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Focus Events

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009

- Coffee with the President
3:30 p.m., Concord Room

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009

- "A Celtic Holiday"
CU Music Department
7:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Princeton/\$7 admission

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009

- Veterans Oral History
Class Reception
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Rahall 103

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009

- Sounds of the Season
7:30 p.m., Main Theatre
Alexander Fine Arts Center

Wednesday, Dec. 9 &

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009

- Cap and Gown Reception
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Alumni Lounge

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009

- 20th Annual Employee
Covered Dish Christmas
Luncheon, 12 noon
Student Center Ballroom

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009

- Holiday Wassail
2 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom



From the Desk of . . .

Season's Greetings from the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center! It is an exciting time to work at Concord University. The Student Center is offering a variety of festive activities that the Concord community can take part in.

The Salvation Army Christmas Tree was placed in the lobby of the Student Center on Nov. 12. The response from the Concord community was wonderful, with all 100 of the "angels" sponsored. I would like to thank all who have invested their time, money, and good wishes to the families that benefit from this worthy cause. There is also a nonperishable food box placed under the tree that will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families. If you did not have the opportunity to sponsor an "angel," you can turn a gift in to the Student Center and the Salvation Army will make certain that it is given to a deserving child.

Student Activities will be hosting our annual Kids' Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Subway. Children of students, faculty, staff, and community members are welcome to come out and enjoy making Christmas ornaments, decorating sugar cookies, eating treats, and receiving goodie bags. Santa Claus will be present and available for Christmas wishes and pictures.

Student Activities will also be sponsoring a Holiday shopping trip to the Charleston Town Center Mall on Saturday, Dec. 5. The various trips throughout the Fall semester have all been very successful and we anticipate having a full bus yet again.

As a reminder, the Annual Employees' Christmas Luncheon will be held on Dec. 10, 2009 at noon in the Ballroom. Employees are asked to bring a covered side dish and Aramark will be providing the main course. I would like to encourage everyone to come and enjoy the company of their colleagues and the wonderful food!

As the Interim Director of the Student Center and Student Activities, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me transition into my new position. I would like to give a special thanks to Lynn Hill, Sherrie McMillan, Debbie Griffith, Sheila Conner, Billy Fraley, and the many student workers from the Student Center and Carter Center for helping me fulfill various responsibilities within my new position. I would also like to thank Marshall Campbell, Rick Dillon, and Marjie Flanigan for their support. I am thoroughly enjoying my new position and I am excited about the opportunities that await me to serve the Concord community.

Happy Holidays,

Anna Hardy

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Interim Director of the Student Center
and Student Activities

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Department Updates

Dr. Lauri Reidmiller conducted a *Morning of Printing* at Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley on Nov. 16, 2009. Assisting in the workshop were Concord University Art Education students Jacqueline Trent, Alice Yurick, Kate Armentrout, Brittany Cantley, Crystal Richmond, and Victoria Stamper McInturff. The workshops were designed to teach two different methods for creating prints. Dr. Reidmiller and her students taught the participants how to create Gelatin Mono Prints and Suminagashi Contact Prints. These workshops were made possible through the collaborative efforts of Dr. Reidmiller and Woodrow Wilson's art teachers Sandy Shaw and Karen Carrico.

A similar workshop was conducted at Princeton High School with students in Bonita Sink's art classes on Nov. 13, 2009. Assisting Dr. Reidmiller was **Denise Ward**, a Concord University Art Education student who will be entering student teaching in the spring. During the workshop, the students created both negative and positive prints.



Victoria Stamper McInturff and **Crystal Richmond** teach Suminagashi.



Jacqueline Trent and **Alice Yurick** teach Gelatin Monoprinting.



Workshop participants include **Jacqueline Trent**, **Dr. Lauri Reidmiller**, **Crystal Richmond**, **Brittany Cantley**, **Victoria Stamper McInturff**, **Kate Armentrout** and **Alice Yurick**.



An extremely popular event in the 70's and 80's, **The Concord University Honor Choir Festival** was revived on Nov. 19, 2009. Over 120 high school students from West Virginia and Virginia were nominated by their teachers to attend this full-day musical event on the campus of Concord University. **Joshua Miller**, assistant professor of music and director of vocal studies, said, "This was a great way to expose potential students, and their parents, to the many wonderful opportunities that we can offer here at CU. Often times, many colleges are known mostly for their sports teams more than their academic programs. This will hopefully be a yearly tradition that will allow us to 'show-off' the 'softer-side' of CU." The students were divided into two ensembles and spent the whole day rehearsing in the CU Fine Arts Center. The women's honor choir was conducted by **Linda Hawkins**, adjunct instructor in vocal studies, and was accompanied by **Jane Smith**, professor of music. The men's honor choir was conducted by Miller and accompanied by **Taylor Baldwin**, adjunct instructor in collaborative piano. These voicings allowed the two conductors to discuss vocal issues specific to the female or male range. In the evening students performed, alongside CU choral students, in a public performance at the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton.

The Concord University Music Department will present two performances of "A Celtic Holiday" with **Joshua Miller**, conductor, and **Taylor Baldwin**, organist/ pianist. The concert will feature holiday music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the United States with performances by the CU Collegiate Singers, ConChords, and Camerata Singers joined by instrumental and vocal soloists. The first concert will be held Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 507 Harrison Street, Princeton. A second performance will take place on Thursday Dec. 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1003 Wyoming Street, Bluefield. General admission is \$7 with all proceeds helping to fund the music students' Spring Concert Tour & University Collaboration in Scotland and Ireland. Advanced ticket purchasing is suggested as seating is very limited. Tickets may be purchased through choral students or by calling 304-384-5301.



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

CU Blood Drive Donors

More than 50 members of the Concord University community – including many students – gave the gift of life during the American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009. Thanks everyone!



United Way Campaign Underway on Campus

The 2009 United Way campaign is underway and Concord University is rallying to the cause. Employees are encouraged to join in the effort to raise money for community organizations. Concord's Student United Way, the first in West Virginia, is working on campus by securing donations. Proceeds from the CU campaign may be designated to the Student United Way for local projects relating to education, income, and health. Or, they may be designated for other service projects offered by the United Way of the Virginias.

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Notable & Newsworthy

An article entitled "Logging On" written by **Dr. Terry W. Mullins**, associate professor of education at Concord University, was published recently in the Journal of the Virginia Education Association. The article traced Mullins' educational career from its beginnings in the 1970s and 1980s when his primary teaching tools were chalk and slate or the blackboard to the present time where he teaches primarily via the online learning management system, ironically also known as BlackBoard. The article appeared in the online edition of the Journal of the V.E.A. at <http://www.veanea.org/vea-journal/0911/Nov09-Logging.html> and also was published in the hard copy version of the November 2009 Journal of the Virginia Education Association.



Debra Weiss, Office of Student Affairs, announces the birth of her grandson, Gabriel Hunter Weiss, born Nov. 9, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. Gabriel is pictured with his two sisters, Lilly, age 22 months and Raylyn, age 8.



The Office of Advancement welcomes **Alicia Suka Besenyei** and **Chris Mabe**. They officially began their duties with the A-Team on Dec. 1, 2009. Alicia, a familiar anchor/reporter on regional media outlets, will serve as Advancement Development Officer. She will be responsible for coordinating development campaigns and assisting in public relations and marketing. Chris has worked as a graphic designer for Concord on a contract basis since February, 2009. He will continue his duties as Public Relations Specialist.

Bulletin Board

Christmas Angels...Christmas Angel gifts are due in the Student Center Office by Dec. 9. The presents don't have to be wrapped, but the angel's tag number must be on each one. Persons unable to pick a name tag off the tree can still buy a present for a deserving child. Canned and boxed food items are also being collected for these families. Thanks to everyone helping with this project!

West Virginia celebrations...Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin invite all fellow West Virginians to attend Joyful Night, the state's annual holiday celebration, on Thursday, Dec. 3. The event begins with a parade at 5:30 p.m. originating on the corner of Washington and Greenbrier streets. The governor and first lady will light the ceremonial Christmas tree at 6 p.m. on stage, located on the north plaza, State Capitol. Visitors can then take a musical walk through the Capitol grounds, Governor's Mansion and Culture Center. The evening's festivities will conclude with refreshments and entertainment in the Great Hall, Culture Center. The governor and first lady are also inviting all West Virginians to a Holiday Open House 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Governor's Mansion. These holiday events are free and open to the public.



Next Issue
 Thursday, Dec. 17
Submission Deadline
 Monday, Dec. 14
 4:00pm

Veterans' experiences Recorded in CU class

Concord University Veterans Oral History Instructor Jim Worsham will soon wrap up a successful semester. The class basically trains students to interview and record the stories of military veterans in cooperation with the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress.

"Jim Worsham has made the class come to life with his own recorded interviews of American veterans and excerpts from selected movies. He even brought the Medal of Honor winner, Woody Williams, a Marine Corps hero from Iwo Jima, to tell the class of his wartime experiences," Pam McPeak, Upward Bound director and a member of the class, said.

As an optional exercise, every student in the class chose to participate in the "Take A Veteran To School" (TAVST) Program. McPeak said, "The TAVST program is sponsored by The History Channel and the Cable Industry. Thirteen state high schools were chosen to be sites for the events. At each school military veterans joined to speak to the student body in panel discussions and to answer questions. At six locations Concord University students interviewed the veterans to obtain their oral histories for the Library of Congress.

"The Concord Computer Center taped the panel discussions as well as the oral histories at six of the 13 high schools chosen in West Virginia. Senator Rockefeller launched this program on Nov. 9 at Brooke High School," she said.

CU was involved at Huntington, Hurricane, Capital, Fayetteville, Summers County and Bluefield high schools.

Mr. Worsham invites Concord veterans, students, staff, faculty and guests to attend the final class on Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. in Room 103 of the Rahall Technology Center. Students and veterans who have been recorded will be available to share their experiences with the Concord community.

Mr. Worsham has offered to teach this class as a one hour class next semester consisting of one Saturday and one half day Sunday for a tour of the local Veterans museum.

Mr. Jim Worsham, instructor, and **Pamela Byrd McPeak**, Upward Bound director, participate in Veterans Oral History programming.



Governor announces grants to Concord and West Liberty

Charleston, W.Va. – Gov. Joe Manchin has announced the first two awards supported by interest earned on the state's Research Trust Fund, also known as the "Bucks for Brains" program, which aims to bolster activity in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at colleges and universities across West Virginia.

Concord University is set to receive \$100,000 to implement a summer undergraduate research initiative for science and mathematics majors. The goal is to connect student learning with faculty development while increasing graduation rates for science and math majors, academic performance in upper-division courses, and postgraduate activities in STEM fields. Concord intends to match this grant with \$150,000 from private donors over the next five years.

West Liberty University will receive \$100,000 to kick off a long-term campaign that funds student stipends and high-end instrumentation purchases, which will be used by faculty researchers and students, to build on the university's growing achievements and recognized excellence in biology and chemistry. West Liberty plans to raise \$100,000 in matching funds over the next 5 years.

Reading Council makes a difference

The Concord University Reading Council has been very active this past semester. The 20-member organization has been engaged in a variety of community activities and services to promote literacy and assist with community needs.

First, a raffle fund raiser was held to earn money to purchase a resource/tool for future education majors to use. Items purchased in the past included a laminator, die cut machine, stamping dies, educational supplies, and a cricut machine.

Second, members of the Reading Council assisted with Athens School Fall Festival and donated approximately 100 new books to the children. During the festival, members of the Reading Council talked with parents about the importance of reading to children in the early years. Members also talked to the students about their favorite books and authors.

Third, the Reading Council participated in the "Trick or Treat Halloween Party" hosted by the Wilson/Sarvay staff on campus. New books were provided to all the children who attended; and as a special treat, Reading Council members entertained the children by participating in a read aloud.

Fourth, the Reading Council held a soup and sandwich sale. Half of the proceeds from the sale were given to a Mercer County teacher from one of our Professional Development Schools, whose husband has been diagnosed with cancer.

Fifth, every second grade child at Athens School was given new books to take home.

Sixth, two CU students assisted in a presentation on the Nuts and Bolts of Reading for the parents of Melrose Elementary School. Each child who attended with his/her parent was given a new book.

Promoting literacy and supporting the community are the goals of the Concord University Reading Council. The members worked hard this semester to ensure that those goals were met.

