What’s Happening on Campus

Scholarship Announcements

**North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants Scholarships** - $1000 to $5000, Deadline: February 9, 2007. For more information and to submit an on-line application go to www.NCACPA.org/STUDENTS.

**Jeanette Rankin Foundation Scholarship** - $2000, Deadline: March 1, 2007. Candidate must be a woman age 35 or older, pursuing a technical or vocational education, associate's degree or a first bachelor's degree. Student must also be low-income according to the government guidelines. Applications are available at www.rankinfoundation.org.

**American Chemical Society Scholars Program** - Up to $5000, Deadline: March 1, 2007. Careers in medicine or pharmacy are not eligible for this scholarship. For guidelines and to submit an application on-line go to www.chemistry.org/scholars.

**Golden Leaf Transferring Scholarship** - $3000, Deadline: March 15, 2007. Must be currently enrolled, must transfer to one of the state’s public universities in Fall 2007 and must have completed the 2007-2008 FAFSA. Applications may be submitted on-line at www.cfnc.org/goldenleaf.


**State Employees Association of NC (SEANC) Scholarship** - $500, Deadline: April 15, 2007. Must be dependent of NC State employees who are members of the State Employees Association of NC. Applications available in the Financial Aid Office or on-line at www.seanc.org.

**American Dream Scholarship** - $500 to $5000, Deadline: April 15, 2007. Must be of African American descent with financial need. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and be enrolled full-time. Submit an application on-line at www.uncf.org.

**First in My Family Scholarship Program** - $500 to $5000, Deadline: April 15, 2007. Candidates must be of Hispanic descent, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be the first in their family to attend college. Applications can be downloaded at www.hispanicfund.org.

**The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship** - $1000 to $3800, Deadline: May 31, 2007. Open to families with a combined income of $30,000 or less. Student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Selection based on FAFSA. Applications and guidelines are available in the Financial Aid Office.

**Dottie Martin Teacher’s Scholarship** - $500, 2 to 3 awards, Deadline: June 1, 2007. Candidate must be currently enrolled in college or university education programs with an established career plan for teaching. Recent high school graduates are not eligible. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

For more information on scholarships, call CCC&TI’s Financial Aid office at 726-2713.

Want to go to Bermuda?

CCC&TI is offering the opportunity to travel to Bermuda for a course on Tropical Ecosystems. The course will be offered this summer and will culminate with the trip to the Bermuda Biological Station for Research, Inc. from July 23 - 29.

Information Sessions for all those interested in the course:
Wednesday, February 21 -or- Wednesday, March 21
4 pm - Room E-314.

For more information, contact Robin Cantebury at 726-2369 or Sarah McMahon at 726-2236.
Four for the Price of One: J.E. Broyhill Civic Center to Host Midlife Crisis Comedy Tour Featuring Four Nationally Known Comedians.

CCC&T’s J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will present the Midlife Crisis Comedy Tour on Saturday, February 17, at 7:30 pm. The show, which features comedians Jimmy Brogan, Cathy Ladman, Buzz Nutley and Brad Upton, has received rave reviews across the country for its comedic look at the daily challenges of middle age.

Conceived by co-headliner Buzz Nutley, the show was launched in Spring 2005. Nutley is a single father of four from Pittsburg, PA. He has appeared across the U.S. at clubs such as the Improv, The Comedy Store and the Laugh Factory. He has toured nationally with Russian Comedian Yakov Smirnoff and opened for such acts as Chris Rock, Jon Stewart and Bob Saget. As a writer, Nutley’s work has been featured on The Tonight Show, in Reader’s Digest, the LA Times and the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. Nutley has also served as creative consultant, along with Jimmy Brogan, on “As Long As We Both Shall Laugh,” Yakov Smirnoff’s one-man Broadway Show at the American Airlines Theater, which later aired as a PBS-TV special.

Jimmy Brogan is single and a resident of Los Angeles. The comedian, writer and actor has worked on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno as both a writer and warm-up comedian. His stand-up credits include major comedy clubs, colleges and corporate events all over the Unites States. His television credits include appearances on the Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson, the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Night with David Letterman, Merv Griffin Show and Evening at the Improv. He has also hosted several television shows including The Late Show, You Asked For It Again and Comic Strip Live. He has appeared as an actor on the Jerry Seinfeld Show, starred in a sitcom called Out of the Blue and was seen in the movies King Kong, Punchline and Comedian. In addition, Brogan worked with Nutley on “As Long As We Both Shall Laugh” and has worked as a warm-up comedian on such shows as Seinfeld, Taxi, Cheers, Newhart, Golden Girls, Coach and others.

Cathy Ladman is a married mom from Los Angeles who has headlined her own One Night Stand on the HBO network. She has performed stand-up comedy on a number of television shows including The Tonight Show, Penn and Teller’s Sin City, Comic Strip Live, The Caroline Rhea Show and others. She has also appeared in such sitcoms as Everybody Loves Raymond, Just Shoot Me, Mad About You, Caroline in The City and Roseanne. Ladman has also appeared in several films and stage plays.

Comedian Brad Upton is a married father from Seattle, WA. Winner at the Las Vegas Comedy Festival, he has appeared on A&E, MTV and National Public Radio in addition to such comedy clubs as The Improv, The Comedy Works, Hilarities, The Comedy Castle and many more. He has opened concerts for such stars as Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Tim Allen and the late Rodney Dangerfield. He is also featured on Royal Carribean and Holland-America cruises, along with many other corporate events across the U.S.

Nutley has learned that the Midlife Crisis Comedy Tour has great appeal to his fellow mid-lifers, as well as those who are approaching that point in their lives. “People in my age group are experiencing the challenges of work, love, parenthood and more, and trying to balance it on a day-to-day basis,” says Nutley. “We live in the richest nation on earth, yet we probably worry about more things than anyone else.” Nutley hopes that his comedy creation will help people forget about their worries for a short time and learn to laugh at some of life’s most challenging situations.

The Midlife Crisis Comedy Tour will be an evening of laughter and fun for adult audiences. For ticket information, contact the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Box Office at 726-2407 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.
CCC&TI Speech Language Pathology Assistant Graduate Earns Masters Degree.

Febee Icard, a Burke county native and 1999 graduate of CCC&TI's Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program, was so sure that she would not go to college after high school that she didn’t even take her SATs. Now, she has earned not only her associate’s degree from CCC&TI, she has also earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Utah and Utah State University, respectively.

Icard says her parents separated and divorced when she was in middle school and that during her teenage years she was supported by a single mom. “As a result, I did not feel that I could afford going to a 4-year college after high school,” said the former varsity cheerleader. “In fact, I was so certain that I would not attend college that I did not even take the SATs. I soon found out that my mother had other plans for me.”

At her mother’s urging, Icard enrolled in classes at Western Piedmont Community College and continued to take classes every quarter for a few years. “I really had no idea what field to pursue, but knew I needed to find more direction in my education,” said Icard.

A twist of fate and a job at High Hope of Hickory, an organization that worked with developmentally disabled children, gave her the direction she needed. “I was intrigued by all of the therapists that served these children. There were occupational, physical and speech therapists coming in and out of the classroom every day,” said Icard.

One particular therapist and student stood out in Icard’s mind. The child had multiple disabilities that required intense medical treatment that had damaged his vocal cords and made it nearly impossible for him to speak or use his voice in a functional way. The speech therapist was teaching the child to communicate through sign language and, as Icard says, was giving the child a voice. “I was so intrigued at that time with the idea of being able to give other children ‘a voice.’ I knew then that I wanted to be a Speech Language Pathologist.”

From there, Icard found the SLPA program at CCC&TI which prepares students to work under the supervision of a licensed Speech Language Pathologist. The relatively new regional program is offered through CCC&TI’s collaboration with Catawba Valley, Mitchell and Wilkes Community Colleges. Students in the program can take advantage of real-time, interactive instruction through videoconferencing that allows them to ask questions and talk to other students and the instructor from multiple campuses. “This is a new program for a new professional area,” says CCC&TI’s SLPA Program Director Linda Wortman-Lowe, “and it is also the first SLPA program in the state to be taught completely through videoconferencing.”

Wortman-Lowe says graduates typically find employment in the school systems or in private practice and are in demand across the state as the field continues to grow. “Employers look to Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute as a first choice in interviewing and subsequently hiring SLPA [professionals] in our region.” In fact, Wortman-Lowe says that 19 new SLPA jobs were developed in the region as a result of the critical need for service providers in the Speech Language Pathology field.

Like those most recent grads from CCC&TI’s SLPA program, Icard’s experience was also a positive one, one that inspired her to continue her education. “The SLPA program at CCC&TI was such a wonderful experience,” said Icard. “[I wanted] to further my education.”

From CCC&TI, Icard moved on to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City where she earned her bachelor’s degree in May of 2003. In Spring of 2004 Icard says she heard about the Outreach Masters Degree Program in Speech Language Pathology offered at Utah State University. The program allowed Icard to work as a Communications Disorders Specialist while also working toward her degree on weekends and during the summer months. Icard finished her coursework for the program in summer of 2006 and received confirmation of her passing score on the Speech Language Pathology Praxis test just before Christmas. According to Wortman-Lowe, Icard is the first CCC&TI SLPA graduate to go on to earn a Master’s Degree in the field.
Currently, Icard is completing her clinical fellowship year in the Davis County School District in Farmington, Utah. “Life is good,” says Icard. “I love what I do!” Icard says she has learned much from her education and the opportunities that life has afforded her. “All things are possible...If you are inspired to look, you will find opportunities everywhere.”

For more information on the Speech Language Pathology Assistant program at CCC&TI, contact Program Director Linda Wortman-Lowe at 726-2457.

Cobra Sports Update

Cobras Win Two, Fall to Danville Community College.

CCC&TI’s Cobras travelled to Central Carolina Community College on Saturday, January 20 for their second conference game and brought home a win. The team battled back from a half-time deficit of eight points to finish with an impressive final score of 111 to 96. “We had great efforts from everyone,” said Coach Matt Connor, “especially our sophomore, Ty Carter, as he led the way to victory with a double-double snatching 32 points and 10 rebounds.” Other leading scorers for the game were Pat Fitzpatrick with 22 points, John Connor with 13 and Jonathan Corpening with 10.

On Wednesday, January 24, the team faced Mayland Community College on the road for another win. The Cobras led by as much as 25 points but turnovers, 17 in the second half alone, narrowed the margin to as little as five points. “We pulled it together and inch ed our way back to a 12 point lead,” said Coach Connor. Final score for the game was 84 to 72. Leading scorers for the Cobras were Pat Fitzpatrick with 22 points, Athalie Rivera with 18 and Ty Carter with 17.

On Saturday, January 27, the Cobras faced Danville Community College, falling to the team in a very close game. CCC&TI had the game tied with only 3.9 seconds left to play. However, a two point conversion and a foul shot sealed their fate and the loss with a final score of 83 to 80. Despite the disappointing finish, the Cobras did have three players earning double-doubles. Athalie Rivera had 19 points and 12 rebounds, Pat Fitzpatrick had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Preston Rudisill had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

The Cobras’ record stands at 9 and 13 for the season.

Lady Cobras Win Two, Clinch a Spot in Regional Tournament.

CCC&TI’s Lady Cobras faced Piedmont Bible College on Monday, January 22 for another win, with a final score of 72 to 35. “We played the most complete team basketball game that we have played all year long,” stated Head Coach Mike Hainrihar. Leading scorers for the game were Camil Fletcher with 23 points, Tia Corpening with 12 points and Morgan Church with 12 points.

On Sunday, January 28, the team travelled to Warren Wilson College for yet another victory. The game finished with an almost unbelievable final score of 105 to 15. With the win, the Lady Cobras moved to 12 and 7 for the season and clinched a spot in the regional tournament in Alleghany, Pennsylvania in February. CCC&TI’s Lady Cobras are ranked 9th in Division III women’s basketball by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

CCC&TI’s Camil Fletcher Named NJCAA Player of the Week.

The NJCAA named CCC&TI Lady Cobra Camil Fletcher as Player of the Week for the week ending January 13. Fletcher is a 5’5” point guard who led Caldwell to a 1-1 record the previous week with a win over Piedmont Baptist College and a loss to Division I Walters State. Against Piedmont she had 20 points, three rebounds, seven assists and six steals while holding the opponents point guard to one point. Against Walters State she had 25 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals while holding the opponents point guard to two points. On the week she was 10-of-22 from the floor and 17-of-28 from the free-throw line. Congratulations Camil!

Support your Cobras at the next home games:

**Men:** Friday, February 2 vs. Central Carolina Community College, 7 pm
Monday, February 5 vs. Southern Wesleyan College, 7 pm
Thursday, February 8 vs. CVCC, 7 pm

**Women:** Wednesday, February 7 vs. Spartanburg Methodist, 7 pm
Saturday, February 10 vs. Appalachian Bible College, 4:30 pm
Friday, February 16 vs. Thomas Nelson Community College, 7 pm

NCAEOP will be doing concessions during the CVCC game on February 8.

They will be selling hot dogs, chips, drinks and nachos w/cheese.
CCC&TI Holocaust Course Culminates with Trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

The Humanities 170 course, "The Holocaust," which was offered at CCC&TI in Fall 2006, recently concluded with a trip to the nation's capital for a visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Fifteen travelers including students, faculty, staff and guests made the trip to Washington, D.C. to tour the museum, a national institution located adjacent to the National Mall.

According to instructors, the museum helped bring to life many of the issues covered during the course. "This trip made the issues more tangible for our students," said instructor Matt Williams. "It took away the stillness of just reading about the holocaust and made us feel like we were right there." Several students described having an emotional reaction to the artifacts and exhibits. One student commented, "I just wanted to breathe in the history." Fellow instructor and Humanities Department Chair Holly Korta spoke to the weight of the experience. "It really is more than you can take in in just one visit because of the emotional impact."

Students were well prepared for the trip by the comprehensive approach taken by the instructors of the course. Rather than one instructor covering all the various angles of the holocaust, several instructors taught from their areas of expertise. Humanities instructor Holly Korta covered psychology, English Instructor Matthew Williams covered literature, Biology instructor Janice Wheeling covered medical experiments, Religion instructor Matt Connor taught religion, and English instructor Mary Nogle conducted a computer-based role-playing simulation that allowed students to experience what it may have been like to live in Europe in the 1930s and 40s. In addition, guest speaker and CCC&TI art instructor Tom Thieleman lectured on propaganda and art, guest speaker Brent Tomberlin lectured on history and guest speaker Rosemary Horowitz spoke on the history of documenting the holocaust in Jewish culture.

Instructors say that the course and the trip helped to reshape many of the students' ideas about the holocaust. "They have a greater awareness of the holocaust," said Williams. "They learned that this isn't just an historical issue. Genocide is still going on today."

In addition to its educational value, the trip also afforded some students a rare opportunity to see a different side of life. "A lot of students don't get the opportunity to leave the area," said Williams. "This trip provided them with an opportunity to take in some new experiences and get a peek of urban life, life outside Caldwell County."

Instructors say the class will be offered again in Fall 2007 and they hope to garner enough interest from students to return to Washington D.C. and the museum. Instructors also hope to one day make a trip to Poland as part of the course to see many of the historically significant locations first hand.

For more information, call 726-2200.

CCC&TI Offers New Writing Center for Students as Part of the College's Quality Enhancement Plan.

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has opened a writing center on its Caldwell Campus for students who want to improve writing skills. The center is just one way the college is working to improve student writing through its Quality Enhancement Plan, aptly named “Enhancing Writing - Write On.”

Laura Bokus, the newly named Writing Center Coordinator, says the new center and its resources will be a way for students to improve their writing skills overall, not just make better grades on assignments. "The Writing Center will offer one-on-one consultations and tutoring for students," said Bokus. Bokus will also be working with faculty members and instructors to enhance writing assignments across the curriculum, especially in non-English classes.

The Writing Center is just one step the college has taken toward implementing its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a requirement of the reaffirmation of accreditation process for all institutions accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). “The QEP represents a shift from simply justifying what we do to focusing on quality,” said Margaret Hampson, Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Special Projects at CCC&TI and Director of the college's QEP. "I think it's a very positive shift that helps us focus more on student learning."

The college chose to focus on writing for its first QEP based on both national data and the needs of the college's own student population. According to the 2004 National Commission on Writing survey of 120 major U.S. corporations, two thirds of salaried employees in large American companies have some writing responsibility and half of all companies consider writing proficiency when making promotion decisions. In addition, American companies spend as much as $3.1 billion annually remediating writing deficiencies. Locally, some 47% of recent high school graduates taking CCC&TI's placement tests placed into developmental writing classes and an overwhelming 75% of faculty at the college report that students demonstrate weakness in writing skills.

CCC&TI officials hope that the Writing Center will help these students improve their skills and become more competitive in the job market. In a community where the job outlook seems to change daily, being competitive is more important than ever. With high-tech companies looking to bring business to the Caldwell area, education will become an important factor for those looking to land jobs and start new careers. "In my experience, improving writing skills can impact both student lives and the quality of the community " says Bokus. "I hope the Writing Center here impacts student writing thus positively affecting the students and the communities we serve."

For more information on CCC&TI's new Writing Center, contact Coordinator Laura Bokus at 726-2722 or lbokus@cccti.edu.
Meet Laura Bokus

Laura Bokus is CCC&TI's Writing Center Coordinator. She comes to the college from UNC-Charlotte where she taught English composition. Prior to her post at UNC-C, Bokus started and maintained the On-line Writing Lab at East Carolina University where she also taught English Composition. Bokus earned both her undergraduate and Master’s degrees at ECU.

“Everybody has been so welcoming and so supportive,” says Bokus. “I am thrilled to be here. This is my first experience at a community college and I already feel like I know everybody. At a university, that would be impossible.”

Bokus will be available in the new Writing Center to help students improve their writing skills. Bokus is also available to assist faculty members and instructors with designing writing assignments and to visit individual classes to run tutorials for students.

The Writing Center is located on the first floor of the John A. Forlines, Jr. Building in Room F-148. For more information, contact Laura Bokus at 726-2722.

CCC&TI's Culinary Technology Program Debuts “Caldwell Cuisine,” Offering a Sampling of Gourmet Fare to the Community.

CCC&TI's Culinary Technology program is debuting its first “Caldwell Cuisine” event on Thursday, February 1 at 6 pm at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. The dinner, which will be open to the public, will be the first of several events throughout the semester that will feature three to four course meals in various styles prepared by students.

The February 1st event will feature southern cuisine and will offer fried green tomatoes, catfish and pork chops among other regional favorites. This event will mark the first public offering by the program, which started in Fall of 2005.

Demand for the program has remained high since its inception. Forty students are now actively enrolled, while others work toward general education requirements with plans to enter the program in coming semesters. Students come from all over the region, including Caldwell, Catawba, Burke, Watauga and Ashe counties. A number of students are dislocated workers who are training for second careers. Career options for Culinary Technology graduates include work as trained culinary professionals in a variety of food service settings such as restaurants, hotels, resorts, clubs, catering operations and more.

Students get the benefit of both classroom instruction and hands-on practice in the culinary technology lab located at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. In the kitchen, students learn all the latest techniques in food preparation and presentation. Students also get the benefit of participating in regional events such as the upcoming Chili Cook-off at Blowing Rock’s Winterfest, the Sysco Food Show at Grove Park Inn in Asheville and the High Country Chef Salute at the Broyhill Inn in Boone. Such events allow students to learn from professionals in the field and show off their own culinary skills, as well. Second level students may also attend the American Culinary Federation’s regional meeting in Nashville, Tennessee in April.

Culinary Program Director Brenda Dietz says that while all these activities, trips and events are important, this first public venture will really be the best opportunity for the students to shine. “It’s all about the students,” says Dietz, “and these are some of the best students I have ever had. We are very excited about sharing their work with the community.”

Caldwell Cuisine events are scheduled for the following dates:

February 1 - Dishes of the Deep South
February 15 - Cajun and Creole
March 1 - California Cuisine
March 22 - Hawaiian
April 5 - Italian
April 19 - Asian
May 9 - Jamaican

6:30 pm
J.E. Broyhill Civic Center
Cost is $15 per person.

Space is limited. Call the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center box office at 726-2407 to reserve your reservations today.

For more information on CCC&TI’s Culinary Technology Program, contact Director Brenda Dietz at 726-2402.