As I write to the faculty, staff, and administration of Concord University, I take a moment to reflect back on an exciting recruitment process for the incoming students this fall. The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid staff have done a wonderful job in making this enrollment process as smooth as possible for the incoming and returning Concord University students.

We have several changes within the admissions office for the fall. Matt McGraw ’04, Admissions Counselor for Concord, has left the University to take a position with Dabney Lancaster Community College in Virginia as the Director of Student Services. We wish Matt the best success. Also, we will welcome two new admissions staff to the office starting next week - Jessica Schueler ’09 and Jasmine Rose ’06.

We have already started the recruiting process for spring 2010 and fall 2010. Soon the admissions staff will be traveling throughout the Mid-Atlantic area to market the University.

We have several new and soon-to-be grandmothers in the admissions and financial aid area. Lisa Swaney and Jennie Cordle have new grandsons and soon-to-be grandmothers are Andrea Tabor and Sherry Brogan.

I wish all the faculty, staff and administrators a successful academic year and I appreciate all that each of you has done to make Concord University successful. Go Mountain Lions!

Sincerely,

Kent Gamble
Director of Enrollment
Concord University

*If new additions to your area are not mentioned here, please let us know at enews@concord.edu.
Department Updates

The Concord University Department of Art will host an opening reception for “Soft Beauty of Traditional Shinos: Momoyama Era” on Monday, Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arthur Butcher Gallery of the Alexander Fine Arts Center. Judith Duff is curator for the exhibition which features the work of 15 internationally known potters. Duff will present a curator’s lecture in the theater at 6 p.m. In her curator’s statement she says, “I am delighted to share with you this exciting exhibition … Japanese traditional Shino glazes defy every rule, producing a wonderful variety of colors as well as unpredictable aesthetic effects such as crazing, pin holing, and crawling. This glaze conveys a rich sensual message through its tactile properties, which entices people to touch and use.” Questions about gallery hours or special appointments should be directed to James Biggs at 304-384-5351.

Be sure and spread the word about the Veterans Oral History courses being offered this semester. Aimed at preserving the legacy of American war veterans, the histories collected through the courses will become part of a national project being conducted by the Library of Congress. Each five-week course will offer one hour of credit and is open to juniors, seniors and graduate students. Registration will be conducted on the first night of class. The courses will be held on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Rahall 103. “Veterans Oral History I” will be held Aug. 25 – Sept. 22 and involves the procedures of collecting oral histories and the interviewing process. “Veterans Oral History II” will be held Sept. 29 – Oct. 27 and involves the actual collection of oral histories. “Veterans Oral History III” will be held Nov. 3 – Dec. 8 and also involves the actual collection of oral histories. “Veterans Oral History I” is a pre-requisite to “Veterans Oral History II” and “Veterans Oral History III” or the student may obtain consent of the instructor if he/she has a background of oral history collection procedures and the interviewing process. For more information contact Dr. Cheryl Trull at 304-384-5148 or masters@concord.edu.

Bulletin Board

Pass along to students...Any student interested in singing in one of the CU choirs should contact Josh Miller at ext. 5301 or jmiller@concord.edu. Students do NOT have to be music majors in order to sing with the choirs and all majors are encouraged to participate.

Frequently Asked Questions...Thanks go to the Academic Success Center and offices across campus for compiling this guide for students and employees. Copies were emailed to faculty and staff last week. Check with the ASC if you need another copy.
Let’s hear a ‘ROAR’ for...

The Concord University Marching Band

Under the direction of Laura Zamzow, the Concord University Marching Band performed the National Anthem at the Princeton Rays baseball game Friday, Aug. 14 at Hunnicutt Field in Princeton.

T-Shirt Toss...

Crystal Mabe ’97 throws Concord University T-shirts to the crowd during the harness races at the WV State Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Educational Exercise...

Dr. Joe Manzo, Dr. Jim White, and Dr. Tim Mainland and his wife, Maggie Jasiel, stuff an English phone booth during Concord’s recent Education Abroad program in London.

Notable & Newsworthy

Dr. Heboong Kwon recently had the research paper “Implementation of Strategic Green Orientation in Supply Chain: An Empirical Study of Manufacturing Firms” accepted for publishing by The European Journal of Innovation Management. The paper is co-authored with his colleagues at the University of Toledo.

Diane Grych completed her Milestone 3 Walden University Ph. D. Residency at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, from July 19-25. At the culmination of the residency, she was inducted, along with several fellow students, as a lifetime member in Walden University’s chapter of Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology.

Melissa A. Gattuso received a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership on Aug. 12 from Mountain State University. She also attended a Ruby Payne Understanding Poverty conference in June in Houston, TX and received status as a Certified Trainer. Additionally, she traveled to San Francisco, CA in July for the 10th Annual NCCEP (National Council for Community Education Partnerships)/GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Education for Undergraduate Programs) Conference.

Dr. Gabriel Rieger welcomed a new daughter, Margaret Irene Rieger, into the world on June 16. The following day, he received word that his article “I wooed thee with my sword /And won thy love doing thee injuries: The Erotic Economies of A Midsummer Night’s Dream” is going to be published in October in The Upstart Crow: A Shakespeare Journal, based at Clemson University.

Tabatha Pack had one of her sculptures sell out in four days and a different one take first place in the sculpture division at the WV Horse Expo this year. She specializes in the Arabian horse breed, but will be starting a commissioned portrait order for a client this year of a working Quarter Horse stallion, Heza Classy Chic. She said her client uses this horse in training and tack free reining and cutting demonstrations nationwide. Sometime this year or early next year, she will be working with a company from the UK to produce one of her best sculptures in Fine Bone China.

Dr. Joe Beckett was selected by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) to serve as a site visitor during the 2008-09 academic year. During the fall 2008 semester, he served on the accreditation team for Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA and in the spring 2009 semester he was selected to serve as a CAATE-accreditation site visitor for Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA.

Nancy Ellison visited with Chancellor Federico Matheu at the Universidad Metropolitana in San Juan Puerto Rico recently to discuss areas of collaboration between UMET and Concord University. UMET is a private institution of about 15,000 students and is recognized for its excellence in learning, research and service. “We hope to provide opportunities for Concord students to go to UMET to study and to conduct research and we hope to host students from UMET in our English as a Second Language Program,” she said.