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Focus Events

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009

- Mountain Lion Football
CU vs. West Liberty
1 p.m.
Russek Field
West Liberty, WV

Monday, Nov. 9, 2009

- Veterans Appreciation
Ceremony
Flagpole Dedication
12:30 p.m.
In front of Marsh Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009

- Veterans Day

Wednesday, Nov. 11-

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009

- "And Miss Reardon
Drinks a Little"
8 p.m.
H.C. Paul Theater

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009

- Alumni, Family, Friends
Brunch
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
CASE Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009

- Mountain Lion Basketball
CU vs. Davis & Elkins
7:30 p.m.
Carter Center



From the Desk of . . .

Veterans Day is quickly approaching and I am excited to write about the Veterans Appreciation and Flagpole dedication in honor of our veterans. The ceremony will take place on Monday, Nov. 9 at 12:30 p.m. in front of Marsh Hall. The event will feature the dedication of our new POW flag and a time to express our appreciation for everything our veterans have done for us. I would like to thank you in advance for making this event a huge success.

Since the implementation of the Post -9/11 GI Bill on Aug. 1, 2009, more veterans than ever are expected to be attending college. The Bill provides veterans with education grants equal to the highest public in-state tuition where they attend college. The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, a provision of the Post-9/11 Bill, allows degree granting institutions to work with the Veterans Administration to fund tuition expenses that exceed the GI grant amount. Since Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 2 million servicemen and women have been deployed. The number of those who are enrolled in colleges is increasing.

Established earlier this year, a charge from the State of West Virginia is to make every college and university a "veteran friendly" campus. With enthusiasm, encouragement and care for the veterans in mind, Concord President Dr. Gregory Aloia, chair of the West Virginia Veterans Task Force, appointed a Veterans Committee here on the campus of Concord. The committee consists of Terry Rotenberry, Pamela McPeak, George Williams, Marjie Flanagan, Larry Griffith, Derrick Scott, Dr. Aloia and myself. With the hard work and expertise that each member has brought to the committee our program has exploded with opportunities ranging from community outreach, a veterans only orientation, increase in the enrollment of vets, veterans oral history, a veterans club on campus to a veterans lounge project. Concord University has been selected as one of America's Top Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities by Military Advanced Education Magazine. The list will appear in the November/December publication.

I am very proud to be a part of this committee and our promise to Concord and our veterans is to continue to be a "role model" institution. We will continue to do everything possible to provide an education and services to our veterans in an attempt to repay a small portion of what veterans have sacrificed for us and our country.

On behalf of the committee I would like to say thank you Concord for your support, and thank you to our veterans and military of the United States of America.

Lisa Spencer

Lisa Spencer
Veterans Coordinator
Chair, Concord Veterans Committee

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Department Updates

The Office of Admissions will host Discover Days on Wednesday, Nov. 11 and Friday, Nov. 20. Fall Open House will be Saturday, Nov. 14.

Admissions will be hosting several regional informational gatherings in the following areas in November:

- **Sunday, Nov. 8** – Beckley – Erma Byrd Higher Education Center;
- **Monday, Nov. 9** – Pineville – Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Wyoming Campus;
- **Tuesday, Nov. 10** – Oak Hill – Holiday Inn;
- **Wednesday, Nov. 11** – Lewisburg – West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine;
- **Thursday, Nov. 12** – Lindside – James Monroe High School.

Interested students and parents can come by from 6 – 7 p.m. They will have the opportunity to meet and discuss admission policies and procedures, complete an application for admission, learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities, discuss student life and housing, and gather information on academic programs of study.

The hearings will be held as follows:

Monday, Nov. 9, 2009

Civic Center, Little Theater, 200 Civic Center Drive, Charleston, W.Va.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009

Tamarack Theatre, One Tamarack Park, Beckley, W.Va.

Monday, Nov. 16, 2009

Holiday Inn, 301 Fox Croft Ave., Martinsburg, W.Va.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009

Ramada Inn, 20 Scott Ave., Morgantown, W.Va.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009

West Virginia Northern Community College, 1704 Market Street, Wheeling, W.Va.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009

Marshall University Medical School, Harless Auditorium, 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington, W.Va.

PEIA Announces Plan Year 2011 Hearings

Each year the PEIA Finance Board holds public hearings to take comments on the proposed financial plan for the coming plan year. The agency will hold hearings in Wheeling, Morgantown, Martinsburg, Beckley, Charleston and Huntington in November (see dates below).



The Finance Board's proposal for Plan Year 2011 will be posted on the agency's Web site, www.wvpeia.com, as soon as it's available. According to AFT public education representative, Josh Sword, the PEIA Finance Board met on Thursday, Sept. 24 and adopted a preliminary plan (effective July 1, 2010). The proposal will be presented at the public hearings and includes the following:

- A 4 percent increase in premiums for both employees and employers;
- An increase in deductibles – either \$25 or \$50 for active employees and \$25 for retirees;
- A change in the prescription drug formulary;
- Some brand name drugs in the top tier will be removed;
- A requirement that all employees will have to undergo blood work and other testing; (Failure to undergo the blood test will result in an increase in premiums.)
- A requirement that employees sign an affidavit that they have a living will on file;
- Public employees' spouses, who have access to health care through an employer but choose a PEIA family plan, will have to pay a higher premium.
- An increase in the maximum out-of-pocket costs for family plans– the amount will be equal to double the rate for a single plan. Your out-of-pocket maximum depends on your employment status, salary, where you receive your services, whether your provider is in network and whether you have prior approval.
- The creation of a new WV plan (this will be optional) that will limit employees to receiving care in West Virginia. If there is a need for specialty care, plan participants will have access to limited care and services at the Cleveland Clinic and Duke University.
- The lifetime cap on benefits is increased from \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

PEIA will offer the following at each event:

Customer Service

PEIA will provide customer service in each location from 4-6 p.m. If you have questions about medical, prescription or life insurance benefits, come early and get answers from the PEIA staff.

The Public Hearings

Registration for the hearings will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the hearings will start at 6 p.m. If you wish to testify at the hearing, you must indicate that at registration.



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

CU Trades Specialists

Gene Buckland, Robert Curry, Stuart Hitt, and Larry Mann, trades specialists from the Concord physical plant repaired the basketball goals in the gymnasium! Their efforts saved the University approximately \$10,000 which is what it would have cost to purchase new ones!
Thanks guys!



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Theater in Wytheville

Concord University **Upward Bound** students and staff (*below*) attend the Wohlfahrt Haus production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on Oct. 24, 2009.



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. **Campus E-News** is a **biweekly** newsletter published every other Thursday for the Faculty and Staff of Concord University.

Notable & Newsworthy

Wayne Gunter honored For 36 years of service

Bookstore Supervisor **Wayne Gunter** retired on Friday Oct. 30 after 36 years of service to Concord University. Wayne was presented with a pin and certificate from Governor Manchin's office by Dr. Charles Becker. He received a personalized rocking chair engraved with the Concord seal from his Concord family.



Many friends, family and colleagues attended the party in Wayne's honor. A number of former CU students, who have worked with Wayne over the years, including Mercer County Circuit Court Judge Omar J. Aboulhosn, stopped by or sent messages to wish Wayne well on his retirement.

Wayne said people have been asking him if he has any plans for retirement. In his usual witty way he replied, "I didn't have any plans when I was a 20 year old and needed money for gas...my only plan is to keep smiling and to keep laughing."

Best Wishes Wayne!

Thank You!

Just a note to thank all the folks who planned, prepared, and attended my Retirement "Shin-dig." Over the years the folks at Concord have been so good to me that I really didn't expect to have anything special at the end of those years. Many kind words were said about me and to me, and I really appreciate all of those kind words. Sometimes I wondered who y'all was talkin' about. It pleased me to see current students, staff, faculty and administration that afternoon and their words of encouragement and appreciation. But, I was honored to see former students, staff, faculty and administration. Just their presence made that afternoon special. The letter from Omar Aboulhosn possibly touched me the most. Who would have thought that just being yourself and trying to help would be remembered over the years. Thanks for the rocking chair and the other gifts. They are truly appreciated. Many of you have heard me say, "I don't like people," and this is true. But folks are more like family and over the years, you have made me feel like part of a family, the Concord family.

Thanks To All For Everything...

Wayne L. Gunter



Rahall scheduled to address Veterans Appreciation event

U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (W.Va.) is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for a Veterans Appreciation Ceremony at Concord University on Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Concord University Veterans Committee, the event will feature the dedication of two new flagpoles in front of Marsh Hall on the Athens campus.



Concord University Veterans Committee Chairperson Lisa Spencer said the ceremony will be a time to honor United States veterans and military personal and is scheduled to coincide with Veterans Day observances nationwide. The Concord community is invited to attend.

Highlights of the program include a 21-gun salute by the Mercer County Veterans Council. Four veterans, who are currently enrolled as students at Concord, will raise a POW/MIA flag on one of the new flagpoles.

Prior to the ceremony, the Marsh Memorial Carillon will play patriotic music from 11:45a.m. to 12:30p.m.

The Advancement/Career Services staff sends a huge thank you to all that helped with our first Homecoming weekend Career Symposium. Over 300 students attended sessions, with 98 percent of those finding the sessions good or excellent. Fifty-two Concord graduates participated in the panel discussions with 100 percent rating the day as good or excellent. One of the best "sides" to this event was the involvement of Concord faculty and staff, Aramark staff, and WFF staff. A conservative estimate indicates over 90 Concord family employees helped to make this event successful, whether it was hanging a sign, taking photographs, cooking an omelet, assigning special projects to a class, or moderating a session. Of the faculty and staff that did moderate sessions, 95 percent felt it was important we host events where students can interact, learn from and connect with Concord graduates. This looks like an event that we'll work to improve and offer again next year! Once again, a sincere thanks to all who contributed. Without the support of many team players, the event would not have been such an overwhelming success.

Bulletin Board

Scholarships available... Joseph R. Hatcher and Lewis E. Tierney Scholarships are available for spring 2010. Current Concord University students may pick up an application in the Financial Aid Office. Deadline is Dec. 1, 2009. Selected recipients will be notified in writing no later than Dec. 15, 2009. Basic scholarship criteria for these scholarships are as follows:

- Must be a second year college student.
- Must have completed 24 hours and earned a 2.5 GPA during the first year of college.
- Must be enrolled full time.
- Financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Hatcher Scholarship applicants must be Mercer County residents.

For additional information please contact the Concord University Financial Aid Office.

You are cordially invited... Concord University's Recreation and Tourism Management and Beckley Campus theater students will present "A Wedding to Die For" on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center Ballroom. Billed as "an audience participation murder," this mystery dinner theater production is by Karen Vuranch. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are available by calling 304-384-6026.

It's time for chocolate... Concord University's Second Afternoon Delight will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 6, 2009 in the President's Room of Marsh Library between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. All are invited to "put together your best chocolate concoction" to share with co-workers and take an afternoon break. Please R.S.V.P. to tmonk@concord.edu or jarvis@concord.edu.

Production announced... The Concord University Theatre Department's current production "And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little" by Paul Zindel hits the stage Nov. 11-14. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in the H.C. Paul Theater in the Alexander Fine Arts Center. This play is for mature audiences only and children should not attend. The cast includes: Christin Walker, Ainsley Miller, Rebecca Creel, John Meadows, Chris Allen, Kendra Lewis, Brandy Lockhart, and Brittany Means. Reservations need to be made by 7:45 p.m. the day of the play. A donation of \$5 is requested. Students can attend by presenting their student IDs.

Support our Troops... Help Phi Alpha Delta fill boxes with non-perishable items for local troops now serving in Iraq. Donations are being collected between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. through Friday, Nov. 6 on the ground floor of the Student Center. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Contributors will be entered in a drawing for a handcrafted birdhouse in CU's colors. The goal is 40 boxes.

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Thursday, Nov. 19
Submission Deadline
Monday, Nov. 16
4:00pm

