- Perry and Jan Austin
- CCC&TI Faculty Senate
- Mr. Charles and Dr. Lorraine Minton
- Mr. David Robbins
- Alice and James Whisnant