

# Campus E-News

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## Focus Events

### Thursday, April 22, 2010

- Earth Day 2010  
Campus-wide Clean-up  
and Beautification

### Saturday, April 24, 2010

- Spring Game  
4 p.m. Kickoff  
Callaghan Stadium

### Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, May 6, 2010

- Cap & Gown Receptions  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Alumni Lounge  
Student Center

### Friday, May 7, 2010

- Memorial Carillon Concert  
Honoring Dr. Joseph Marsh  
3 p.m.  
Gather in Fine Arts Lobby

### Friday, May 7, 2010

- Class of 1960 Reception, 4 p.m.  
Alumni Reception, 5 p.m.  
Alumni Dinner, 6 p.m.  
All events – Student Center

### Saturday, May 8, 2010

- Spring Commencement  
Ceremonies 10 a.m., 2 p.m.  
Main Gym  
Carter Center

### Friday, June 11, 2010

- Homer K. Ball Memorial  
Scholarship Golf Tournament  
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start  
Pipestem Resort State Park



## From the Desk of . . .

There is something amazing happening in our community!

It's the 9th Annual Relay For Life of Concord University and you can be a part of this wonderful event. Many times I get asked "Why I Relay"? At the age of 52, my mom died of pancreatic cancer. I wanted to make a difference, so I joined the Relay efforts here at Concord. And, if you

have ever wondered how you can make a difference too, then please join us in our efforts to support the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. I encourage you, your friends and co-workers to make a donation to the American Cancer Society for this signature fund-raising event in our community which will be held on April 23, 2010 at the Carter Center, starting at 6 p.m.

Relay For Life is a family-oriented event, where participants can enjoy the exciting events throughout the evening. Former and current cancer patients, their families and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team relay event. Each team consists of individuals representing corporations, clubs, organizations, families, friends, caregivers and survivors.

We know that cancer touches so many people in our community and Relay For Life is a great way to help fight this terrible disease. If you would like more information about our Relay For Life, and any of the programs it supports, please feel free to call me at 304-384-5277.

Together We Can Make A Difference.

Erin M. Clark  
Relay For Life Chair  
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## Voices sought for Alumni and Community Chorus

Concord University alumni, faculty, staff and community members are invited to join the Concord Alumni and Community Chorus. The group will perform with the Concord University Collegiate Singers Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alexander Fine Arts Main Auditorium.

Although previous singing experience is encouraged, it is not required. Interested singers should be able to attend the following rehearsals in the Concord University Choir Room located in the Alexander Fine Arts Center: Sunday, April 18 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 25 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The April 29 concert will focus on the theme "Psalms and Soul" which will be highlighted with Collegiate Singers performing Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms." The Collegiate Singers is a select ensemble comprised of Concord students devoted to the artistic performance of music.

The Concord Alumni and Community Chorus will perform the repertoires: "Antiphon" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" by Carl Mueller and "Walkin' on that Heavenly Road" by Greg Gilpin. Other choral Psalm settings and gospel pieces will be featured at this performance.

For more information, please contact Joshua Miller at 384-5301 or [jmiller@concord.edu](mailto:jmiller@concord.edu).

*This article was written by Hannah Mullens, a student in Concord University's Communication Arts program. Her hometown is Summersville.*

## Bulletin Board

**Scholarship event...**The 20th Annual David S. Roth Memorial 5K Walk/Run will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Race-day registration begins at 5 p.m. in the lobby of the Carter Center. To pre-register, contact Tom Davis at 384-3298 or [tdavis@concord.edu](mailto:tdavis@concord.edu) or visit <http://rothwalkrun.site90.com/>. Entry fees support the David S. Roth Memorial Scholarship fund. T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 100 persons to register and participate.



**Reminder...**Health screenings will be held Friday, April 16 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Carter Center Dance Studio. Remember to fast and bring your insurance card with you.

**Day Care fund-raiser...**The Concord University Service Council is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair fund-raiser for the CU Child Care Center. The fair continues through Friday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the hallway outside of the State Room in the Student Center. Checks, credit cards and debit cards will be accepted. A wide variety of books will be available for purchase, including books for children of all ages, cookbooks and more.



## Box City raising funds for Scottie's Place

The Concord University Bonner Scholars will host their 9th Annual Box City April 16 and 17. The event aims to raise awareness about homelessness and to raise funds for Scottie's Place, a wilderness camp for homeless children located in Peterstown.

Students will spend 24 hours living in a box on the front lawn of the Bonner House. Samantha Smith, Box City supervisor, says students will gain perspective by participating.

"There are around 3.5 million people who are homeless and a lot of people don't understand what it's like," Smith said. "It's a good way to raise money for Scottie's Place and gain awareness on homelessness."

Students are asked to donate a minimum of \$20 to Scottie's Place as a registration fee for each box.

"We raised a few hundred dollars last year and we are hoping to do just as well this year," Smith said. "Every little bit helps though. Even a little bit of money can bring the kids more activities and food."

*Andrea Lannom, a student majoring in communications with a public relations emphasis, wrote this article. Her hometown is Ghent.*



Spring arrives – finally – to "The Campus Beautiful" after a long and snowy winter.



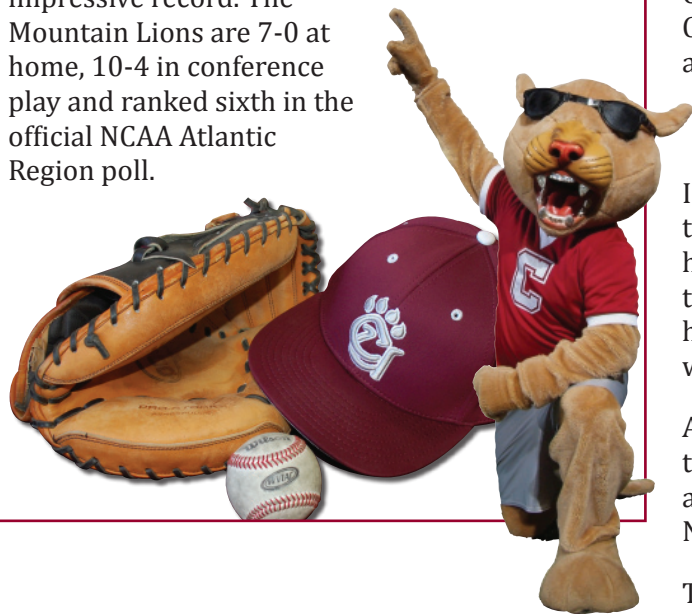
**Next Issue**  
 Thursday, April 29  
**Submission Deadline**  
 Monday, April 26  
 4:00pm

## Let's hear a 'ROAR' for...

### Mountain Lion Baseball



The Concord University baseball team goes into the April 15 home doubleheader against Fairmont State with an impressive record. The Mountain Lions are 7-0 at home, 10-4 in conference play and ranked sixth in the official NCAA Atlantic Region poll.



## Department Updates

Dr. Naresh Bajracharya, a Fulbright Scholar and head of the Department of Buddhist Studies at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal, will present a public symposium titled "Nepal Today" at 3 p.m. Monday, April 19 in Marsh Hall 320.

Concert saxophonist Ashu will perform at Concord University Monday, April 19, 2010, at 8 p.m. in the Alexander Fine Arts Center Main Auditorium. His performance is part of Concord's Artist Lecture Series.

In a review by *The Chicago Tribune*, Ashu's technique was described as "phenomenal, [as] he possesses a deep musicality which pours through his playing and hooks the audience... he's a very engaging player – as much fun to watch as to listen to."



Ashu, 26, made his recital debut at Carnegie Hall's Weill Hall. Since then, his talent has led him to perform in Germany, Austria, France and various cities throughout the U.S. He has also been featured on NBC, CBS and NPR.

Tickets are free for Concord students, staff and faculty. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$2 for non-concord students. Reservations are not needed.

*This article was written by Amanda Lee, a student in Concord University's Communication Art program. Her hometown is Bluefield, W.Va.*

## Alumni activities planned For Spring Commencement

Several events for CU alumni are part of Spring Commencement activities. Concord's Class of 1960 will hold a reception on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 4 p.m. in the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center. An alumni reception will be held at 5 p.m. that day followed by an alumni dinner at 6 p.m. in the ballroom. Members of the Class of 1960 will be honored at the 10 a.m. commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8, 2010. For more information contact Kati Whittaker at 384-5348 or [kwhittaker@concord.edu](mailto:kwhittaker@concord.edu)

### Send us your news!

Let us know what's new with you or your department...e-mail **Campus E-News** at [enews@concord.edu](mailto:enews@concord.edu). Be sure to include your name and telephone number so we can contact you, too. Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication.

## Volunteers, project leaders needed for Concord's Earth Day 2010 celebration

Do you enjoy flower gardening? Would you like to help plant a tree? Are you looking for ways to be more Earth-friendly? Do you want to "go green?" Would you like to make a difference in the campus environment?

If you answered "yes!" get on board for Concord University's Earth Day Celebration set for Thursday, April 22, 2010. The observance is CU's way of honoring the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Individuals, organizations, offices, divisions, departments, students, faculty, staff, ALL are invited and encouraged to help with clean-up and beautification projects campus-wide.

Please sign up in advance at the Student Center Main Desk or by e-mail at [amillshardy@concord.edu](mailto:amillshardy@concord.edu). If you can't give advance notice, you can still volunteer at any of the projects around "The Campus Beautiful" the day of the event.



## Notable & Newsworthy

When a mine disaster happens anywhere in the world, it hits close to home to many if not all West Virginians. Last week, it was in our own backyard. This time it was our neighbors, friends, family and hometowns suffering; and, the nightmare continues.

Growing up in the coalfields of southern West Virginia, **Jessica Lilly** has a special interest for mine safety issues. Lilly is southern West Virginia PBS bureau chief and an adjunct faculty member at Concord.

When national media outlets heard of the tragedy at the Upper Big Branch Mine, many turned to Lilly for information. She was featured numerous times on "The Takeaway," a national morning news program that partners with the New York Times, BBC World Service, WNYC, etc. (<http://www.thetakeaway.org/people/jessica-lilly/>)

Lilly also delivered information live for NPR's "All Things Considered" (<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=125604808>) and "Tell Me More" (<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=125676945>). CBC also contacted her for the latest update.

She was featured live several times throughout the week on West Virginia Public Radio as well as producing recorded pieces for NPR to keep the nation updated on the developments.



Her coverage has already been recognized by Robert Garcia, the executive producer of NPR's Newscast. Garcia referred to her work as "prolific" coverage with "great sensitivity, offering a touching, a moving sense of humanity to this very sad story."

## Undergraduate Research Day Hosted by McNair Program

"Learning to be a critical thinker is an important aspect of being a scientist," Dr. Gary Rankin told the group of young researchers gathered for Concord University's Undergraduate Research Day. Rankin's keynote address, "Evolution of a Scientist," traced his personal and professional journey to becoming professor and chair of pharmacology at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He is also principal investigator for the WV-INBRE Program.



The April 15 event is hosted by the McNair Program and CU's psychology faculty and features approximately 100 posters and 17 paper presentations by undergraduates from Concord University and its McNair affiliates: Bluefield State College and West Virginia State University. A Graduate and Professional School Fair is also part of the day's agenda.

## RELAY FOR LIFE



### Collegians bringing beach music to Concord's event

The Collegians will perform at Concord University's Relay For Life Friday, April 23, 2010 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Carter Center.



The members of the Collegians have been playing together for over 30 years and are known for their "Carolina Beach Music." The Collegians also perform pop, R&B, soul and country music.

Tickets are on sale at the Concord University Bookstore and the BB&T branch in Athens. Tickets purchased in advance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets sold at the door will be \$12. Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated directly to Relay For Life.

For more information regarding this performance, please contact Erin Clark at 1-304-384-5277.

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### Football game benefiting Relay For Life

CU fraternities pit the locals against the nationals in the Charity Football Game set for Thursday, April 22, 2010 at Callaghan Stadium. Proceeds from the \$2 admission benefit CU's Relay For Life. Kickoff is 7 p.m. Halftime will feature the Sorority Powder-puff Game.

