

# Campus E-News

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## Focus Events

### Sunday, April 11, 2010

- Open House  
Beckley Center  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Erma Byrd Higher  
Education Center  
Beaver, W.Va.

### Thursday, April 15, 2010

- Undergraduate Research Day  
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Student Center Ballroom

### Thursday, April 22

- Earth Day  
Campus-wide Clean-up and  
Celebration

### Friday, April 23 – Saturday, April 24, 2010

- Relay For Life  
7 p.m. Friday –  
7 a.m. Saturday  
Callaghan Stadium

### Saturday, April 24, 2010

- Spring Game  
4 p.m. Kickoff  
Callaghan Stadium

### Tuesday, April 27, 2010

- 20th Annual David S. Roth  
Memorial 5K Walk/Run  
5 p.m. – registration Carter Center  
6:15 p.m. – walk/run begins  
(CU/Athens course)  
7:30 p.m. – awards/door prizes

### 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 . . .

As the semester continues to rush to its conclusion, it is time to wrap-up those research projects, term papers and McNair and/or senior projects. On Thursday, April 15 many of Concord's student researchers will be presenting the results of these projects at Concord University's Annual Undergraduate Research Day. The event will be hosted by the Concord University McNair Scholars and psychology programs and will take place

in the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center Ballroom. The event provides an opportunity for faculty, fellow students and guests to see in a professional setting what our students have been doing over the past semester or year. Both poster and paper (oral) presentations will be arranged to accommodate qualitative and quantitative projects across all six of Concord's academic divisions.

In addition to the research presentations, the day will also include a Graduate and Professional School Fair. We expect to host representatives from over 18 schools and programs including Marshall University (Biomedical Sciences and Psychology), Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Radford University, Tufts University, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Tech (Biochemistry and Biological Sciences), Hollins University, University of North Carolina – Pembroke (Business Administration), University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill (School of Pharmacy) and Concord University (Education), just to name a few. This should be an excellent opportunity for students interested in graduate school to meet and visit with representatives from a broad range of schools and programs.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Gary Rankin, who serves as the Principal Investigator for the West Virginia Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE) as well as the Chair of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Toxicology at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, will speak from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The all-day event will kick off at 9:30 a.m. with opening remarks, followed by our keynote speaker. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the poster session will be in full-swing with a light lunch available. The student paper presentations will occur concurrently from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The graduate school fair will run all day. Please come out and support the research of the students. All students, faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to attend! For further information, contact the McNair Scholars Program staff.

Rodney L. Klein, Ph. D.  
Department of Psychology  
Director, McNair Scholars Program



## Walk/run raising Scholarship funds

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.



## Concord Alpha Chi students Win national fellowships

Alpha Chi National Honor Society, headquartered at Harding University in Searcy, Ark., has announced 10 winners of its annual Benedict Graduate Fellowship Awards. Two of the \$2,500 fellowship winners are Jeffrey Yeager and Donna Franks, both Concord University seniors.

The honor society annually awards ten Benedict Fellowships after reviewing the scholarly submissions from the more than 350 Alpha Chi chapters across the United States. In the 2010 competition, Concord University's West Virginia Beta Chapter was the only Alpha Chi chapter nationwide to have placed two of its members on the Benedict winners list.

Yeager hails from Oceana and plans to pursue a master's degree in English. Although accepted into several master's degree programs, he has yet to decide which program he will begin after graduation from Concord. His scholarly presentation to Alpha Chi concerned a Russian film version of William Shakespeare's "King Lear." Yeager also placed first with his presentation of this paper at the recent Alpha Chi National Conference, winning a \$1,000 Alpha Chi Region V Fellowship.

Franks, a Princeton resident, is majoring in education at Concord and will also graduate in May. She plans to continue her studies by enrolling in a master's degree program but has not yet settled on which program she will enter. Her scholarly paper dealt with Sarah Orne Jewett's use of the supernatural in her prose fiction. Jewett was an early 19th century New England writer and contemporary of Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville.

## Bulletin Board

**Lost and Found...**Have you lost a setting from a piece of personal jewelry? On Monday, March 29, 2010 a loose gemstone was found on the floor of the main reading room in the Marsh Library and turned in to the library lost and found. The owner of this stone may claim the same by contacting Mrs. Kay White at the library circulation desk and describing the item to Mrs. White's satisfaction. She works from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Her contact phone number is 304-384-5371.

**Reminder...**The annual employee health screening will be held Friday, April 16, 2010 from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. in the Carter Center Dance Studio.

### RELAY FOR LIFE



#### RELAY FOR LIFE SET FOR APRIL 23-24

Concord University is revving up for its ninth annual Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. The relay will begin Friday, April 23, 2010 at 7 p.m. and continue through 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2010 and will be held at Concord's Callaghan Stadium.

Relay For Life is an event held to raise funds for cancer research, while honoring cancer survivors and those lost to the disease. Each year more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with people in 20 other countries, participate in this fund-raiser.

Concord University's event goal for this year is to raise \$20,000. Participants can still join a Concord relay team by visiting [www.relayforlife.org/concorduniversitywv](http://www.relayforlife.org/concorduniversitywv). Donations can also be made through this website to help Concord University reach the event goal.

Concord's relay will feature performances by Flight 24, Aiesha Dewitt, Ashley Surface and CU Elite Dance Team beginning at 7 p.m. on April 23.

Cancer survivors are invited to join participating teams for the Opening Ceremony, Survivor's Walk and Luminary Ceremony during the relay. Community members are also invited to attend and participate.

For more information on this event contact the American Cancer Society at 1-304-327-8770 or Erin Clark at [clark@concord.edu](mailto:clark@concord.edu).

*Danie Asbury, a student in Concord University's communication arts department, wrote this press release. Her hometown is Bluefield, Va.*



**Next Issue**  
 Thursday, April 15  
**Submission Deadline**  
 Monday, April 12  
 4:00pm

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

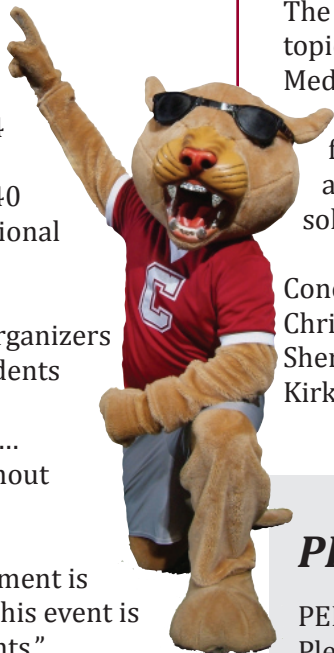
### Fourth Annual Career Fair

Congratulations to Dr. Susan Williams and the students in RTM 415 (Meetings, Conventions and Special Events Management Class) for organizing and hosting an outstanding Career Fair on March 25, 2010.

"We've almost doubled our attendance from last year!" Williams said the afternoon of the event. She reports that 404 students visited the fair in the Student Center Ballroom and 40 vendors, offering local and national jobs, participated.

Williams credits the student organizers for the day's success. "The students who planned the event had immaculate attention to detail... they worked diligently throughout the day," she said.

This hands-on student involvement is what makes the fair special. "This event is planned for students by students," Williams said.



## Department Updates

Seventeen Concord staff members attended the 10th Annual Four Seasons Women's Conference at David's at the Club in Bluefield on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. The theme was "Discover Your Star Power" and the Keynote Speaker was Grammy nominated, international award-winning recording artist and song writer, Stella Parton. She encouraged women to follow their dreams and to never give up on an idea. She also entertained the group with several of her songs.

The program consisted of four informative workshop sessions with topics including nutrition, "Upside Down Blessings," "Navigating Social Media for Business and Life" and "Celebrity Inspired Looks for Everyday Women." The attendees were also treated to a fashion show, prizes, snacks and a luncheon buffet. Several health and wellness booths were open and local vendors displayed and sold their merchandise.

Concord attendees include: Bonnie Brown, Diane Reed, Karen Hays, Christie Lamb, Janet Heaton, Connie Michael, Jean Mann, Lynn Hill, Sherrie McMillan, Tess Vaught, Anita Conner, Debbie Moore, Diana Kirk, Marcheta Gunter, Jennie Cordle, Vickie Hart and Shirley Hylton.

### PEIA Open Enrollment underway

PEIA Open Enrollment begins April 1, 2010. Please note the following changes to the plan year beginning July 1, 2010.



#### PEIA - Health Insurance

- Premium increase of 4%.
- New PPB Plan C available for FY 2011 (this plan has higher deductibles).

#### Minnesota Life - Optional Life Insurance

- Active employee's optional life rates will decrease by 12%.

#### Mountaineer Flexible Benefits

- Flexible spending accounts are free (no administrative charge).
- Free payment card for the Mountaineer Flexible Spending Account.
- Premium decrease in Delta Dental basic plan.
- PEIA new health savings account (must be enrolled in PPB Plan C) administered through Mountaineer Flexible Benefits.
- On-line enrollment or enrollment form.
- Decrease in premiums cost for Short and Long Term Disability.
- Increase in coverage and benefits for Long Term and Short Term Disability.

### 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.





*see you there!*

Concord University will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2010 with grounds clean-up and beautification projects campus-wide. The day-long event will include litter pick-up, flower bed weeding, flower planting and other activities to benefit the campus environment. Faculty, staff, students and organizations are encouraged to become involved. To find out how you can help CU celebrate Earth Day 2010 contact Anna Mills-Hardy at [amillshardy@concord.edu](mailto:amillshardy@concord.edu), ext. 5311 or Marjie Flanigan at [asc@concord.edu](mailto:asc@concord.edu), ext. 6074.

## Notable & Newsworthy

Dr. Tracy Luff, associate professor of sociology, will present her research on “hooking up” and dating among young adults at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Atlanta, Ga. in August. Dr. Luff’s Seminar in Sociology students used a modified version of her survey to collect their own data on hooking up last semester. One of these students, Rhiannon Violette, presented her findings at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Boston on March 19, 2010. Two other students, Christopher Day and Shirley White, will present their findings at McNair Scholars’ Undergraduate Research Day.

Dr. Stephen Rowe has been elected president of Alpha Chi Honor Society’s Region V for the 2010-2011 year. He is sponsor of the organization’s West Virginia Beta Chapter at Concord. Rowe and Concord Alpha Chi members Erin Gedicke, Donna Franks and Jeff Yeager attended the organization’s Super-Regional Convention at the Peabody Hotel Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 25-27, 2010. Yeager received the \$1,000 Region V graduate fellowship award during the convention. More than 20 cash awards of up to \$3500 are provided by the Society each year. Concord Alpha Chi members have won over \$18,000 in Alpha Chi awards in the past 10 years.



### Annual gala Raises funds For Mt. Lion athletics

The Concord University Mountain Lion Club hosted its annual gala on March 26, 2010 at the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton. This event is a fund-raiser for Concord University Athletics. The Mountain Lion Club offers funding for scholarships and athletic facility upgrades at Concord and provides resources to attract and retain quality student-athletes and coaches.

“Student-athletes contribute to the well-being of the entire school culture,” Concord University President Gregory F. Aloia said in his remarks during the gala.

Mountain Lion Club President Dave Wilcox said Concord’s student-athletes are “shining” in both athletics and academics. “Our goal is to make our student-athletes as successful as they can be in the classroom and on the gridiron and court,” he said.



Fernando Porras, assistant professor of art, will exhibit his work in a Paris gallery during the month of April. A native of Maturin, Venezuela, Porras portrays tribes of the Latin American rainforests in his paintings. His Paris show, entitled “Orinoco,” features the Warauno people who live deep inside the delta of the Orinoco River in Venezuela. The solo exhibit opens at Galerie Vivendi on April 6, 2010 and runs through April 25, 2010. Galerie Vivendi is located at 28 Place des Vosges, Paris, France.

Porras recently exhibited in Toronto, Canada; Miami, Fla.; Palm Beach, Fla.; Washington, D.C. and New York, N.Y. Upcoming exhibits for 2010 include Monte Carlo, Monaco; Chicago, Ill.; San Francisco, Calif.; Beirut, Lebanon, Toronto and Miami.

