From the Desk of . . .

Approximately two weeks into the new academic year, the Office of Housing and Residence Life had created enough bed space to successfully house all residents in a regular room, and with the correct number of roommates. As has been the case previously, some students originally placed in a triple room in Towers, or other temporary housing space (for example, the small Graduate Assistant apartment on the Wilson Hall second floor) preferred their original living conditions and were hesitant to move. Under these conditions, we have allowed several students to remain in what used to be temporary space for the time being.

Utilizing money raised by Dr. Aloia in the summer of 2008 through his Trading Spaces Fund Raiser, several residence hall lounges, one in each building, received significant upgrades this past summer, and students are already enjoying the benefits. The TV room in Wilson Hall will be the last lounge to benefit from this fund raising effort and should be completed by the end of this semester.

Working in conjunction with the Campus Preparedness Committee, educational efforts continue in each residence hall as we prepare for flu season. Additional wall mounted hand sanitizer devices will be added to North and South Tower elevator lobbies as well as other residence hall specific areas. Our housekeeping staff has already been working hard to clean and sanitize all areas of the residence halls which are touched most frequently.

As always, please let us know if we are forgetting anything, or if we can be of assistance.

Rick Dillon
Interim Dean of Students
Director of Housing & Residence Life
“What’s it like to work for the President?”

If I had a dollar for every time I’ve been asked this question, I could fund a scholarship for a deserving Concord University student. “What’s it like to work for the President?” My standard answer has become, “My days go fast, and I’m never bored.” I’m reminded of the first week of Dr. Aloia’s presidency. On Friday of that week, I bid him a good weekend and told him I was on my way to Trophies and More in Princeton to buy a t-shirt that said, “I survived Dr. Aloia’s first week as President.” Thank goodness he laughed.

Laughter, this is one of the nice things about working for the President. Laughter and humor ease the hectic seriousness of the daily business of running the University. Dr. Aloia has countless human interest stories, many of them his own, many are the stories of colleagues he’s known over the years. He’s a master of acronyms, antidotes, and jokes. Sometimes I laugh at his jokes because they’re funny; sometimes I laugh because that’s what a good administrative assistant does. Groups of middle school students visit campus often and a stop by the President’s Office is always on the day’s itinerary. Dr. Aloia greets these groups with age-appropriate jokes, which ALWAYS bring giggles to the children who look on him as a celebrity.

Dr. Aloia is a high energy, go-getter and if you want to keep up, you have to run. He’s a master at multitasking, he doesn’t expect more from his team than he does from himself, and he’s committed to working until the task is done.

He often shares that his mom instilled in his siblings and him the three most important things in life, your faith, your family, and your education. I observe in his role as CU’s President while serving with honesty and integrity, the three most important things to him are the best interest of the students, the good of the academy, and the importance of University supporters and friends.

“What’s it like to work for the President?” “My days go fast, and I’m never bored.” Translation, “It’s good to work for the President!”

Sharon Manzo
Administrative Assistant to the President

Department Updates

The next Discover Days for the Office of Admissions will be Monday, Oct. 12; Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 24.

Concord University students J. Matt McCormick and Roberta Dickerson presented original voting research at the West Virginia Political Science Conference in Morgantown on Sept. 24 and 25. The students’ research looked at the effect of new voting technologies on West Virginia elections between 2000 and 2008.

Accompanied by Concord University political science professors Dr. Jim White and Dr. Sally Campbell, McCormick and Dickerson shared their findings that increased technology did not have significant impact on election accuracy and made the surprising discovery that the 2008 general election yielded more “lost votes” for President than the previous two elections.

Dickerson also presented these findings to the McNair Scholars Conference in New Mexico the following week.

Student Chasity Bailey also represented Concord University at the McNair Conference by presenting original research in an oral paper. She conducted a psychology study mentored by Dr. Karen Griffie investigating some of the possible determinants of criminal behavior. More specifically, the study revealed some interesting links between male vs. female subjects’ relationships with their parents during childhood and their participation in criminal activity as adults.

These students were accompanied to the New Mexico Conference by Griffie and McNair Research Assistant Doug Snuffer. While in New Mexico, the foursome experienced the Albuquerque International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta and a Native American pueblo.

Roberta Dickerson, Doug Snuffer and Chasity Bailey visit a Native American (Jemez) pueblo while in New Mexico with Dr. Griffie.
Let’s hear a ‘ROAR’ for...

Admissions Website

The Office of Admissions website received an “A”! The website has been recognized as among the most highly rated in the country in the 11th annual My College Options® Enrollment Power Index® (EPI), an analysis of all four-year college and university websites. MyCollegeOptions.org is the nation’s largest online college planning program. Each year the program conducts a research-based analysis that measures how well college and university websites provide information to prospective students to assist them through the application process. The study grades over 3,000 institutions on a 100 point scale, including functionality, design and technology components.

Concord celebrating Homecoming 2009

It’s time to celebrate Homecoming 2009! An activity-packed week awaits the Concord University community from Monday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 18. (A schedule of events can be found on Concord’s website, www.concord.edu., by clicking on the Homecoming 2009 billboard.) Concordians are busy campus-wide working to make this a fun and memorable week for alumni, students and other family and friends of the University. Thanks to all for the long hours and extra efforts.

Following are a few highlights on the Homecoming agenda:

- The “nines” are in the spotlight for 2009. Alumni from the classes of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009 are gathering at the Alumni Social/Dinner on Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom and again at the Alumni Tailgate from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 17 prior to the football game.
- The first Alumni Career Symposium will be held Oct. 16. More than 50 Concord alumni are scheduled to share their stories and offer advice to Concord students on a wide range of careers.
- Theme for the week is Music Icons. Look for the stars across campus on billboards and at the Annual Homecoming Parade on Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. on Vermillion Street.
- The Mountain Lions tangle with the Seton Hill Griffins on Oct. 17 with a 4 p.m. kickoff.
- For more information on Homecoming 2009 events and to make reservations, e-mail advancement@concord.edu or call the Advancement Hotline at 304-384-6311. Reservations may also be made on-line by visiting www.concord.edu and clicking on the Homecoming billboard, then the Homecoming schedule link.

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.

Someone to emulate...

An institution issued a call for nominations for employee recognition and received the following submission describing a potential recipient of the honor.

As you read it, think of your colleagues who emulate this in the Concord community. This is the attitude that should resonate from every member of our team. We should all strive to be more like this individual as a way of advancing Concord University and its mission.

“This colleague is willing to do ANYTHING for anyone if it makes the person’s life easier and/or helps in getting the job done. This colleague will work until things are finished. This individual is always focused, engaged, and giving 110 percent on any project/task assigned that needs to be completed. It is difficult to even explain in words what this person brings to a team. This individual’s enthusiasm, professionalism, willingness to do anything to help, and team oriented attitude are simply amazing.”

Would your colleagues say this about you?
Invitation...The Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce Eighth Annual Women's Expo will be held Oct. 23 and 24 at the Brushfork Armory. Advance tickets are $3 and are available in the President's Office until 4 p.m. Oct. 22. Tickets are available at the door each day of the event at a charge of $5. If you would like to purchase advance tickets, please see Lora Woolwine or Sharon Manzo in the President's Office, Marsh Hall 200.

Help needed...Bakers and other volunteers are needed to assist with the Classified Employee's Scholarship fund raising Hot Dog/Bake Sale during Homecoming. Your assistance is once again very vital to the success of this event. As usual, lots of volunteers and lots of baked goods are needed. The sale will be set up in the Student Center near the Stateroom on Friday, Oct. 16 and at Callaghan Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Fall Break Hours...The Fitness Center will be open the following days and hours during Fall Break: Thursday, Oct. 8, 12 noon – 6 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 9, 12 noon – 6 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 10, normal hours (12 noon – 6 p.m.); and, Sunday, Oct. 11, normal hours (12 noon – 11 p.m.). Hours for the Marsh Library are: Thursday, Oct. 8 and Friday, Oct. 9, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 11, closed.

Recycling...The International Students Club recently partnered with a company called eCycle Group to collect empty printer cartridges (including toner cartridges) and cell phones. In addition to benefiting the environment, the project also helps the club earn much needed funds. Please start saving cartridges and phones and encourage your co-workers, friends, and neighbors to donate to the collection effort. All cartridges must be undamaged and have the original manufacturer's label intact. Drop off your cartridges to the International Office across from the Post Office in the Student Center, or send them to Campus Box 86. Or, you may call 6086 to have them picked up.

Clothing drive...New or used clothing will be collected for the Women in Search of Equality group on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 12 and 13 on the ground floor of the Student Center between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The pages of Campus E-News are filled each issue THANKS to you. Your submissions, feedback and continued interest are appreciated. Keep sending the news.