Beat the Rush! Early registration for current students on the Caldwell Campus will be Monday, Nov. 4 through Thursday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Early registration for Watauga Campus will be held Nov. 11-12. Students should meet with their advisors now to plan for spring classes.

Sharp Shooter? A Pool tournament, sponsored by the Circle K Club, will be held from Nov. 18 to Nov. 22 and is open to students, faculty and staff. Participants must sign up and pay an entry fee of $2.00 by the first day of the tournament. Sign-up sheets are located in B-building on the bulletin board at the offices of Marty Dellinger and Susan Wooten. The game is 8-ball, call your shots, with double elimination. If a participant misses a game he/she forfeits. Winners will receive prizes and/or trophies. All proceeds will go to help the Circle K Club fund service projects.

Stressed? The Physical Therapist Assistant Club will hold its next Massage Clinic on the Caldwell Campus on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the PTA Lab (E-101). Cost is $10 for 15-minute massage; $15 for a 30-minute massage; and $25 for a one hour massage. Appointments are highly recommended. Email Kim Fletcher (kfletcher@cccti.edu). Walk-ins are welcome. BIOFREEZE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE - a great holiday gift item for those Christmas stockings.

Learn more about area companies and potential jobs at the upcoming Employers Showcase sponsored by Career Services and Caldwell Memorial Hospital. Over 20 local employers will be on hand to network and share information on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym.

The Business Club will hold a covered dish luncheon at its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14. A food sign-up sheet is located on the Business Club bulletin board (F-217). Members are reminded that all items for the Thanksgiving project are due that day, and we will be voting on our Christmas project. For more information, contact Betty Jolly.

Need help getting a job? Looking for a better job? The next Pre-Job Class will be held from November 11 to December 13, Mon. through Fri., 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Explore careers. Develop a great resume. Master interview skills. Match yourself to a good job. Work on your GED, if necessary. The class is free to those who qualify! Pre-register by calling 726-2275 or 726-2274.

The Caldwell County Health Department will be giving flu shots in the Student Lounge on the Caldwell Campus, Nov. 19th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost will be $10.00. If you write a check, please make it out to Caldwell County Health Department. You don't have to sign up - just show up!
The Watauga Campus held its annual Halloween festivities on Thursday, Oct. 31. Events included costume and pumpkin-carving contests in addition to special story-telling sessions featuring English instructor, Elizabeth Hardy. Winners for the pumpkin-carving contest were: First place, John DeVirgilis; Second place, John Burdette; and Third place, Jessica Peacock. Winners for the Best Costume contest went to: First place, Allison Schumacher as “Lady Liberty;” Second place, Rebekah Cothren as “Never More;” and Third place, John Edwards as “New Castle.” Be sure to check out the Halloween photos online at www.ccti.edu.

The Watauga Campus held its annual Fall Festival on Thursday Oct. 17. The students were able to vote earlier in the semester as to who they would prefer to cater the event, and Back Yard Burgers was the chosen favorite. Instructor Frederico Castelloes, along with his students from the Caldwell campus, put on a Capoeira presentation during this highly anticipated event. This 400-year old Brazilian martial art involves balance, strength, rhythm and focus. Students were also encouraged to donate to the Hunger Coalition through raffle. Aside from the rainy weather, this year's Fall Festival was a success. Other upcoming events at the Watauga Campus include the Bloodmobile on Thursday, Nov. 7 and a Christmas/holiday Door Decorating Contest. Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due Friday, Nov. 22.

Tune into CCC&TI's weekly cable show, "The College Connection," this week as Elaine Lockhart talks about the new Teacher Assistant Institute and Jan Overman highlights the nursing program. Next week, join the Watauga Campus for Halloween festivities, featuring tales from Elizabeth Hardy; David Briggs previews upcoming holiday events at the Broyhill Civic Center. The program airs daily at 7 a.m. and 7 pm. on Caldwell Co. Cable Ch. 3.

Caldwell Campus Canteen
Weekly Specials -
(Week of Nov. 4th)

Monday: Breakfast: 2 Bacon, 1 Egg Croissant, sm. Coffee $2.00
Lunch or Dinner: Cheeseburger, sm. Fries, med. Drink $3.25
Tuesday: Breakfast: Gravy Biscuit, 2 Links, Lg. Coffee $1.75
Lunch or Dinner: Roast Beef & Cheese Sandwich, sm. Fries, med. Drink $3.35
Wednesday: Breakfast: Livermush & Egg Biscuit, Lg. Coffee $1.75
Lunch or Dinner: Broccoli Soup, Grilled Cheese, med. Drink $3.25
Thursday: Breakfast: 2 Pancakes, 2 Bacon, Lg. Coffee $2.00
Lunch or Dinner: Chicken Fillet, sm. Fries, med. Drink $3.25
Friday: Breakfast: 1 Sausage, 1 Egg, 2 Toast, Lg. Coffee $1.65
Lunch: Whiting Sandwich, sm. Fries, med. Drink $2.75

The Scoop...

SWING! Comes to Civic Center

The original Broadway musical SWING! will come to the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. SWING! is a celebration of the music and dance phenomenon that swept the nation in the 1930s and 1940s and has returned to become one of today's fastest growing trends. SWING! opened on Broadway at the St. James Theatre Dec. 9, 1999, to powerful praise for its music, its dance and its style. More than a dance revue, SWING! crosses ethnic and cultural barriers, highlighting an eclectic mix of Jive, Latin Swing, West Coast Swing, Hip-Hop Swing and Country Western Swing.

Nominated for six Tony Awards, including “Best New Musical,” “Best Director,” “Best Choreography,” and “Best Orchestrations,” SWING! is an all-singing, all-dancing evening of entertainment featuring a mix of new and classic songs and over 30 tour de force dance numbers - some comic, some romantic, some nostalgic, some sexy.

SWING!, sponsored by the Broyhill Family Foundation, features spectacular vocal performances, while the entire show is driven by the dynamic sound of a hot neo-swing band. In addition to several original songs, SWING! features classic tunes such as “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,” “It Don’t Mean a Thing (If It Ain’t Got That Swing),” “Jumpin’ at the Woodside,” “Stompin at the Savoy,” and many more.

To purchase tickets contact the box office Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (828) 726-2407. Tickets are $35.50 for single platinum and $32.50 for single gold seating. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

Moscow Ballet to Present

*The Nutcracker*

Share in the holiday tradition as the Moscow Ballet presents The Great Russian Nutcracker with two performances slated for Saturday, Nov. 23, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. The timeless story is brought to life by the return of an extraordinary group of talented Russian dancers. Accompanying the troupe in the performance will be more than 50 local dancers from the Star Steps Dance Academy under the direction of Roxanne Smith.

Returning to the U.S. for the eighth consecutive year, the Moscow Ballet is a top-level international ballet company that has been heralded for its uniquely Russian style and its embodiment of the classical traditions of Russian dance. The Moscow Ballet includes graduates from the most eminent ballet schools in Russia such as The Kirov, The Bolshoi and Perm Ballet School. The *Courier Post* has described the Moscow Ballet’s rendition of “The Great Russian Nutcracker” as holiday enchantment, and the *Shreveport Times* deemed the troupe’s performance as being as close to perfection as one can hope for.

The story of “The Great Russian Nutcracker” begins when a little girl accepts the gift of an ugly nutcracker. The gift is the favorite toy of her Uncle Drosselmeier, a man with magic powers. Little does the child know as she takes the gift that she is in for a fairy-tale adventure. As she approaches sleep, her dream of being a princess and meeting a handsome prince begins to come true as Drosselmeier works his magic. This holiday performance has long been a favorite of all ages.

The national tour of Nutcracker is sponsored by the Saturn L Series and locally by Comfort Inn, Golden Corral, Foothills Radio Group, Jem-Clean, Triangle Communications and Broyhill Family Foundation.

Tickets are $28.50 for single platinum and $25.50 for single gold and may be purchased by calling the civic center at (828)726-2407. Box office hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visa, Mastercard and Discover are accepted.

State Conference to Aid College and Community Planning

Looking ahead to the Year 2020, nearly 200 leaders from across the state gathered for the second Future Search Conference hosted recently by Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Participants from every sector of business and industry met at the Broyhill Civic Center to provide invaluable input into the direction, challenges and needs of the future. The data will be used to assist CCC&TI with the next phase of its strategic planning process.

Keynote speaker Tom Covington, executive director of the North Carolina Progress Board, shared information recently released in the organization’s 20/20 Strategic Visioning Report. The report, spanning 120 goals and measures, paints a bleak picture for the future of N.C. “While the budget appears to be a problem, it is not the only one,” Covington noted. “It is an outward sign of an invisible problem. Money won’t resolve all our problems. It is policies, planning and attitude that will affect change.”

Covington identified key interrelationships among jobs, the economy, education, families, communities and the environment, pointing out the critical role of active citizenship and government in affecting change. “It is important to look at how all of this ties together,” he said. Conference participants provided much insight into such areas as occupational changes and trends, needs and challenges of the workforce and community, and overall quality of life. Groups also addressed the opportunities and threats that the college should consider to ensure a positive impact on education and economic development. Discussion centered around planning trends and assumptions collected from a broad range of state and community resources.

“This conference is a vital part of the college’s planning process,” noted Larry Taylor, chairman of CCC&TI’s board of trustees. “It is an opportunity to position the region to adapt to change and to renew and form partnerships instrumental in affecting that change.”

“So many vital things are coordinated, spurred on and led by community colleges,” said Senator Virginia Fox, also a conference participant. “I commend CCC&TI and its trustees for having a focus.”

“We are proud to have received a superior performance rating by the state for the second consecutive year,” CCC&TI President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham told guests. “In fact, we have visitors from the United Kingdom who will return for a second visit in November just to study our planning process. With two years remaining in the college’s five-year plan, we have already completed 32 of the 36 goals identified from CCC&TI’s first Future Search Conference held in 1998. We rely heavily on your input in shaping our mission and determining how the college can best move forward in seeking a common vision for our area.”

Feedback generated from the conference will be compiled in a report to participants and community leaders. CCC&TI will use the data to develop and define its next strategic plan.
Did You Know?

- 51 percent of the state’s population currently resides in only 15 counties
- N.C. has the fourth fastest growing enrollment in the public school system in the country; Students enter the system speaking more than 180 languages.
- By 2010, it is estimated that 85 percent of jobs will require competencies the equivalent of 14 years or more of education
- Population is expected to increase by four million by the year 2020.
- Although N.C. boasts the highest number of volunteers in the nation, the last voter turnout was the lowest since 1972.
- One million residents cannot read or write well enough to hold a job.
- The college-going rate is 34th in the nation.
- Weather predictions for 2020 forecast a hotter, drier climate with more hurricanes.
- N.C. ranks ninth in the country for residents traveling the most miles to jobs.
- Sixty-five percent of the deaths in N.C. are preventable; leading cause is heart disease.

Selected findings compiled from the “2020 Strategic Visioning Report.”

Two CCC&TI Students Receive Scholarships

The Business Club at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently awarded scholarships to two students. Judy Bentley and Melody Tippins were selected to receive the scholarship this year, which covers tuition and other expenses.

Bentley, originally from Asheville, is pursuing degrees in Information Systems and Medical Office Administration and plans to graduate in May. She was thrilled to receive the scholarship.

“I was proud of myself,” said Bentley. “I am the first member of my family to go to college. The scholarship will help me graduate and prove to my family that college is important and that it can change lives.”

Bentley wants to get a job where she can apply the skills of her degrees to better herself and her family. “I want to be a role model for my children,” she said, “so they will make the decision to go to college when the time comes.”

She is active in her community and supports her children’s day care. Bentley currently serves as President of the Business Club and is a student ambassador for CCC&TI.

Tippins, a Lenoir native, was stunned when she received the scholarship. “I did not think I could make it in college because I disliked high school,” said Tippins. “I got a job and went to work but was laid off a year ago and had the opportunity to attend college. The instructors provide a good atmosphere and make it easy to learn. That makes the difference.”

“No one at CCC&TI will tell you that you can’t succeed,” said Tippins. “Instructors have faith in their students and want us to succeed. They will help out in any way they can.”

Tippins plans to graduate in May with a degree in Business Administration. She will continue in the Paralegal program and hopes to finish in December 2003. Tippins enjoys working in real estate and wants to help clients close deals on houses of their own.

The Business Club, sponsored by Betty Jolly, awards a full scholarship to a member of the club each year. Members complete an application including information about their family situations, financial obligations, their goals, and the reason they would like to receive the scholarship. A panel of two students and three business faculty members rate the applicants and decide on the most deserving.

“Usually we award one scholarship,” said Jolly. “But this year because Melody and Judy were strong candidates, we decided to split the award between both of them.”

The club has been awarding scholarships since the early 1990s, when the club was formed. The club has multiple fundraisers during the year to raise money for the scholarships. Next year the club plans to give as many scholarships as possible.

Any student can become a member of the Business Club. The club acts as a support system and offers students enrichment in their professional and personal lives. Monthly meetings featuring current topics of interest are open to all students and employees. Other activities planned for this year include collecting items for the Caldwell County Women’s Shelter, a Christmas project, and fundraising projects. Currently, the club is selling candles to raise scholarship funds and will hold a raffle this spring to help raise more funds.
Cobras Open Basketball Season

CCC&TI opened its 2002-03 men's basketball season Saturday, Nov. 2, at Wentworth, NC against Rockingham C.C., losing 89-63. Though the Cobras trailed by only six points at the half, Rockingham out-rebounded Caldwell 41-23 and outshot CCC&TI, 52% to 26%. The Cobras went on to win their first home game Tuesday, outlasting Queens University in a physical match up, 81-79. Leaders for the Cobras were: Curt Jones, 16 pts. and 7 rebounds; Josh Ramsey, 7 assists. Next game is home Friday at 7 p.m. against Pfeiffer University. On Saturday, Nov. 9, the Cobras host Spartanburg Methodist College at a 3 p.m. game. For additional information, check out sports under Student Life at http:\www.ccciti.edu.

Special congratulations to Curt Jones, recently named to the NJCAA Pre-Season First Team All-American Division III Team.

Lady Cobras Wrap Up Volleyball Season

The Lady Cobras volleyball team played in the Region X Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 26, completing this year’s season of NJCAA Women’s Volleyball. In the first match, Surry C.C. defeated CCC&TI with the scores of 30-15, 30-16 and 1-14. Forsyth Tech defeated the Cobras in the second match by the scores of 30-13, 30-27 and 30-12. The Cobras finished the season with a record of 2-10.

“I want to congratulate the girls on a wonderful season,” said Coach Angela Kanupp. “The girls juggled school, work and their families and still made it to practices and games. I appreciate their efforts in participating and working so hard.”

Coach Kanupp looks forward to next season with the return of five players from this year’s team. Kanupp is busy recruiting players from area high schools for next season.

Special congratulations to Tracey Thompson, recently named to the All Region X Women’s Volleyball Team.