



CONCORD UNIVERSITY

Alumni, Family & Friends Update

FALL ISSUE 2010



CU
Homecoming
2010!



From the President's Desk:

Crisp autumn air, vivid colors and falling leaves were mixed with cheering crowds, the festivity of the parade and bonfire, as we welcomed back a record number of alumni and friends over Homecoming weekend. Thank you for becoming a part of many wonderful memories on "The Campus Beautiful."



Homecoming was a special time as we celebrated the legacy of those who have gone before. We strive to maintain cherished friendships while involving alumni in the present-day life of our beloved institution.

We would like to offer another opportunity for alumni and friends to help with an important project. The University is undertaking an exciting new program to renovate our residence halls. Project ROAR (Restore Our Aging—to Amazing Rooms) will allow alumni to "purchase" their old room, help with their fraternity or sorority floor, or fund improvements to residence halls in general. More information is included on page 15 of this publication. I hope that you will take the time to review and consider Project ROAR information.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gregory F. Aloia

Concord University President

Campus Spotlight



MARSH MEMORIAL CARILLON

Perched atop Marsh Hall (administration building,) the Marsh Memorial Carillon commands attention by sight and sound. The late Joseph F. Marsh, Jr., president emeritus of Concord, donated the world-class instrument to the University. The Marsh Memorial Carillon is West Virginia's only true carillon with 48 bells and a four-octave musical range. The largest bell, called the bourdon, weighs 4,310 pounds. A true carillon has no electrical amplification and consists of at least 23 tuned, cast bronze bells. Concord's carillon was dedicated and installed in 1997.

On the front cover: Alumni football players gather for a reunion during Homecoming 2010.

December 6

- **Spirit of Beckley**
Honoring Concord Alum
William H. "Bill" Baker '62
Beckley Raleigh County
Convention Center
Award Dinner 7:00 p.m.

December 8

- **"Sounds of the Season"**
Main Theatre
Fine Arts Center
6:00 p.m.

December 11

- **Holiday Wassail**
Fellowship Hall
University Point
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

December 18

- **Fall Commencement**
Main Gym
Carter Center
11:00 a.m.

January 22

- **FL Golf Outing, Lake Mary, FL**
For more information contact:
thomasjoyce42@msn.com

February 2

- **Annual Groundhog Day Breakfast**

May 13-14

- **Alumni Weekend, Class Reunions for 1961 and 1986**

May 14

- **Spring Commencement**



The Alumni Golf Outing in Lake Mary, Florida, is a great winter break!



Holiday cheer abounds at the wassail.



Concord Charlie shares his weather forecast at the annual Groundhog Day Breakfast.



Students await their hard-earned moment at a recent commencement.

CU
there!



The CU Alumni Association, Inc.



I hope everyone has the chance to travel back to Concord this fall. In addition to beautiful Appalachian fall foliage, we had a great turnout for all of the homecoming activities. The CU football team easily won the homecoming game and is continuing with their best season in quite a few years. The homecoming banquet had great friends, music and food. Alumni of the 10's classes were recognized, of which my own class, 1980, was one. If you haven't had a chance yet to see University Point, it will be completely open very soon. It has already hosted its first wedding.

We saw many former students and future students this year at the state fair. Concord provides one of the best and affordable educations in the country and hopefully we were able to get this message out at the fair. I'm looking forward to being in the Concord booth at the fair again next year.

Your CU alumni association is here to serve you. We are always looking for suggestions for new activities and programs. One undertaking I hope to get off the ground this year is the digitization of the history archives in the alumni lounge. Once the conversion to a digital format has been completed, then we will work on placing the collection online. This will be a huge undertaking, but one that I think will be well worth the multi-year effort that will be required. It will provide everyone easy access to the rich and storied history of our alma mater.

If you live in the New River Valley and wish to join the NRV alumni chapter, please contact me. We are in the process now of finalizing the next meeting. If you live elsewhere and wish to participate in an alumni chapter in your area, just drop us an email and let us know.

Dwight Barnette '80
Alumni Association President
barnette@vt.edu

Join Us Today!

CU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon & Gray Club \$25 - 149.99 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership \$5,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Club \$150 - 249.99 | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Club \$25,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor's Club \$250 - 499.99 | Total Enclosed: \$ _____ |

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The Mt. Lion Club, Inc.

Hello Concord Alumni, Friends and Students and Seasons Greetings from the Mt. Lion Club. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving will be here in less than two weeks as I write this, and that Christmas is less than six weeks away.



As you know, the goal of the Mt. Lion Club is to raise funds to help the coaches and student athletes at Concord to be the best they can possibly be. I want to make you aware of our upcoming events so that you can get the word out and hopefully participate.

On January 22, 2011 there will be a golf tournament in Lake Mary, FL. This tournament is hosted by and put on by Tom Joyce and his wife, Mercy. Tom always does a first class job with this event and if you live in Florida or southern Georgia or anywhere else and can make it to the tournament, I know you will have a good time. There is a dinner afterwards with a time to fellowship and catch up with other alumni and friends of Concord. For information about this event, please contact Tom at 407-804-0393 or e-mail Tom at thomasjoyce42@msn.com.

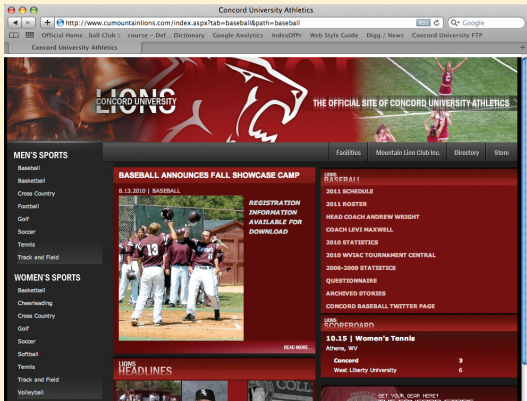
On April 15, 2011 the popular Elimination Dinner is making a comeback. There will be more information coming about this event after the first of the year, however now is a good time to get it on your calendar. The Elimination Dinner will be held at the newest building on campus, The Point, and should be a fantastic event.

In July of 2011, the Second Annual Athletic Fund Raising Golf Tournament will be held in Peterstown, WV at the beautiful Fountain Springs Golf Course. More information will also be forthcoming regarding this event.



I hope you will take the opportunity to support Concord Athletics. We are seeing the fruit of our labor come to fruition on the football field, the golf course, the soccer field, tennis courts, volleyball court and cross country course as well as the classroom this fall. We look forward to success in our winter and spring sports as well. Thank you for your support and be sure to check out how to become a Mt. Lion Club Member on the Athletic page of the Concord University web site.
GO LIONS!!!!

Dave Wilcox '74
Mt. Lion Club President



Visit our athletics website!

Be sure to check out www.cumountainlions.com for the latest scores, schedules and stories of our Concord athletes.

The CU Foundation, Inc.

On behalf of the Concord University Foundation, Inc., I would like to thank all of the individuals as well as the businesses that continue to support Concord's students, the institution itself and the Foundation's overall mission. Many of the donations received by the Foundation over the last several decades have been dedicated to student scholarships and other projects that have enhanced the University. From this generous and considerate support, generations of students have and will continue to succeed in their dreams of obtaining an education from a quality university.



As the holidays approach our thoughts turn to giving. The Concord University Foundation, Inc. participates in the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) organized by the West Virginia Development Office. This program was established in 1996 by the West Virginia Legislature to increase charitable giving to local non-profit organizations. Businesses and individuals who contribute to the Concord University Foundation, Inc. are eligible to receive up to fifty percent (50%) of the contributed amount in the form of West Virginia state income tax credits. The amount available in state tax credit vouchers to the Foundation is limited, so I encourage you to act quickly! The Foundation's application for NIP credits was specifically designated for scholarship support for West Virginia students who are either economically disadvantaged or from economically distressed neighborhoods or underserved populations.



The Concord University Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors recently held its fall meeting. I can assure you that members are dedicated to continuing the efforts of the Foundation and serving as a support system to the university and its students. I encourage all Concord alumni, family and friends to remember this great institution when considering charitable gifts.

We have much to be proud of but more importantly, we have much to be grateful for. With your support, we will continue to enhance the lives we touch.

Regards,

David Kirby, '79

Chairman

The Concord University Foundation, Inc.

President Gregory Aloia and First Lady Mary Aloia visit alums in Florida



Janet Bilotti '77



Charles Melton '40



Leola Bingham '44

Marsh's Concord legacy continues with gift from estate

The late Joseph F. Marsh Jr. served his alma mater Concord University in numerous capacities including as president and president emeritus.

And now, even after his death, his impact on the institution he loved continues.

Marsh, who passed away on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, bequeathed to Concord University 60 percent of his residual estate and his real estate in Athens, altogether valued at nearly three million dollars. The principal purpose of the bequest is to sustain the music program of the university and, if funds permit, University Point and other projects that may be identified by the Board of Governors of the university.

Dr. Jerry Beasley, Concord University president emeritus and executor of Marsh's estate, said the gift not only signifies Marsh's devotion to Concord, but also the continuation of a legacy begun by his father, Joseph F. Marsh Sr., when he served as Concord's president.

"During his life, Dr. Marsh demonstrated a rare kind of moral courage that often required personal sacrifice. He never flinched from the challenge," Beasley said. "He urged students and all he knew to drink deeply from the fountain of knowledge; 'don't gargle,' he often said with a twinkle in his eye.

"Together, members of the Marsh family will provide noble examples for future generations of Concordians to emulate. We honor their memory by devoting ourselves to the high principles on which they built their lives," he said.

Concord University President Gregory F. Aloia said the gift begins yet another chapter in the Marsh story at Concord and will benefit the university community for years to come.

"Dr. Marsh was a revered leader of Concord and was instrumental in its transformation as a modern university," Aloia said.

"His leadership of Concord was seen in many ways including his lifelong dedication to its well-being, his support of our foundation, his love of our students and the beautiful bell tower," he said.



The bells of the Marsh Memorial Carillon sit atop the administration building on Concord's campus and were financed through a gift from Joseph F. Marsh Jr. in honor of his family. The carillon was dedicated in 1997.

Mountain Lion locker room named in honor of Hillman



Concord University recognized an alumnus for his dedication by naming the school's football locker room in his honor.

An afternoon ceremony outside the Carter Center Aug. 26, 2010 saluted North Carolina businessman **Eric H. Hillman, '83** for supporting his alma mater and Mountain Lion Athletics. A plaque unveiled during the program designates the space the "Eric H. Hillman/Jeffery D. Compton Football Locker Room." The locker room was renovated last year.

Hillman is a 1983 graduate of Concord and an active Sigma Tau Gamma alumnus. He is co-founder, co-owner and CEO of Europa Sports Products, one of the largest sports supplement distributors in the country.

Hillman's achievement and leadership in his profession and his entrepreneurial vision in the health/nutrition industry have resulted in multiple "Entrepreneur of the Year" nominations and company growth awards.

"I learned a lot about business from the fraternity," Hillman said during the program. "What Concord did for me was incredible."

Concord University Director of Athletics Kevin Garrett served as master of ceremonies for the naming event. Remarks were offered by Concord University President Gregory F. Aloia and Mountain Lion Head Football Coach Mike Kellar.



Among the guests were members of the Mountain Lion Club, Inc; members of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity; and Concord representatives.

The naming ceremony was held prior to the Mountain Lions season opener against Southern Virginia University at Callaghan Stadium.

Participating in the naming ceremony for the "Eric H. Hillman/Jeffery D. Compton Football Locker Room" at Concord University are from left: Concord University Head Football Coach Mike Kellar, Concord University Director of Athletics Kevin Garrett, Eric H. Hillman, CEO of Europa Sports Products, and Concord University President Gregory F. Aloia.

Concord University has also named a full-sized gym in the Carter Center the "Eric H. Hillman '83 Weight Room" in recognition of Hillman's support.

To see additional photographs and a video from the naming ceremony go to: <http://www.concord.edu/news/2010/08/26/mountain-lions-honor-hillman-locker-room-designation>

CU part of State Fair festivities

The 2010 State Fair of West Virginia enjoyed a banner year and Concord University was there! CU set up shop at the Aug. 13-21 gathering in Fairlea with an outdoor informational display. Concord representatives including alumni, professors, staff, cheerleaders and even Roar the mascot visited with fairgoers, handed out literature and entertained with the spinning prize wheel.



Phil Jeffries '58 and Nell Jeffries '53 volunteer at the CU exhibit.

The display included the eigenweg™ system, an innovation that provides a one-stop digital source for tourist information. The software is a product of Concord University research and development team Dr. W.R. Winfrey, professor of mathematics, and Miranda N. Martin '09. Eigenweg (pronounced ike-en-vek) translated from Dutch means "my way."



Miranda N. Martin '09, left, and Kayla Martin demonstrate the eigenweg™ system.

Concord honored State Fair Manager and alum Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe on Aug. 19. (See story on page 10.) Several West Virginia officials attended the ceremony held at the CU exhibit.



Roar and friends visit the fair.

Concord visits the Princeton P-Rays

Concord University Head Football Coach Mike Kellar throws out the first pitch for the Princeton P-Rays on Aug. 16, 2010. The Concord Collegiate Singers, led by director Josh Miller, perform the national anthem at the baseball game.





Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

The winner of the "Where Am I?" contest for the Summer issue of Alumni, Family & Friends Update is...

Aileen Shrewsbury, Flat Top, WV

Below are the answers for the photos that were in the Summer issue:

Photo 1: The pine tree atop the lamp at the entrance to campus.

Photo 2: Decoration on a flowerpot on the lamppost outside Marsh Hall.

Photo 3: Words on the historical highway marker outside the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center.

Photo 4: Captain James H. French grave memorial on the front lawn of campus.

Rotary Bowl Champs!



Fans bundled up against the cold to watch the Mountain Lions roar past Fairmont State 41-17 in the 2010 Rotary Bowl Saturday, Nov. 6, at Princeton's Hunnicutt Stadium. Pre-game activities featured an alumni tailgate and a halftime ceremony honored Former Concord Coach Tony Colobro.





**Where Am I
contest**



We hope that you enjoy our new **“Where Am I?”** contest. It has become a regular feature in this newsletter. Below are photos of “elements” that are located on “The Campus Beautiful.” Whether you recognize only one, know them all or can’t place any, please send in your entry form and be entered in the drawing for a Concord University T-shirt. Everyone has a chance to win. The answers and names of the winners will be in the next newsletter. Let the search begin!



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

Where Am I? contest ENTRY FORM

Fall Issue • Entries must be received by January 14, 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Class Year: _____ Other: _____ Shirt Size: _____
(friend, student, faculty, staff, etc.)

Photo 1: _____ Photo 2: _____

Photo 3: _____ Photo 4: _____

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Jordan Stadvec, a Concord music major, sings the national anthem during the Returning Veterans on Campus Symposium hosted by the University on July 28, 2010.

State Fair Manager Pierson-Jolliffe honored by CU



*State Fair of West Virginia Manager **Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe '87** is congratulated by Concord University Vice President and Academic Dean **John David Smith '76** after being recognized by Concord at the fair.*

With concert attendance the best in a decade and gate, carnival and concession numbers closely approaching previous records, the 2010 State Fair of West Virginia enjoyed a stellar year. And, to top off that news, the event has been named one of the Top 100 Events in North America for 2011 by the American Bus Association.

At the helm of this successful West Virginia destination is Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe '87. Now the fair's manager, Pierson-Jolliffe began her career there as a high school senior in the exhibits department.

"Somedays, I am an accountant, others a marketing strategist, some I'm on the front lines trying to solve logistical issues," she said. "Our challenge is to hold on to the wonderful traditions of the fair while finding a way to create something that will appeal to a new generation."

Concord University honored Pierson-Jolliffe for her accomplishments during a brief ceremony at the fairgrounds on Aug. 19, 2010. Concord had an outdoor exhibit there for fair week, Aug. 13-21. The award recognizes Pierson-Jolliffe for her "dedicated and outstanding service to her alma mater and the State of West Virginia."

Several West Virginia state dignitaries attended the ceremony along with members of Pierson-Jolliffe's family and Concord representatives.

Pierson-Jolliffe earned a bachelor's degree in Travel Industry Management at Concord and a master's degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management from Clemson University.

"I honestly didn't know what I wanted to do in life until I flipped through the Concord guide and saw the Travel Industry Management program. I was instantly hooked!" she said. "I learned to be a leader at Concord and was challenged in so many ways. The academic programs were rigorous and I learned to work hard to achieve my goals."

Concord Yankees planning Ocean City event

Once again, President's Weekend in Ocean City, Md. is now being organized by **Ron Keiser '64**. There are only a few months left to plan. Join other Concordians for a weekend of fun! Contact Ron Keiser at 302-436-9866.

Trio of alumni win big at Kentucky horse show

A trio of Concord alumni recently won a world-championship title at the Kentucky State Fair. **James '60** and **Margaret '60 Shires**, along with co-trainer **Sandy Lilly '68**, won the Five-Gaited Ladies Amateur World Championship. Allison Combs showed the horse, Champion Callaway's Born for This. Allison and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Shires, own Champion Callaway's Born for This. Sandy and her son, Smith Lilly, train the mare at their farm, Mercer Springs near Princeton. In 2008, Sandy and Smith Lilly drove Champion Mother Mary to win the Fine Harness World's Grand Championship. In 2006, Smith Lilly exhibited Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Shires' horse, Champion He's The Man, to win the Five-Gaited World's Grand Championship. These alumni hold a unique distinction by winning three American Saddlebred world's championships in recent years.

CU Band NYC bound

The Concord University Band is traveling to New York City on April 7-10, 2011. The band will participate in a clinic at NYU and perform at the South Street Seaport. While in the "Big Apple," they will also be seeing "Wicked" on Broadway and touring all over the city. The group is accepting donations to help underwrite trip expenses. Donors will be recognized in performance programs. For more information contact Director Laura Zamzow at 304-384-6090 or lzamzow@concord.edu.

Pace Named Beckley Campus Coordinator of Student Services

Lori Pace, longtime CU Sociology Adjunct, is the newly named Coordinator of Concord Beckley Student Services. Concord's Beckley campus offers a variety of classes at the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center (HEC). This location, just off I-64 (Airport Rd exit 125b), allows the entire Concord community more options and flexibility than ever before. Beckley students now have planned activities, volunteer opportunities and connection to main campus events.

This fall, the Concord Beckley students will volunteer with the Dream Center's Fishes & Loaves, Sherri's Sweep of Raleigh County, Beckley's Chili Night, Little Beaver State Park's Haunted Trail, Tailgate Halloween and participate in a Red Cross Blood Drive. Additionally, the group events of paint balling at ACE Adventures, and zip-lining at Burning Rock are on the fall calendar. There are also free events for students at the HEC, and businesses in the local community are offering discounts with the student Concord ID.

Check out the Facebook "Concord Beckley Student Services" page, or bulletin board at the HEC to stay updated. Events, activities and discounts are open to all Concord students. For more information contact Lori Pace at lpace@concord.edu or call 304-256-0270.



Students, faculty and staff join in a tree planting ceremony honoring incoming freshmen during the Freshman Convocation Aug. 16, 2010.

Study abroad trip part of Concord's international initiative



Calligraphy is part of the study abroad experience.

This summer, 10 Concord University students traveled alongside Dr. Joseph Manzo, professor of geography, and Dr. He-Boong Kwon, associate professor of business, to Korea and Japan on a study abroad trip.

These CU students teamed up with six other students from various countries in order to study the Korean culture. Students attended classes based on language, art, geography, history and traditional music. The students also participated in additional field trips to Seoul, The Sea of Japan and the DMZ.

Dr. Manzo says that this trip was very successful. “Our students this year left a nice legacy for others to follow behind,” he said.

Senior Andrea Lannom was one of the Concord students who traveled abroad. She had been to England with a study abroad trip the previous summer and now describes the desire to see other countries as “insatiable.”

For students who are interested in international travel, Lannom says that you don’t always have to know a lot of background about the country. “You may bring biases with you that are untrue about that country. You can learn more just by being there,” she said.

Lannom says although studying abroad isn’t for everyone, everyone can get something out of it. She described the friendships that formed between the group members and how they all learned from each other. She says you may even be surprised what you learn about yourself.

Manzo says that this trip, as well as many other study abroad trips, was made possible in large part due to several partnerships that Concord has with other universities in various countries. Seven partnerships exist currently, with more soon to be established.

These partnerships offer Concord students the opportunity to study another country’s culture, as well as affording that opportunity to international students. Room and board, along with classes and lectures, will be, in most cases, handled by the host country. Manzo says that these exchanges are very closely equal in value, and the partnerships have been created in order to be mutually beneficial to both institutions. Because of Korea’s hospitality, Concord has welcomed two Korean students to study here for a year.

Concord University President Gregory Aloia has established an International Initiative Council chaired by Dr. Manzo. Partnerships with Korea, Japan, Puerto Rico and Russia are all a part of that initiative. Three goals for this council have been established by President Aloia: to create more opportunities for Concord students, to create more opportunities for Concord faculty, and to diversify the culture on Concord's campus.

Dr. Manzo says that many international students find Concord University because of the internet. Part of the job of this council is to find a way to be more proactive in the recruiting process. Students on campus can benefit from learning another student's culture, while international students are able to have an "American experience."



A tour of the countryside features graceful architecture.

Prices and credit hours vary for each study abroad trip, but financial aid is available. For further information about studying abroad or international initiatives, contact Dr. Manzo at 304-384-5208.



Concord senior Andrea Lannom takes a plunge into a new land.

Wendy Holdren, a Concord University senior majoring in English with an emphasis in journalism, wrote this article. Her hometown is Justice.



"The Campus Beautiful"

is a print by well-known artist P. Buckley Moss produced especially for Concord University in conjunction with the Concord University Alumni Association, Inc.

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Dr. Gregory Aloia presents the Total Community Involvement Award to Anne Kessinger '53.

Tradition continues with annual Athens-Concord Town Social

Small town hospitality – and sunny skies – reigned on the front lawn of Concord University Sunday afternoon, Aug. 8, 2010 for the 24th Annual Athens-Concord Town Social. Hundreds turned out for this popular yearly gathering that features live music, craft vendors, free picnic food and children’s games. The event’s theme, “Athens-Concord: Cleaner and Greener,” spotlighted recycling and other green initiatives undertaken by the Town of Athens and Concord University.

In keeping with the theme,

attendees received live, ready to be planted Douglas firs and white pines through The Arbor Day Foundation’s Gift Tree program.

As a special prelude to the festivities, Concord University carillonneur Jesse Ratcliffe performed a live concert on the Marsh Memorial Carillon. Ratcliffe premiered a medley of Concord songs which he arranged especially for the town social.

The late Joseph F. Marsh, Jr., president emeritus of Concord who passed away in Dec. 2009, donated the world-class instrument to the university. Marsh and the late Senator Donald Caruth, both Athens residents and supporters of the town social, were remembered with a 30-second tolling of the bells prior to the official start of the event. Caruth passed away in May of this year.

Individuals, along with a local business, who have enhanced community and campus life, were honored during the festivities.

The Athens Lions Club presented its Outstanding Citizen of the Year honor to Tim Pike and the Beautification Award to Stanley and Evonne Harvey.

The Athens-Concord Town Social Committee presented four awards. Ninety-one-year-old Eva B. Alvis received the Elder Citizen Award. The Total Community Involvement Award went to Anne Kessinger; the Extra Miler Award was presented to Marilyn Beatty; and, the Business Longevity Award was given to Cole Nurseries, Incorporated, based in Pipestem. Rising Concord University freshman Albert Barbery of Athens received a town social scholarship.



The Midnight Ramblers perform old-time music.

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Remember your room at Concord? Posters on the walls. Friends talking and studying into the wee hours of the morning. Music playing. Books and homework assignments on your desk. Laughter.

Bring back memories?

Right now on Concord's campus students living in the residence halls are creating memories of their own. Help insure that today's Concord students and future Concordians have the benefit of a comfortable, safe, healthy place to call home during their days on campus.

Concord University has a strong academic tradition. We need your help in making our residence halls top-notch.

Make a Difference

Join Project ROAR and make a difference in the lives of Concord students. A number of options are available for you to help in this major renovation of Concord University's residence halls. For more information contact the Concord University Advancement Office at advancement@concord.edu or 304-384-6311.

Thank you!



Join Us!



Florida Alumni Meeting and Golf Outing

Magnolia Plantation Golf Club
Lake Mary, Florida

Saturday, January 22, 2011

- Concord Alumni Golf Outing (\$100) - Noon
 - Reception/Dinner/Meeting (\$40) - 5:30 p.m.
- Make your plans now to attend!*

For more info, contact:

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2010 Homecoming



CU CELEBRATES HOMECOMING 2010

A brilliant autumn day graced “The Campus Beautiful” for Concord University’s Homecoming 2010 celebration Saturday, Oct. 16. Alumni, students, faculty, staff and other Concordians packed the stands of Callaghan Stadium to cheer on the Mountain Lions and enjoy an afternoon of festivities.

Football action started with a 3 p.m. kickoff in the Concord vs. Glenville State bout. The Mountain Lions gave homecoming fans extra reason to celebrate as they outdistanced the Pioneers 49-14.

Concord University President Gregory F. Aloia, First Lady Mary Aloia and Dr. Marjie Flanigan, interim vice president of student affairs and director of retention, participated in the halftime coronation ceremony. The 2010 Homecoming Royalty are Anne Endres from Charleston representing Sigma Sigma Sigma and Adam Pauley from Whitesville representing Bonner Scholars.

First runners-up are Moe Ishihara from Yugawara, Kanagawa, Japan representing the International Club and Montana Callison from Rainelle representing Chi Omega Psi. Second runners-up are Sarah Justus from Hurley, Va. representing Delta Zeta and Russell Christian from Delbarton representing Sigma Tau Gamma.

Alums share knowledge at Career Symposium

The 2nd Annual Career Symposium was hosted by the staff of the Career/ Advancement Services office on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010. Forty-five alums returned to campus to share their time and expertise with Concord students. Alums participated in panel discussions and/or made presentations on the following topics: social media sites-do they help or hurt, networking, working for the federal/state government, being a new professional, women in business and industry, maximizing your undergraduate years, the role of community service in your professional life, ethics and integrity in the workplace, and finding success in graduate school. Additionally, alums talked about the variety of careers available with specific degrees.

Participants this year came from New York, Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia and included: Omar Aboulhosen '89, Shawn Allen '07, Ben Baker '06, Sara Ballengee '07, Thomas Bay '82, Edwin Bennett '94, Janet Bilotti '77, Rose Ann Burgess '59, Tracey Casey '01 & '10, Jeremy Craft '07, Scott Deaner '02, Mary Jane “Janie” Farmer '69, Addy Gwinn '08, Beverly “Jo” Harris '71, Megan Harvey '07, Laura Helton '03, Brian Huggins '93, Nell Jeffries '53, Jeri Knowlton '02, Ben Lafferty '00, Brett Lilly '04, Justin Marlowe '01, Terri Martin '01, Carol McLaugherty '69, Dr. Emily Meadows '76, John (Ken) Moore '70, Rick Moorefield '89, Doug Mullins '94, Emily Myers '02, Alan Pack '08, Jeff Pack '06, Megan Parker '06, Misty Peal '96, Julie Poston '09, Kevin Powell '89, Daniel Puckett '08, Max Sopher '03, Michael Spain '96, Jared Tice '06, Mandi Townley '99, Sarah Turner '99, Rebecca VanCamp '09, Rasman Walker '08, and Mark Wills '77.

A special thanks to all participants!

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni News

Theodore Malinin, M.D. '55 recently published a book "Cancer Merchants" dealing with NCI viruses and cancer programs (Dorrance Publ. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222). Dr. Malinin is a professor in the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Miami, Miami, Fla.

Clarence Mayberry '60 has been conducting research for an historical DVD about the life of Robert Merrill Gainer, a legendary high school teacher and football coach at Big Creek High School, in War. Gainer was portrayed in Homer H. Hickam, Jr.'s bestselling novel "Rocket Boys" and movie "October Sky." The first public historical piece about Coach Gainer was presented by Clarence on Sept. 11, 2010 as part of the War Fall Festival. It was well received; especially since the Big Creek High School was closed in June 2010. On Oct. 2 at Coalwood, Clarence and the Coach Gainer Historical Committee (consisting of representatives of the two colleges and five high schools where Merrill Gainer attended, taught and coached) offered a tribute presentation to Coach Gainer. This presentation was part of the 12th Annual October Fest, held in honor of the Rocket Boys and Homer H. Hickam, Jr., a Coalwood native and fellow Big Creek graduate. The celebration included a parade featuring the Concord University Marching Band. The Historical Committee also honored **Freida Joy Riley '59** (now deceased), a teacher at Big Creek High School while Coach Gainer was a student. Riley was portrayed in Hickam's book and movie.

William H. "Bill" Baker '62 will be recognized as the 2010 recipient of the YMCA of Southern West Virginia Spirit of Beckley award. The award recognizes individuals who display outstanding community service in the Beckley area. A dinner will be held in Baker's honor in Beckley on Dec. 6. Baker has worked as an educator in various capacities including serving as superintendent in Raleigh and Mercer counties. He has been an active leader in many community organizations, including service as Raleigh County Commissioner.

David A. Bragg '62 retired from Elon University in 2008 where he was named Professor Emeritus. He joined the Elon faculty to work with Concord alumnus Jack O. White in 1970. Bragg served for 18 years as department chair. He received a Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1971. Bragg studied in Salzburg, Austria and London, England. David's wife, Mary Alice Bragg, is University organist and former music faculty member of Elon. Bragg's son, Dr. Cristopher Bragg, is a member of the faculty and staff at Harvard Medical School.

Calling for Class Notes

We want to hear from you! Send us your personal and professional accomplishments, news on marriages and family additions and updates on other noteworthy events in your life. Photos are welcome as well.

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Nondis “Angel Love” Campbell Chesnut ’62 has been chosen as “Executive of the Year 2010-2011” by Stanford “Who’s Who.” She is an author, screenwriter and consultant. In addition, she is a college reading class instructor and a learning specialist.

Joe W. Hatfield ’63, executive director of the West Virginia Housing Development Fund, has been inducted to the West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame. Hatfield was honored by a number of dignitaries, including Governor Joe Manchin, a representative from Senator Jay Rockefeller’s office, Larry Puccio, chairman of the Fund’s board of directors, and Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito. A proclamation detailing Hatfield’s accomplishments was read on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and entered into the congressional record. Hatfield has worked for the West Virginia Housing Development Fund since 1973 serving as its Executive Director since 1981. He has expanded the agency during that time to reach all 55 counties of the State with affordable housing programs, economic development initiatives and supportive housing services for West Virginians affected by flooding.

Brian Stevens ’68 retired from the Calvert County, Md. public school system. His last position held was Director of Pupil Transportation and Supervisor of Athletics.

Darlene Centers Lester ’69, nutritionist for the Mercer County WIC Program, was one of three in West Virginia to be awarded the Judith Brown scholarship to attend the National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course at the University of Minnesota. Darlene also received a scholarship to attend the National WIC conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. and served on committees for the State WIC Conference. She just finished serving on the state food committee for new changes in food packages allotted to WIC participants. Darlene has been nutritionist and site supervisor for seven years for the McDowell County WIC Program. She recently transferred to the Mercer County WIC Clinic. Other Concord graduates are with the WV WIC program.

Elva Clemons ’76, (past nutritionist, supervisor, and outreach coordinator) is director of the TSN/WIC Program for nine counties. **Patty Bates Parkey ’52** is past director, past site supervisor and currently a nutritionist. **Shelva Pennington Bittinger ’65** is nutritionist and site supervisor for Raleigh County. **Denise Castanoli Parker ’69** is nutritionist and site supervisor for Mercer County. Recently retired as nutritionist and site supervisor for Mercer County is **Linda Bailey Davis ’71**.

Barbara Ann Martin ’69 retired after teaching 7th grade social studies for 32 years at Daviess County Middle School in Owensboro, Ky. She has been teaching American history at the University of Southern Indiana (Evansville) for the last eight years.

Linda B. Cox ’72 was promoted to director of Adult and Technical Education in July 2010 by Mercer County Schools, Princeton.

Barbara Berg Richko ’72 recently received several honors. On Oct. 1, 2009 she was recognized as a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame at H. Frank Carey High School. In March 2010 Richko was inducted into the Coaches Wall of Fame at Seaford High School where she coached middle school field hockey, volleyball and track. In June, the Seaford Athletic Booster Club honored her at their annual athletic awards dinner,

dedicating the journal in her name. Barbara has been a part of the athletic and academic community of the Seaford Schools since 1989. She retired from teaching mathematics and physical education after 31 years in New York State and the last 21 years at Seaford Middle School. In retirement Barbara looks forward to spending more time with her husband, Bill, her son, Eric, and his wife, Anna, daughter, Kristy, and her grandson, Spencer. Barbara said, "My years at Concord College is what I attribute to my success. A special thanks to my wonderful professors and to Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority."

Charles Chandler '73 is currently the Minister of Music at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church in Hurricane. In February of 2011, the Pipesounds Concert Series will be presenting a Concert on the Harrah Symphonic Organ. The concert will be entitled "3 Con Men: Music Graduates of Concord College." In addition it will feature Tim Waugh of Princeton (Artist in Residence, Beckley Presbyterian Church) and Elliott Bromley, Richmond, Va. (Organist, Bon Air Baptist Church). The Harrah Symphonic Organ is the largest 6 Manual draw knob console in the world. The concert will feature both classical and lighter music based around a Valentine Theme. The Con Women of the congregation and town of Hurricane will provide a rose for the ladies who attend. All alumni and friends of Concord are invited to attend the concert on Feb. 6, 2011 at 3 p.m. at 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

Dr. Rosemary Carucci Goss '74 has been selected to receive Alpha Sigma Alpha's most distinguished award, the Recognition of Eminence Award. Goss is one of only 10 members in the Sorority's history to win this honor. The award recognizes alumnae members whose professional or community achievements receive distinction outside the realm of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Goss has been integral in the development of the residential property management (RPM) program for undergraduates at Virginia Tech. Under her faculty leadership, the program has seen much growth and expansion and has served more than 500 graduates during its 25-year history. She has served as a consultant and on education committees for professional associations, written numerous publications and made various presentations about property management and multifamily housing. She received the Apartment Career and Education Award from the National Apartment Association Education Institute. Goss is a past national president and has also served Alpha Sigma Alpha as editor of the sorority's quarterly magazine, "Phoenix," and is vice president of development and vice president of extension. She has also served as chairman, vice chairman and trustee of the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation.

Joe Belcher '76 has been named the inaugural winner of the James L. Clayton Award for Clayton Homes. Belcher, who has been with the company for 25 years, is currently serving as a Zone Sales Manager. The James L. Clayton Award represents the absolute pinnacle of personal recognition for career contributions to the well being of Clayton Homes. Belcher joined the company in 1985 and has served in numerous roles such as Zone Vice President and Regional Manager. He also serves as a member of the Board for the North Carolina Manufactured Housing Institute.

Larry Mazey '76 retired with 26 years of service in April of 2010 from The Greenbrier/CSX. Mazey was the former CFO of The Greenbrier. In 2006 he moved to CSX IP as President/CEO at The Greenbrier. CSX IP is a corporate data storage facility in the cold war bunker beneath The Greenbrier. As CFO of The Greenbrier, he monetized the bunker with the corporate data storage business plan. He and his wife, Marty, have plans to travel and play golf. The couple resides at The Greenbrier just off the 6th tee of Old White.

R. Luke Lively '81 has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of United Central Bank. United Central Bank, with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, is a \$2.5 billion asset bank with 32 offices in eight states. The bank was named the national Small Business Administration "Lender of the Year" in May 2010 and was recognized as one of the highest performing banks in the United States for 2009. Lively is also a published author. His first novel, "A Questionable Life," was published in October 2009 and has received excellent reviews.

Nancy Ellison '84, director of multicultural affairs at Concord University, recently returned from Puerto Rico with six students who took part in the first Spanish Summer Program in Puerto Rico which was offered collaboratively by Concord University and Universidad Metropolitana. The students took classes at Universidad Metropolitana and traveled to many interesting cultural sites. The group visited Jayuya, a historical city with Taino museums; Viejo San Juan, the capitol city; the Art Museum of Puerto Rico; El Yunque, the rainforest; Las Cavernas Camuy; Tibes, an ancient ceremonial park where students learned the history of the Taino Indians who were the indigenous people of Puerto Rico; and, Hacienda Buena Vista, a farm where coffee and cocoa beans are grown. Students also toured Luquillo and Culebra beaches.

Janet Conroy '86 is the owner and founder of Go Simple Professional Organizing Service, www.gosimple.info in Boston, Mass. She started the company in 2003.

Katherine A. Bruch '90 was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army in February 2010. LTC Bruch is a Medical Service Corps (MSC) Officer with the Army Medical Department, and after completing an assignment as an operations officer at the Office of the Surgeon General she was assigned to Headquarters, US Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va. She currently serves as an MSC career manager responsible for the assignments and management of company grade MS officers and all Army Medical Department company commands worldwide. LTC Bruch holds a master's degree in Human Resource Management from Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas (2000) and completed the US Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. in 2005. Her father, Bob, is a retired CW4 in the US Naval Reserve and is also retired from the Norfolk Southern Railway. Her mother, Mary, taught school at Wade Elementary School and retired from the Mercer County School System with over 30 years service to her community. Both still reside in Bluefield. LTC Bruch was reassigned to the 44th Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C. this summer as the Chief of Human Resources (G1). 44th Medical Brigade will deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) in 2011 to assume duties as the senior Medical Headquarters in theater for all US Forces.



Jan Cahill '91 was recently promoted to Captain and Troop 6 Commander of the West Virginia State Police. Troop 6 encompasses Raleigh, Fayette, Summers, Wyoming, Greenbrier, Mercer, Nicholas, Monroe and McDowell counties, plus part of Boone County. Cahill is married to the former Selina Goins '89. The couple has two children.

Colin O'Sullivan '96 currently resides in Reno, Nev. He is employed as the CEO/Administrator of Tahoe Pacific Hospitals.

Lisa Darlington '98, assistant professor of mathematics at Concord University, led six girls from Girl Scout Troop 3009 of Blacksburg, Va. to earn their Silver Awards this summer. The Silver Award is the second highest award available to girl scouts. The girls developed a podcast of a walking tour of Historic Downtown Blacksburg. Working with the town's museum director, the girls rewrote the script, chose historic and contemporary photographs, solicited a narrator and planned ways to market the podcast. The finished product will be available shortly on the town of Blacksburg's homepage. Co-leader for the group was Jo Ellen Taylor.

Sarah A. Barnett Kimble '99 and Laura K. Kimble were united in a civil union on July 26, 2003 in Burlington, Vt. They have expanded their family by adopting a baby boy, Levi Michael Kimble, on March 14, 2010.

Chris Cavendish '00 is now working as a technical writer in the Flight Crew Manual Department of Gulfstream, www.gulfstream.com.

Lonnie Dale Bailey '01 recently established a permanently endowed fund with the Beckley Area Foundation to generate income to assist writers in his community. The Literature Fund for Wyoming County, W.Va. will provide grants that encourage and recognize both new and established writers who live in the county.

Dean Ratzlaff '01 is now an associate in the Society of Actuaries (ASA) and member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He continues to work at Humana in Louisville, Ky.

Jason William Atwell '02 has recently been promoted to Chair of the Department of General Education and Chair of the College Academic Committee at National College in Bristol, Tenn. He graduated in 2002 from Concord with a bachelor's degree in political science and King College in 2007 with an MBA. He and his wife, Rebekah, have three children.

Manvinder Kohli '02 just launched a startup venture in India called WittyGift. It is an experience gift company and the first of its kind in India. The gifting company packages experiences based on a predetermined category or theme. WittyGifts allows the recipient to have an experience, such as rejuvenating massages, skydiving, kayaking, race car driving or touring a vineyard. These experiences are activities that anyone can buy through themed boxes available directly on www.wittygift.com.



Samantha J. Lane, D.O., '02 graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) with the Degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine May 29, 2010. Lane plans to pursue a dual internship program in Internal Medicine/Pediatrics at Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston. She earned a bachelor's degree in pre-professional biology from Concord.



Kahlil Joseph '03 was recently cast in a male lead role as Professor Callahan in a 9-month national tour of the U.S. and Canada of the hit Broadway musical "Legally Blonde," based on the movie. The musical is going to almost every state in the U.S. with West Virginia stops in Morgantown and Wheeling. The tour schedule (subject to change) can be found at www.troika.com.



Jennifer George Bailey, D.O. '06 graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine May 29, 2010. Bailey plans to enter the pediatrics program at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in pre-professional biology from Concord. She is married to Bryan Bailey.

Donna Wikel '06 was chosen Wyoming East High School Teacher of the Year and Wyoming County Teacher of the Year for 2011. Wikel graduated from Concord University with an education degree and received her Masters of Education with a Reading Specialist cognate in the spring of 2009. She is a literacy teacher at Wyoming East High School and in her fifth year of teaching.

Correction: In the spring issue, the name of **Joyce Vinson Tabor '63** was misspelled. We regret and apologize for this mistake.

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Births

Kristi Gorby Timmons '94 and Shayne Timmons welcomed a daughter, Alyssa Erin, on July 22, 2010. The couple's other children include Brendan, age 6, and Chase, age 5.

Paul Smith '95, his wife, Sharonda, and son, Chace, welcomed the newest addition to their family, Coren Tayler Smith, on June 21, 2010. Coren Tayler weighed 6 lbs., 5oz., and was 18 inches long. The family currently resides in Richmond, Va.

Pamela LeeAnn Fink '03 welcomed a baby girl on April 19, 2010. Madison Colette Fink-Miller weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz., and was 21 inches long. Madison is the granddaughter of **Pamela June Fink '67** and the niece of **Matthew Kelly Fink '96**. The family hopes that perhaps Madison will carry on the tradition of becoming a Mountain Lion when she is of age!

Chad Kirk '06 and **Laura "Sarge" Sergent Kirk '05** welcomed a baby girl, Bella Marie Kirk, on June 26, 2009. Bella joins big sister McKenna Ember. She weighed 6 lbs., 5oz. The Kirks live in Oak Hill where Laura is an orthopedic R.N. at Plateau Medical Center and Chad is completing his master's degree in the Physician Assistant Program at Mountain State University.

Engagement

Matthew David Parker '09 and **Sarah Leann Smith '09** announce their engagement.

Marriages



Sherry Hicks '97 and Rob Buckles were married the evening of April 24, 2010. Sherry is a 1993 graduate of Buckhannon-Upshur High School and a 1997 graduate of Concord. Rob graduated from University of South Florida and was a Lieutenant in the Florida Army National Guard. Sherry is the director of food and beverage for Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Va. Rob is a business process analyst for Permuta Technologies. Rob and Sherry currently reside in Springfield, Va.

Nick Bias '06 and **Brooke Wilson '09** were married on July 9, 2010. At Concord Nick was a member of the track team, Mu Xi Phi Fraternity and was the 2005 Homecoming King. Brooke was also a member of the track team at Concord. Mr. and Mrs. Bias reside in Madison.

Daniel Dowdy '06 married Julie (Bolyard) Dowdy in March 2010. She graduated from Fairmont State University in 2007 with a business management/marketing degree and in 2008 she graduated with a master's degree in business administration from Fairmont State. He is currently working as an executive assistant manager for Walgreens Pharmacy in Grafton. Julie is an HR administrative assistant for Mason Dixon Energy in Bridgeport.

Ryan K. Pimentel '07 and **Megan H. Nichols '07** were married on Aug. 14, 2010. At Concord Ryan was a member of the football team. Megan was a member of the soccer team, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and 2005 Homecoming Queen. Mr. and Mrs. Pimentel reside in Springfield, Mo.

Susan Ann Price '10 married John Henry Hatchett on July 24, 2010. Susan plans to complete a second bachelor's degree in art education at Concord.



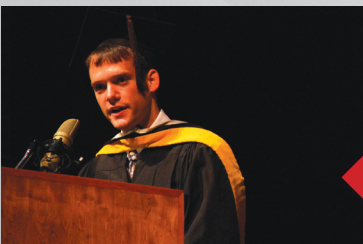
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We are collecting stories of "Concord Sweethearts" for future publication in this newsletter.

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Let Me Call You Sweetheart...



Logan Browning '07 addresses the Fall 2010 Freshman Convocation in the Fine Arts Center Aug. 16, 2010.

PASSINGS

Helen W. Ballard '33: March 7, 2010. Ms. Ballard was a resident of Kentucky.

Virginia Juanita Yancy Hurd '43: March 12, 2010. Ms. Hurd was a retired homemaker and a resident of Savannah, Ga.

Dr. Richard V. Lilly '48: August 26, 2010. Dr. Lilly operated a dental practice for over three decades in Princeton. He also graduated from Northwestern University Dental School and was a member of Xi Psi Phi Fraternity. Dr. Lilly served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps during World War II. He was an active community member as director of One Valley Bank and the Bank of Athens. He was also involved with numerous civic organizations. Dr. Lilly was the 1985 recipient of the Alumni Association's Golden Alumnus Award. He is survived by his wife, Ann.

Donald J. Tighe '51: May 5, 2009. Donald was a resident of Maitland, Fla. He was a member of the English Faculty at Concord and Professor of English Emeritus and retired Chairperson of the Communications/English Department at Valencia Community College in Orlando, Fla. At Concord Mr. Tighe was a member of the Phi Delta Pi Fraternity. He obtained a master's degree from West Virginia University. He is survived by his wife, Ardelia, and four children.

James "Jim" Saltz '58: November, 2009. Jim was a retired vice president at American Electric Power. He leaves behind his wife, Jean, and son, Bryan.

Martin G. Dowdy '59: March 9, 2006. Martin was vice-president of the 1959 class at Concord. Survivors include two sons, a sister, brother and five grandchildren.

Robert C. Price '59: March 3, 2009. "Bob" was president of the 1959 class at Concord. He attended the University of Tennessee Graduate School and was a retired teacher and coach for the Giles County, Virginia School System. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Narrows, Va. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Witten Price, one son, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

Dr. Alan Katzen '63: September 3, 2009. Dr. Katzen received a master's and Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Maryland. He operated his law firm in Baltimore, Md.

Michael W. Pauley '73: July 15, 2010. Michael earned a master's degree in special education from WVCOGS in 1978, a master's degree in school psychology and completed an educational specialist degree from Radford University in 1986. He worked as a special education specialist and school psychologist. He served as a Coordinator of Special Education in Raleigh County Schools and later Mercer County Schools as Assistant Director of Special Education. He retired in December 2008. He was a member of the Concord Key Club, and Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and numerous honor, community and professional organizations. He was active in the Concord University Alumni Association, Pine Trees Chapter and West Virginia Association of Retired Personnel. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Princeton. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, **Julia Ann Grogan Pauley '74**, two sons and six grandchildren.

James "Jim" Locker (attended 1980 to 1982): April 3, 2010. Jim passed away on his birthday due to a shooting accident on the job. He is survived by his wife, Karin Burgess Locker (who also attended Concord from 1980 to 1982), their three children, Ashley, James Christopher and Whitney and three grandchildren, Chase, Tyler and Alexis.

Mary Edna Beckett '54: Aug. 19, 2010.

The entire Concord University community lost a dear friend with the passing of Mary Edna Beckett. At the time of her death she was Professor of Mathematics Emerita and Second Vice President of the Concord University Alumni Association, Inc.

Mary Edna was a resident of Beckett Hill Road in Athens. Born in Logan County, West Virginia, Aug. 31, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Bernard O. "Bob" and Margaret Edna Gannon Beckett.

Mary Edna retired from Concord University in 2005 following 46 years of faithful service. She was a 1950 graduate and Valedictorian of Concord Training School and received her B.S. Degree in Education from Concord College in 1954 and her master's degree from West Virginia University in 1959. Prior to starting her college career teaching mathematics and mathematics education at Concord College in 1959, she taught for the Mercer County School System at both Ramsey Jr. High and Central Jr. High in Bluefield. Mary Edna was well respected by her students and her peers serving several terms as Concord Faculty President and as chairperson of the Division of Natural Sciences.

She was active in the Concord College Alumni Association having served as treasurer and as a member of the Executive Council. The Concord Alumni Association awarded her "Alumnus of The Year" and "Golden Alumnus of The Year" honors during her years of service. She was the founder and sponsor of the Cardinal Key National Honorary Society for outstanding Concord students on campus and each year organized the Honors Banquet while serving on the Commencement committee.

Mary Edna was also a respected and active member of the Athens community. In 1995 she was honored with the "Total Community Involvement Award" by the Athens-Concord Town Social committee. That same year she was named Athens Woman's Club "Citizen of The Year." She was also a member of numerous professional organizations.

Survivors include an aunt, uncle, several cousins, special friends Rosalie Peck, Andrea Tabor and Cecilia Fizer, and numerous friends, peers and students whose lives were touched by her throughout the years.



A scholarship has been established in memory of Miss Beckett. Gifts may be made to: The Mary Edna Beckett Scholarship Fund, c/o the Concord University Alumni Association, Inc., Campus Box 83, P.O. Box 1000, Athens, WV 24712-1000.

Concord 'great place to get a start' for accomplished alum



Dr. Fred Vondracek '64 retired from Penn State University on June 30, 2010 after a distinguished 41-year career there.

Vondracek readily acknowledges the role a Concord education played in his accomplishments. "I've always been grateful to Concord for getting me started on my academic career and being successful in my profession," the State College, Pa., resident said. "It was a great place to get a start."

Matriculating at Concord, he said, was an "act of faith" for someone who had only attained an eighth grade education in his native Germany before immigrating to the United States to

live with relatives and unable to speak English. The people he encountered in his new home, he said, helped with the transition.

"I found West Virginians to be extremely welcoming, helpful and friendly and that made it so much easier for me to focus on my studies and do well," he said.

Young Fred lived in an apartment above the Sweet Shop, took an advanced English composition class from Dr. William Ofsa that he credits with helping him build confidence writing in English and graduated in three years.

He completed his master's and doctorate degrees in psychology from Penn State in four years. Following an internship in Salem, Va. with the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital, he joined Penn State's Division of Individual and Family Studies in the College of Human Development.

In "A Legacy of Compassion and Leadership Continues after Retirement," an article by The College of Health and Human Development, Vondracek is applauded as an educator, administrator, researcher, author and innovator and recognized as an outstanding mentor and colleague. Following is an excerpt of the article which can be found at: <http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/news/2010/vondracek.html>

"Now a professor emeritus of human development, Vondracek had a profound impact on the people he worked with and on the University as a whole. He held a multitude of academic leadership roles, helped shape and build a department and a college, broadened Penn State's international reach, and paved the way to improve work-life balance for Penn State employees.

Before he became an academic leader, though, Vondracek was on a vastly different career path. Growing up outside of Cologne, Germany, he had trained to be a tile setter and stone mason. After finishing an apprenticeship, he felt that manual labor was not a good fit for his career (though it has remained a lifelong hobby). So he moved to the United States—even though he could not speak English. The language barrier, however, was no major obstacle. He enrolled in the Psychology program at Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, and received his undergraduate degree in three years, while mastering English and working to pay his tuition fees.

...due to Vondracek's and other faculty members' contributions, Penn State's HDFS program stands as a leader in educating human services professionals and training world class researchers. Vondracek also initiated a change that would revolutionize Penn State's child services programs...Because of Vondracek's efforts...Penn State made a commitment to create full-time child care centers... both of which are renowned for their high-quality services...

Vondracek's deep compassion for the people he worked with is equally as impressive. 'Fred is a brilliant man, who is also extremely generous and understanding,' says Dr. Erik Porfeli '04g HDFS, assistant professor of behavioral and community and health sciences at the Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy. 'He is very unique—he combines a strong intellect with a strong compassion.'"

Although retired, Vondracek said he plans to continue research and writing projects and serve as a consultant.

Photo courtesy of Penn State.

Puckett's career dedicated to community service

Thanks to the leadership efforts of Concord alum Greg Puckett '93 Mercer County, West Virginia has reason to celebrate – again.

Puckett and his team of colleagues in the Creating Opportunities For Youth (COFY) Coalition have secured for the county, for the fourth consecutive time, designation as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance. Mercer County is the only West Virginia community to be recognized for 2010.

This year's list of recipients was announced during a ceremony on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 21.

The recognition program aims to increase access to resources for young people to succeed in life: caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, effective education and opportunities to help others. The award acknowledges efforts to improve overall well-being for young Americans and increase high school graduation rates.

Puckett, a lifelong Mercer County resident, is executive director of Community Connections, Inc. In the post, he said he is responsible for "oversight of the prevention system within the county as well as reaching out and working with community groups locally and statewide."

"In the office we run or have oversight for five state associations," he said.

According to Puckett, COFY unites efforts of businesses, youth, parents and schools across the community in areas like substance abuse prevention, health issues and other topics tied to the well-being of youth.

"I'm very blessed to be part of a group...that wants to do the best for the community as a whole...I've been so blessed, I've been so lucky," he said.

A personal and professional philosophy bound to strong community service and involvement and backed by an untiring determination to succeed motivates Puckett and helped him in securing the "100 Best" honor for his home county.

"Community and civic involvement is everything...we should transition life to that...it's a mission we all should have," he said.

"If I can impart one thing on youth, it's to look forward to a career and never ever leave your community, be a part of it. It's the most rewarding thing you can do," he said. "It's very important for people, even at a very young age to leave a legacy.

"You can do anything you want to. Never take no for an answer. Be aggressive, but not pushy. Do what's right," he said. "God has given us the ability to do amazing things."

One of those "amazing things" in his own life, he said, is being a member of the West Virginia Blazers, the state's only professional basketball team. "It's taken me literally around the world," he said. Puckett and his teammates traveled to China in February.

While tackling and enjoying the physical challenges of the game, Puckett said he also works with his teammates to "show the guys how to be mentors to youth."

His work with COFY and Community Connections also extends to his alma mater by supporting tobacco use prevention initiatives on campus as well as working with the collegiate SADD program.

Puckett is a second generation Concord graduate. His mother, Sandra Stowers Puckett, is also an alum. He received a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Concord. As a student, he served on the activities board, worked in the bookstore and participated in theater department events. He has also coached the Concord C-Lions Swim Team.

He has two children, Lauren, 7, and Joseph, 4.



Football

The Concord football team opened its season with a 72-21 win over Southern Virginia at Callaghan Stadium on Aug. 26, and followed that up with a down-to-the-wire 20-17 win at Lenoir-Rhyne on Sept. 4.

Concord suffered its first defeat on Sept. 18, falling 20-13 at surprising West Virginia Wesleyan.

The Mountain Lions recovered to defeat Charleston, 37-28, on Sept. 25 in Athens, then cruised to a 42-18 road win at West Virginia State the next week. Concord lost at then-unbeaten Shepherd on Oct. 9, 49-35, in a wildly entertaining game full of big plays and drastic momentum swings.

CU thrilled a near-capacity Homecoming crowd with a 49-14 triumph over Glenville State at Callaghan Stadium on Oct. 16.

Concord captured three WVIAC Player of the Week awards over the season's first seven games. Running back Brian Kennedy was the Offensive POTW for Sept. 4, while wide receiver Thomas Mayo got the honor for Sept. 25. Kicker Brandon Strupp was Special Teams POTW for Oct. 16.

The Mountain Lions visited Seton Hill on Oct. 23 and came back from Greensburg, Pa. with a 28-17 victory. The next week's road trip garnered a 30-26 win against North Carolina-Pembroke on Oct. 30.

The Mountain Lions earned the title of 2010 Rotary Bowl Champs with a 41-17 victory over Fairmont State at Hunnicutt Stadium in Princeton Nov. 6. CU closed out the season at home with a 56-33 loss to West Liberty Nov. 13.

The Mountain Lions go on the record books with an impressive 8-3 2010 season.

Men's Golf

Concord's men's golf team put together a dominating fall campaign and made history along the way.

The Mountain Lions swept all three West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournaments, culminating with a stunning 52-stroke victory in the WVIAC Championships Oct. 17-19 at the Cobb Course at Glade Springs Resort in Daniels.

Concord's 881 team total set a new league record for lowest score in a 54-hole tournament, breaking the old mark by a noteworthy six strokes.

Mountain Lions senior Emmanuel Charvat led CU's individual performances by winning Medalist honors at the last two WVIAC tournaments. Charvat won the Northern Regional (Oct. 10-11), with Andreas Reideborn second and Ryan Terdik third. At the Championships, Charvat ended at 2-under par 214 and was the only player to finish in the "red numbers." Terdik was third, Matt Morgan fourth and Johan Isberg seventh.

Concord's win in the WVIAC Championships was the fifth in program history and automatically qualifies the Mountain Lions for the NCAA Atlantic/East Regional tournament in May 2011.

Cross Country

Concord's cross country teams enjoyed a successful 2010 regular season.

The women's team won championships at the Greensboro Pacesetters meet on Sept. 25 and the Concord Invitational on Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 16. Senior Danielle Pye was the top individual in both those meets, and was named WVIAC Women's Runner of the Week on Sept. 29.

Pye and teammate Chelsea Callaway became the first two women's runners in CU history to post times under 19 minutes in a 5K in the Greater Louisville Classic on Oct. 2.

Pye and Callaway finished 1-2 at the Concord Invitational, with CU's Rachel Williams and Shawnee Carnett 4th and 5th.

The Concord men were champions of the Greensboro Pacesetters meet and runners-up at the Concord Invitational. The Mountain Lions were an impressive 8th in the 34-team "Blue Division" of the Greater Louisville Classic.

Robby Peters was CU's top individual performer, finishing 2nd in Greensboro and at the Concord Invitational.

Both Concord teams spent the fall ranked squarely in the WVIAC's top five. Pye, Callaway and Peters were consistently ranked among the conference's top ten individuals.

At the 2010 WVIAC Cross Country Championships the Concord women made history by winning their first team championship with an impressive score of 49 points. Pye won the 6K race with a time of 23:14. In the men's 8K race Concord placed 3rd with 70 points. Peters, a junior, led the way for the men with a 6th place finish and a time of 26:51.

Soccer

CU's women's soccer team started the season 0-3 under new head coach Stefani Workman, but rebounded to become one of the WVIAC's top squads. After their slow start, the Lady Lions reeled off eight wins in their next 11 matches to secure a spot in the conference tournament.

Concord made a habit of flourishing in close contests. The Lady Lions were 4-1 in one-goal games (through Oct. 20), claiming three victories in overtime.

2010 was a fall of frustration for Concord's Men's Soccer team. Over their first 12 matches, the Mountain Lions went to overtime four times, winding up with a loss and three draws. Also over those dozen games, Concord suffered four 1-0 losses.

CU broke into the win column with a hard-fought 2-1 final at Bluefield College on Oct. 16.

Concord will lose just one senior, Varney Vincent, from this year's team, and the slew of returning players is raising hopes for improvement in 2011.

Volleyball

In volleyball, Concord moved toward securing a return to the WVIAC Tournament by winning three of its first six league matches.

The Lady Lions recovered from a bout of early injuries to win six of nine matches overall from Sept. 25-Oct. 15, including conference victories over Ohio Valley, Alderson-Broadus and Glenville State.

Senior Amber Miller led Concord in kills, averaging more than eight per match. Junior Helen Theisen emerged as CU's most versatile player, providing 18 assists, seven digs and four kills per match.

Tennis

CU's women's tennis team went 3-6 in the WVIAC fall campaign, good for the 7th seed in the conference tournament. Concord defeated Davis & Elkins, Seton Hill and Bluefield State in league play, setting up a rematch with D&E in the first round of the post-season.

Concord's men's tennis team played an abbreviated schedule in the fall, sweeping all four of their matches. In defeating Emory & Henry, Tiffin, Johnson C. Smith and West Virginia State, the Mountain Lions won 31 matches and lost only five.

Basketball

Both Concord University basketball teams began practice on Oct. 15 and are already into regular season play. The Lady Lions return eight regulars, including five starters from last year's 15-win squad. The Concord men bring back seven regulars and five starters to go with a group of promising newcomers.

CONCORD MEN'S BASKETBALL 2010-2011 SCHEDULE

Currence Classic (at Bluefield State)

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| 11/26 | 8:00 pm | Bluefield State [nc] |
| 11/27 | 6:00 pm | Bluefield College (VA) [nc] |

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| 12/4 | 4:00 pm | Seton Hill |
| 12/7 | 7:30 pm | Glenville State |
| 12/9 | 7:30 pm | WVU Tech [nc] |
| 12/11 | 3:00 pm | University of Charleston |

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| 1/8 | 4:00 pm | Fairmont State |
| 1/10 | 7:30 pm | Ohio Valley |
| 1/13 | 7:30 pm | West Virginia State |
| 1/15 | 4:00 pm | Wheeling Jesuit |
| 1/19 | 7:30 pm | Davis & Elkins |
| 1/22 | 4:00 pm | Bluefield State |
| 1/27 | 7:30 pm | Wheeling Jesuit |
| 1/29 | 4:00 pm | West Liberty |

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| 2/2 | 7:30 pm | West Virginia Wesleyan |
| 2/5 | 4:00 pm | Shepherd |
| 2/7 | 7:30 pm | Alderson-Broaddus |
| 2/12 | 4:00 pm | Ohio Valley |
| 2/14 | 7:30 pm | Glenville State |
| 2/19 | 4:00 pm | Fairmont State |
| 2/23 | 7:30 pm | University of Charleston |
| 2/26 | 4:00 pm | Bluefield State |

WVIAC TOURNAMENT

(Charleston Civic Center)

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| 3/1 | 7:30 pm | WVIAC 1st Round |
| 3/3 | TBA | WVIAC Quarterfinals |
| 3/4 | TBA | WVIAC Semi-Finals |
| 3/5 | 8:30 pm | WVIAC Championship |

All HOME games indicated in bold.

CONCORD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2010-2011 SCHEDULE

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| 12/4 | 2:00 pm | Seton Hill |
| 12/7 | 5:30 pm | Glenville State |
| 12/9 | 5:30 pm | University of Charleston |
| 12/11 | 1:00 pm | Edinboro University (PA) [nc] |

Fairmont State Alumni Classic

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| 12/30 | 4:00 pm | Edinboro University (PA) [nc] |
| 12/31 | 1:00 pm | Clarion University (PA) [nc] |

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| 1/3 | 2:00 pm | West Liberty |
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WVIAC TOURNAMENT

Charleston Civic Center

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| 2/28 | TBA | First Round |
| 3/2 | TBA | Quarterfinals |
| 3/4 | TBA | Semi-Finals |
| 3/5 | 6:00 pm | Championship |

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