

Campus E-News

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Focus Events

Monday, June 28, 2010

- Classes Begin
Second Summer Term

Monday, July 5, 2010

- Holiday
Independence Day Observance

Friday, July 9, 2010

- CU Athletics Golf Tournament
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
Fountain Springs Golf Course
Peterstown, W.Va.

Thursday, August 5, 2010

- Adult Learner Open House
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
CU Ballroom

Sunday, August 8, 2010

- Athens-Concord Town Social
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
CU Front Lawn

Friday, August 13, 2010 –

Saturday, August 21, 2010

- CU at the WV State Fair

Monday, August 16, 2010

- Concord Night
Princeton Rays
Vs. Bluefield Orioles
7 p.m.
Hunnicut Field
Princeton, W.Va.



From the Desk of . . .

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the Computer Center and the Center for Academic Technologies were brought together under one Information Technology Services umbrella, reporting directly to the Vice President and Academic Dean. Information Technology Services responsibilities include providing technical support and

services for the Banner administrative system, computer labs and classrooms, e-mail, hardware/software maintenance, institutional research and data reports, instructional technology, digital broadcasting, distance education, equipment loans, network hosting, technology training and web development. Services are provided to faculty, staff, students, alumni and other members of the Concord community.

A unified help desk reached via a single phone number (x5291) and e-mail contact (cuhelpdesk@concord.edu) was created this year for all campus users. Service was expanded by providing online chat assistance and extending help desk hours until 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays during the fall and spring semesters. Soon to come are a consolidated Information Technology website with answers to frequently asked questions and a new work order and problem reporting system with direct faculty and staff access.

Instructional technology support is growing with the addition of two faculty technology mentors. Dr. Jessica Alexander and Dr. Anita Reynolds have been selected to be mentors during the Fall 2010 semester. Along with student assistants, they will be providing assistance with instructional technology matters like Blackboard, online courses and video conferencing courses; conducting regular workshops for faculty; holding five to ten “tech office hours” each week; scheduling one-on-one help sessions with faculty as needed; and providing follow-up help for faculty using technology.

Faculty, staff and students have seen numerous improvements to campus information systems this year, including the Fall 2009 launch of the MyCU portal - providing one-stop access to campus announcements, e-mail, course registration, financial aid, grades, advising and Blackboard - and a major system upgrade to Banner 8 in Spring 2010. The Concord website continues to improve with redesigned Admissions and Advancement information and new pages for the Academic Success Center and the Parents Club.

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E-News Summer Schedule

- **July 15 Issue -**
Submissions due July 12
- **August 12 Issue -**
Submissions due August 9



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

From the Desk of (continued)

Behind the scenes, a new server was implemented to provide support for the Trane performance contract, a campus-wide 360-degree surveillance camera system was installed to improve campus safety, technology was added to the 165-seat theater style classroom in Rahall 304 and broadcasting and recording services were provided in support of many university activities including the Fall Convocation, Spring Commencements, the Veterans Oral History project, athletic events, University 100 sessions, and business symposia, among others.

Finally, the new University Technology Committee was established this year, with representatives from all academic divisions and university functional areas. The committee met nine times throughout the fall and spring semesters to review technology plans and proposals, coordinating technology activities across the university and providing feedback and guidance regarding information technology maintenance and services. All committee proceedings, including meeting dates, agendas and minutes can be found at the University Technology Committee's website: <http://academics.concord.edu/techcommittee/>. There's also a form at the website for your questions, comments, and suggestions (and you are always welcome to contact us directly via phone or e-mail). We look forward to your feedback!

Best wishes,

Steve Meadows, John Spencer, University Technology Committee (Lynne White, Facilitator)

Town Social unveils green theme

"Athens-Concord: Cleaner and Greener" is the theme for the 24th Annual Athens-Concord Town Social (ACTS) set for Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the front lawn of Concord University. Event organizers said the theme spotlights recycling and other green initiatives undertaken by the Town of Athens and Concord University.

Join your friends, neighbors and co-workers for this yearly gathering which features craft vendors and informational displays, live musical entertainment, children's games, a complimentary picnic lunch, free admission and lots more family fun. Individuals, along with a local business, who have enhanced community and campus life, will be honored during the festivities.

Exhibit space is available free-of-charge for crafters to display and sell their wares and for organizations to promote their causes. To reserve a space contact Anne O'Sullivan at 304-384-7353 or Sharon Griffiee at 304-384-3243. Reservations should be made by Friday, July 30, 2010.

The Athens High School Class of 1960 is holding its 50th reunion at the town social. For more information on the reunion contact Paul Hodges at 304-384-7879.

For general information contact Lynne White, ACTS committee chair, at 304-384-4117 or townsocial@concord.edu.

Adult learners focus of open house

Concord University is hosting an Adult Learner Open House on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. This exciting opportunity will offer information on how adults can earn or complete a degree at Concord.

Concord's Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) program is sponsoring the event. The RBA program offers college credit for professional work experience and certifications. To learn more about the RBA program visit <http://www.concord.edu/academics/regents-bachelor-arts-rba-program>.

Open house guests will learn about the RBA program and other areas of study at Concord. They will also receive information about financial aid and registration, tour the campus and meet university personnel. For more information contact Dr. George Towers at 304-384-5220 or rba@concord.edu.

In addition to the face-to-face event, a virtual open house for adult students is also being planned.

Send us your news!

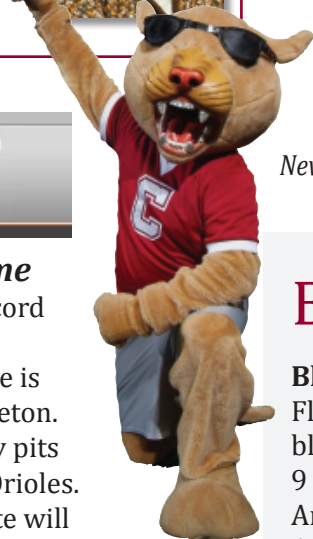
Let us know what's new with you or your department... e-mail **Campus E-News** at enews@concord.edu. Be sure to include your name and telephone number so we can contact you, too. Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication.



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

Dr. Kathy Hawks

Congratulations go out to Dr. Hawks, associate professor of education, for receiving the Cole Chevy and WVVA Teacher of the Month Award.



Join Concord at P-Rays game

Mark your calendar now for Concord Night with the Princeton Rays on Monday, Aug. 16, 2010. Game time is 7 p.m. at Hunnicutt Field in Princeton. This cross-county baseball rivalry pits the P-Rays against the Bluefield Orioles. The first 500 fans through the gate will receive a mini P-Rays/Concord University football in anticipation of fall and Mountain Lion football. Show your CU spirit and wear maroon!

Notable & Newsworthy

Dr. Charles Becker has been selected to serve as Vice President for Business and Finance. He officially began his duties on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Debra Weiss, Office of Student Affairs, announces the birth of her granddaughter, Emma Nicole Weiss, born May 28, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Emma has a very proud big brother, Matthew, who is 2 years old.



Newborn Emma Nicole Weiss and brother, Matthew, spend time with dad, Joel Weiss.

Bulletin Board

Blood Drive... Give the "Gift of Life" and get a free pair of Flip-flops! The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive at Concord University on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All presenting donors will receive a pair of Flip-flops. And, that's not all. Donors will also have a chance to win a 2009 Chevy Aveo as part of the 2nd Annual Ramey Red Cross Car Giveaway.



American Red Cross

McDowell County Initiative Salutes Moore and Johnson

Key figures in a program aimed at inspiring McDowell County residents to attend college were saluted by Concord University Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

Delegate Clif Moore, D-McDowell, and Randall Johnson, executive director of the Council of the Southern Mountains, were recognized during a plaque presentation ceremony at the council's Keystone office for their efforts with the McDowell County Initiative.

The \$15,000 funding for this project was secured by Moore and provided by the Council of the Southern Mountains.

The goal of the McDowell County Initiative is to introduce families and students to higher education and the resources available to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. The program is a collaborative effort between the McDowell County Initiative Committee, WV GEAR-UP, Concord University Upward Bound and the Concord University Admissions Office.

Two of the three events sponsored by the initiative were held at Concord. "First Down Opportunity," held during fall 2009, included campus tours and admission to a Mountain Lions home football game. Students and their families were exposed to the positive, health-conscious activities occurring on a college campus during "March Madness McDowell Fest," on March 20, 2010.



Shown at the plaque presentation ceremony are, from left, Darrick Scott, Terri Philpott, Randall Johnson, Melissa Gattuso and Dr. Gregory Aloia.

Attending the plaque presentation ceremony on behalf of Concord University were: President Gregory F. Aloia; Alicia Besenyei, advancement development officer; Terri Philpott, chair of the McDowell County Initiative Committee; Darrick Scott, member of the McDowell County Initiative Committee; and Melissa Gattuso, regional coordinator WV GEAR UP and member of the McDowell County Initiative Committee.





CU joining state fair festivities



Want to represent Concord University amidst the fun and festivities of the state fair? Concord will be on-site at the State Fair of West Virginia from Friday, Aug. 13 through Saturday, Aug. 21 and help is needed to run the CU tent. Personnel from all areas of the campus community, along with Concord alumni and friends, are invited to participate. Contact Kati Whittaker at ext. 5348 or kwhittaker@concord.edu to learn more.

For additional information on the fair go to <http://www.wvstatefair.com/> Thanks!

Flat Stanley enjoys visit To the 'Campus Beautiful'

Flat Stanley, of children's literature fame, recently visited Concord University. Sharon Manzo in the President's Office was his hostess. Chris Mabe from Advancement accompanied him on his campus tour documenting the visit in photographs.

"Flat Stanley" was written in 1964 by Jeff Brown. In the book, young Stanley Lambchop is flattened in his sleep when a large bulletin board falls on him. With this new shape that allows him to slide under doors and be mailed in an envelope, Stanley begins a series of adventures.

He has since traveled the world through the Flat Stanley Project. In the project, school children write letters to famous and interesting persons and locations. The letters are then mailed, each with a Flat Stanley slipped inside the envelope. When he returns, this storybook adventurer shares tales of his journey via a letter from his host.

Concord alum **Ginny Shirley '76** and her first grade class at Pineville Elementary School sent Flat Stanleys to a number of destinations this school year including Concord University, the White House and the West Virginia Office of the Governor. The Flat Stanley who visited Concord, like his counterparts from Ms. Shirley's class, was a paper cutout that had been hand-colored by a student then laminated.

Ms. Manzo penned Flat Stanley's Concord response letter and mailed it back with him to Pineville Elementary.

Ms. Shirley said she and the young man who coordinated Flat Stanley's visit to the "Campus Beautiful" were "thrilled" with the response placing it in the same league as those with a Washington, D.C. or Charleston postmark.

"I was very impressed that someone here and in Charleston and at the White House took time to make a story out of it," she said. "It (Concord letter) was the best response we got. I don't think they will forget it."

Ms. Shirley, who just retired from her 34-year career as a first grade teacher, enjoyed reading about and seeing photographs of Flat Stanley's visit to her alma mater so much that she made the trip herself on June 11. Her traveling companion was another Flat Stanley created by her class.

"I've always been very proud that I graduated from here," she said.

Department Updates

Allen Smith '05, admissions counselor, and **Andrew Sulgit**, associate director of admissions, will be presenting this summer in Orlando, Fla. at the 22nd National Small College Enrollment Conference. The sessions will be titled "Sowing the Seeds: Middle School Recruitment Success."



Andrea Tabor '93, associate director of admissions, coordinated the Summer Academy Program for the University. The annual Students of Excellence Summer Academy for rising high school seniors (by invitation only) was held Sunday, June 6 through Friday, June 11, 2010. The Academy selected students interested in medicine and education from Mercer, Summers, Monroe, Wyoming, Raleigh, McDowell, Greenbrier, Nicholas and Fayette counties. Over 20 students attended this year's program.





Kevin Garrett, left, and Dr. Gregory Aloia, right, congratulate Hall of Fame inductees. Shown, beginning second from left are: Joe Ed Phillips, Ashley Adkins representing Joe Earl Bennett, Lesley Ashford and Bill Robertson.

Mountain Lion Hall of Fame Inducts six during banquet

Concord University Athletics honored some of its finest during the annual Hall of Fame banquet Saturday, May 22, 2010 in the Ballroom of the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center. The 2010 inductees include six athletes representing four different Mountain Lion sports. They are: Lesley Ashford '01, women's soccer, 1997-2000; Joe Earl Bennett '77, football, 1974-1976; Toby Legacy '02, baseball, 1998-2001; George E. "Joe Ed" Phillips '61, football, 1957-1960; William "Bill" Robertson '64, men's golf, 1960-1964; and, Jason Sharp '01, baseball, 1998-2001.

Award presenters include Steve Barrett, Concord head men's soccer coach, who presented the honor to Ashford. Concord Director of Athletics Kevin Garrett made presentation remarks for baseball inductees Legacy and Sharp who were both unable to attend due to prior career related commitments. Tom Joyce '64, Concord University Foundation board member and Mountain Lion Club supporter, presented the award to Phillips.

Bennett, who passed away in 2007, was represented by his daughter Ashley Adkins. She accepted the award on his behalf from former Mountain Lion head football coach Tony Colobro. Kenny Howell, assistant director of athletics at WVU Tech, made the award presentation to Robertson.

CU artists partner with local students

The first "Night in the Art Gallery" reception was held on May 25, 2010 in the Arthur Butcher Gallery of the Alexander Fine Arts Center. This art exhibition is a growing partnership between Concord University's Art Department and Mercer County Schools.

Visitors had the opportunity to view student artwork from Bluefield High School, PikeView High School, Princeton Senior High School, Princeton Middle School, Glenwood Middle School and Athens School. This interactive reception included the opportunity to watch throwing demonstrations on a potter's wheel conducted by James Biggs, Concord University assistant professor of art, and photo transfer demonstrations by George Walsh, a recent Concord University graduate in Art Education.

Visitors were also encouraged to create their own works of art by participating in hands-on activities conducted by Jacqueline Trent, Susan Price, Denise Ward and Victoria McInturff, Concord Art Education majors under the direction of Dr. Lauri Reidmiller, assistant professor of art.

The Concord University Art Department including Kevin Bennington, James Biggs, Jack Sheffler, Fernando Porras and Lauri Reidmiller served as hosts for the event. They would like to extend their thanks to Bonita Sink, Robi Ofsa, Cynthia Tilley, Larry Jones, Jean McCloud, Joyce Shamro, Kellan Sarles, Sarah Dalton, Tammy Monk and Karen Hayes for helping to make the first "Night in the Art Gallery" such a success.



(left) Concord art faculty and Art Education students participate in the reception. (right) Jacqueline Trent conducts a hands-on art activity.



Classified Scholarship recipients chosen

The Classified Scholarship Committee has awarded financial assistance for the 2010-11 academic year to all recent applicants. Each one of these individuals will receive \$175 per semester (\$350 per year) from the Classified Scholarship Fund. Congratulations to each one.

Scholarship recipients are: Kashayla Brown, Barry Cline, Kelly Ellison, Joseph Rush, Autumn Stella, Chelsa Vaught and Guy Wolfe.

This scholarship is made possible by the hard work, dedication, support and donations of the Concord campus community and the Concord University Foundation.



Concord helps document veterans' histories

Concord University participated in "Take A Veteran To School Day" May 20, 2010 at Shady Spring High School. The program is part of a national effort to



honor veterans and teach young adults about their sacrifices and valor. As veterans share their wartime experiences for the students, the presentations are recorded to be placed in The Library of Congress. Three veterans shared their stories that day.

Since the program began in 2008 in West Virginia, more than 100 veterans have been brought into high schools to be honored in connection with Veterans Day. This year, the program was expanded to honor veterans just prior to Memorial Day.

Concord participated in the May 20 program as part of the University's veterans initiative. Representatives included Jim Worsham, adjunct professor; Pamela Byrd McPeak, Upward Bound director; and Center for Academic Technologies (CAT) personnel Steve Meadows, Alvin White, William Meador and William Bailey. The CAT staff attended to document, record and tape the histories and presentations for The Library of Congress.

Concord University also took a lead role in the November 2009 "Take A Veteran To School" project and recorded more than 30 histories and presentations at six West Virginia high schools to celebrate Veterans Day.

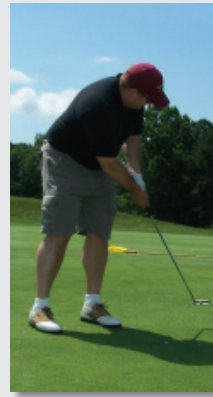
A Veterans Oral History course will be offered again at Concord during the fall semester. Classes will be held on Monday nights from 7 p.m. until 9:50 p.m. and will feature guest speakers, field trips and outside events. Students will learn how to collect and record oral histories.

They will also have the opportunity to participate in the "Take A Veteran To School" program this fall. For course information contact:
Lisa Spencer at 304-384-5339 or
Dr. George Towers at 304-384-6306.

Golfers raise scholarship funds in annual memorial tournament

Sunny skies prevailed as golfers took to the course Friday, June 11 at Pipestem Resort State Park during the Annual Homer K. Ball Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament.

The winning foursome with a score of 56 on the 18-hole course includes John Witt, Don Meadows, Jeff Broyles and Rodney Hearst. Second place honors went to Sam Townley, Doug Stone, John Scott and Al Cipolletti with a score of 60.



Proceeds from the tournament go to the Homer K. Ball Scholarship Fund held by the Concord University Foundation. Throughout the years, the tournament has raised more than \$200,000 and funded approximately 800 scholarships for Concord students.

For more on the golf tournament go to: www.concord.edu/news/2010/06/11/annual-homer-k-ball-memorial-scholarship-golf-tournament-raises-funds-concord-univer.



(top-right) Phillip Ball plays in the tournament named in memory of his father, Homer K. Ball. (left) Concord Associate Professor Jim White, right, is joined by Tommy White, Keith Schleicher and Chris Plaushin. (right) Jason Lunsford, front, and Dale Geiger navigate the course

Instant text messaging offers CU alerts

Are you signed up to receive instant text message alerts on Concord University weather, safety and security issues? You can receive messages on your cell phone and e-mail alerts. Sign up today with the Center for Academic Technologies (CAT). Encourage students, including incoming freshmen, to subscribe to the service as well.

Go to the Center for Academic Technologies website at cat.concord.edu. 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.

