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**DR. JOSEPH
FRANKLIN MARSH JR.**

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President of Concord College
1959-1973

Focus Events

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009

- Fall Commencement
11 a.m.
Carter Center

Through Dec. 19, 2009

- "Timeless Traditions in a Modern Age"
Senior Art Exhibit
Arthur Butcher Gallery
Fine Arts Center

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009

- CU vs. WV State
Women's Basketball - 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball - 4 p.m.
Institute, W.Va.

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009

- Christmas Caroling in Athens
6 p.m.
Starting at Concord UMC

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009 - Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010

- Closed for the holidays

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010

- Alumni, Family, Friends Lunch
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bull & Bones Brewhaus & Grill
Blacksburg, Va.

From the Desk of . . .



Seasons Greetings to Concord University from the J. Frank Marsh Library.

As most of you know, I have returned full time to the Library Director's position after two academic years as part-time Library Director and part-time interim Academic Dean. My sincere thanks to Anne Whittaker, Linda Austin and Dr. Jane Smith for their understanding and support for the "fill-in" dean. As well, I must acknowledge the library staff who took up for me when it was necessary to be next door. Thanks, Bob, Kay, Donna, Doug and Dave.

Bob Turnbull retired last July, and David Shumate has left for other employment, so you will see new faces in the library. Ms. Crystal Rookstool has accepted a half-time position and is responsible for interlibrary loan and reference. Mr. Abe Lilly has accepted a campus transfer from Housing to the Library. Abe is responsible for collection management, reference, and the University Archive.

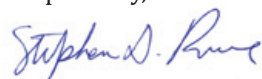
The Marsh Library continues to be at the very busy center of daily life at Concord. Gate traffic is well over 50,000 per year, and our loaning of traditional materials and electronic documents hovers around 22,000 per year. With the cooperation and financial support from President Aloia and SGA President Jeff Yeager, the library has extended its Saturday hours and is now open from 7:45 a.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday. Student workers Sarah Odle and Adam West augment library staff in order to do this. The library commenced its 24-hour finals week operations, Dec. 13-17, and students will consume about 30 gallons of "leaded," full-strength coffee, 1,200 cookies and uncounted numbers of Dr. Aloia's mini-Snickers in the library's 120 hours of finals week follies.

Right now, the Marsh Library is cooperating with the academic divisions to prepare for program accreditation reviews in business, social work, education and art. We are comparing our traditional and electronic resources to published collection guidelines in order to satisfy accrediting agency standards and the demands of faculty and students for research support. We are not where we would like to be on all counts, but we have clear goals and are working daily to meet your expectations of your library.

From a facility point of view, the original 1940's, walnut circulation desk was restored by local furniture craftsman, Danny Griffith, and it has been installed in the Main Reading Room. The Library continues to provide over 30 public use PCs, a word processing lab and study seating for over 200. There is a chance that the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission may fund some additional renovations and improvements in the coming fiscal year. If that funding is provided, the Library Advisory Committee and other University constituents will be tasked to advise us on how the funds may best serve the patrons of the Marsh Library.

The Marsh Library staff welcomes the opportunities to serve your information needs and has a pretty good track record of doing so. Let us know what we can do for you.

Respectfully,



Stephen D. Rowe



Department Updates

Geography students and faculty spent Nov. 22 - 24 in Knoxville, Tenn. participating in the 64th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. The Concord contingent consisted of undergraduates **Jared Bennett**, **Anne Endres**, **Mary Harman**, **Kayla Lockhart**, and **Colleen Pulsford**; graduate students **Lois Ashley** and **John McCormick**; and, faculty members **Jan Westerik** and **George Towers**.

Concord students, along with their counterparts from Marshall University, represented West Virginia in the conference's annual World Geography Bowl. Teams from 10 southeastern states played a round robin of quiz-style games, with Virginia winning this year's competition. As he has for many years, Jan Westerik served as coordinator for the West Virginia bowl team.

Students also attended research presentations on the geography of the American south. George Towers delivered his paper, "Rediscovering Rural Appalachian Communities with Historical GIS: A Case Study of Summers County, West Virginia."

Students enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the conference and hailed it as an important learning experience. They agreed that it was "nice to be around people that are as enthusiastic about geography as we are at Concord University."

*CU students, left to right, **Jared Bennett**, **Anne Endres** and **Lois Ashley** participate in the Geography Bowl.*



The Concord University Environmental Geoscience program has been awarded a collaborative grant with the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, the National Park Service, and West Virginia University. The project will produce new geologic maps to assist with land-use planning and cataloging the paleontological and archeological resources of the New River Gorge National River and Bluestone National Scenic River. The \$170,000 award to CU will be led by **Dave Matchen** and **Joe Allen**, and will fund student assistants, field research, and digital GIS map compilations.

Dr. Gregory Aloia recently attended a hands-on presentation conducted by **Dr. Lauri Reidmiller**. The workshop was designed for her Early Education and Art Education majors. "I want my students to experience art in a new way, as an individual who is visually impaired or blind," Dr. Reidmiller said.

The workshop also focused on various instructional methods to help guide her students in examining some of the challenges facing individuals who are visually impaired and taking that knowledge and applying it to their own teaching. During Dr. Aloia's visit, he was given the opportunity to experience art through his sense of touch by wearing goggles designed by Dr. Reidmiller to limit his visual acuity.

"My students take away a better understanding of how to meet the needs of a student who is visually impaired in their classroom," she said. This workshop developed from the research Dr. Reidmiller conducted at the Ohio State School for the Blind.



***Dr. Aloia** experiences a plastic replica often used in art museums.*



***Tiffany Blair** experiences pieces of art designed to be touched.*

Cat's Meow



Marsh Hall has joined the Cat's Meow® collection. The Pine Trees Chapter of the Concord University Alumni Association has commissioned a rendering of this campus landmark and the finished product is now available for purchase. Proceeds will go toward the chapter's scholarship fund for Concord University students. Cost for the collectible, which features the Marsh Memorial Carillon, is \$15. Call the Concord University Advancement Office at 304-384-6311 or email advancement@concord.edu for more information. The Marsh Hall Cat's Meow is also available from members of the Pine Trees Chapter Board of Directors.



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

Power Outage Crew

A big Mountain Lion "Roar!" goes to all members of the Concord University community who assisted during the recent power outage on campus. **THANK YOU!**



Thanks, **Roar**, for your help in spreading holiday cheer during the recent "Sounds of the Season" concert. And, thanks, too, for being a great ambassador for Concord University at many, many athletic events and activities both on- and off-campus throughout the year.



Continuing a tradition...

A holiday tradition in the President's Office continues with the addition of two new ornaments on the Christmas tree. Each year since she began working in the President's Office in 2006, Sharon Manzo has hand painted ornaments for employees, adding new ones for new employees. For 2009, Greg Quick and Joanna Jennings have their names added to the tree.

Notable & Newsworthy

The search committee for the Director of Retention in the Academic Success Center recommended **Dr. Marjie Flanigan** and **Dr. Gregory Aloia** accepted this recommendation. Therefore, Dr. Flanigan moves from Interim Director to Director of Retention in the Academic Success Center. With the Director of Retention no longer interim, an internal search to fill Dr. Flanigan's past position as Director of Student Support Services will be initiated.

Assistant Professor of History **Jonathan M. Berkey**, Ph.D. spoke at a symposium for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation on Dec. 5 at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. and contributed an essay to a booklet produced by the organization. The event and publication, "Home Front to Front Line: The Civil War Era in the Shenandoah Valley," examines the Valley civilian experience during this period. Berkey's essay is entitled "A Separate Sovereignty: The Shenandoah Valley's Confederate Women." Information about the SVBF is available at: www.shenandoahatwar.org.

Lesley Woodrum of Hinton has been hired as coordinator of the Bonner Scholars Program. She started Nov. 18 and will be involved with student development and activities. In the past, Woodrum has worked with the Girl Scouts and has also worked with Student Services at Mountain State University. Through her experiences, she says she has learned much about higher education.

"It's good to know more about college students and I got the opportunity to do this with my job at MSU," she said. "With this job, however, I'm going to work with students more hands-on and I will get to know them better."

Woodrum says she has always wanted to get involved more to help students succeed and with this job, she says, she will get this opportunity.

"Through this job, my favorite part will be working with the students and seeing them develop and mature," she said. "I'm definitely looking forward to the interaction and ultimately helping them succeed."

Woodrum graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan, majoring in English Literature and Communication Studies. She also has her master's degree in Leadership from Mountain State University.

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

The staff of Campus E-News wishes everyone in the Concord University community a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes for the new year.



*Next Issue
Thursday, Jan. 21
Submission Deadline
Monday, Jan. 18
4:00pm*

Fall 2009 Commencement Information

Concord's Fall 2009 Commencement ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2009 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in The Leslie R. and Ruby Webb Carter Center. Faculty and professional staff who plan to march need to arrange for appropriate academic attire and should meet in the Dance Studio in The Carter Center at 10:30 a.m. for the processional. Grand Marshal Krider will line-up the participants according to seniority.

Also, please remember that new this year, we will have three small receptions held prior to the Ceremony from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. One will be in the Fine Arts Building lobby for Fine Arts faculty and students, another in the Rahall Building foyer for the Business faculty and students, and the third in Marsh Hall's rear atrium for the other four division faculty and students.

Concord University Emergency Alert System

Instant text messaging vital link In CU campus communication

Are you registered to receive instant text message alerts regarding Concord University safety and security issues? In light of the recent power outage on campus, the importance of this means of communication has been heightened. You can receive messages on your cell phone and email alerts. Sign up today with the Center for Academic Technologies (CAT). Go to the Concord University website (www.concord.edu) and click on the "Center for Academic Technologies" link under "Quick Links." When you have arrived at the CAT page, click on "Emergency Alert System" in the right hand column under "News." Follow the prompts and provide the requested information to complete the registration. For more information or assistance contact the CAT at 304-384-5361.

Bulletin Board

Calling all carolers... Christmas caroling will take place in Athens on Wednesday, Dec. 23, starting at 6 p.m. The group will gather at Concord United Methodist Church (a block from the stoplight on Vermillion Street) and circulate around town. The carolers will include choir members from Concord UMC and Athens Baptist Church. CU students, staff and faculty are invited to join in the festivities. After the singing, carolers will go to The View Bed and Breakfast (at the south end of town) for hot chocolate.

Visitor pays tribute to late President

The spirit of the late President Emeritus Joseph Franklin Marsh Jr. rang through the wintry air Saturday afternoon as an unexpected visitor played a tribute on the Marsh Memorial Carillon.

Marsh passed away Friday, Dec. 11 at the age of 84. He served as Concord's president for 14 years. During his time, he accomplished much, including the establishment of the carillon which is on top of Marsh Hall.

Jon Lehrer, a professional carillonneur, had never heard of Concord before and was just passing through the area when he learned about the carillon. Yet, his time at Concord turned out to be more than a routine rehearsal.

"I'm honored to be able to be of service in that way," he said. "I imagine this was sort of a sad moment for the campus and I feel really touched that I get to be part of that and bring in some music and beauty and space for reflection in light of everything."

Lehrer says that through the instrument, he wanted to speak to those who knew the late president and also, to showcase what he had left the university.

"While I was playing, in addition to trying to create an environment of beauty and space for reflection, I was also trying to say 'Hey, guys, you've got this amazing thing here. Learn how to use it, learn how to make it sing. Let that be part of the president's legacy,'" he said.

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Sounds of the Season...

"Sounds of the Season" featured the talents of the Concord University Music Department. This yearly festive gathering, held on Dec. 8 in the Alexander Fine Arts Center, included performances by the Symphonic Band, the Collegiate Singers, ConChords, and Camerata Singers - and an appearance by Roar.



Dr. Joseph Franklin Marsh Jr.

- Born in Charleston, West Virginia, February 24, 1925
- Moved to Athens, West Virginia with his family at the age of four when his father appointed president of Concord State Normal School, 1929
- Graduated first in class from Athens High School, 1941
- Spent freshman year at Concord, 1941-1942
- Commissioned Ensign in the Navy Reserve, 1944
- Received A.B. degree magna cum laude from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, 1947
- Awarded Dartmouth graduate fellowship for study at the National Institute of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., 1947-1948
- Earned M.P.A. degree from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1949
- As Rotary Foundation Fellow conducted advanced research in British public administration at Oxford University in Oxford, England, 1950-1952
- Member of faculty of Dartmouth College, 1952-1959
- President of Concord College, Athens, West Virginia, 1959-1973
- Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), honorary degree from Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia, 1968
- Named "Alumnus of the Year" at Concord, 1973
- President of Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, 1974-1983
- Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), honorary degree from Alderson-Broaddus College, Philippi, West Virginia, 1982
- Vice President for Development at The Armand Hammer United World College of the American West in Montezuma, New Mexico, 1984-1985
- Named President Emeritus of Concord, 1985
- Appointed by the Governor as member of the Board of Directors of the State College System of West Virginia, 1989
- Served as District Governor of Rotary International, 1992-1993
- Marsh Memorial Carillon dedicated in honor of his family on Concord campus, 1997
- Passed away in Princeton, West Virginia, December 11, 2009



Dear Friends:

As we come to the end of another amazing year, it is that time when we are all thinking of holiday gifts and what to get for that person who has everything. For those people, here are few ideas for a gift: Instead of buying someone a new scarf, a gift to Relay For Life will allow a woman to learn how to use a scarf to regain her sense of beauty through the American Cancer Society Look Good...Feel Better program.

Thinking about that tent for the camper in your life...instead, your donation could help send a child battling cancer to camp for a week at the American Cancer Society's Camp Sunrise.

Rather than buying that new fancy cell phone, your donation will allow the American Cancer Society to maintain its 1-800-ACS-2345 call center and www.cancer.org, 24-hour resources, which are available 365 days per year...even during the holidays!

Instead of giving that gift certificate for a hotel stay, making a donation to Relay For Life allows the American Cancer Society to provide free lodging for cancer patients receiving treatment far from home through their Hope Lodge.

So before you head off to the malls to wait in line to buy those hard to shop for folks in your life...consider making a year-end gift in their name to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. It's a gift that will keep giving long after the wrapping paper and fruit cake are gone!

Please make all checks to American Cancer Society.

Happy Holidays!
Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy 2010!

Erin M Clark
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Holiday Wassail enjoyed!

Concord University celebrated the season with a Holiday Wassail on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 12 in the Student Center Ballroom. Alumni, family and friends of the University enjoyed old-fashioned wassail, hot chocolate and eggnog. Concord student Jesse Ratcliffe entertained with a selection of holiday favorites on the piano and guests joined in a carol sing-along.

