



# CONCORD UNIVERSITY

*Alumni, Family & Friends Update*

SUMMER ISSUE 2010



Have I got  
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**YOU!**

***From the President's Desk:***

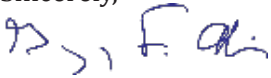
“Commencement was quite a time, people came in wagons, hacks, buggies and on foot, and the village was very lively and festive,” - - in 1881. Several members of the 1881 graduating class banded together to begin an association, the Alumni Association, the purpose of which was to “give mutual aid and encouragement to each other in coming years.” This credo is applicable for the 14,000 plus Concord University alumni of today.



You will note the theme of involvement and membership that runs through the pages of this issue of “Alumni, Family & Friends Update.” Involvement is one of Concord’s goals, and is included in the University’s strategic plan in an effort to “improve our service and connection to the community, the region, West Virginia, and the world”. We invite our alumni to join us in this effort.

Commencement is an act of commencing, beginning. Join the Concord faculty, staff, and students in commencing, giving, encouraging, and making a difference. Let’s make the “Campus Beautiful”, the campus involved.

Sincerely,



**Dr. Gregory F. Aloia**

*Concord University President*

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*campus spotlight*



**CONCORD PICNIC AND  
PERFORMANCE GAZEBO**



Gracing the hillside near the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center, the Concord Picnic and Performance Gazebo overlooks “the Valley.” Concord’s Class of 2005 provided funding for the project as a gift to the university, originally planning for a picnic shelter. The concept evolved into a gazebo with input and support from Student Government Associations of subsequent classes. The gazebo incorporates architectural features that blend with other campus structures and offers a place for outdoor dining, socializing, relaxing and entertainment. A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on May 6, 2009.

## August 8

- **Athens-Concord Town Social**  
Front Lawn, Concord University  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## August 13-21

- **Concord Tent at the State Fair of West Virginia\***  
Fairlea, WV, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

## August 21

- **Concord Hospitality Tent at the State Fair of West Virginia\***  
Fairlea, WV, noon - 3 p.m.

## August 17

- **Registration and Payment of Fees**

## August 18

- **Classes Begin**

## October 14

- **Homecoming Parade**  
Vermillion Street, Athens, 6 p.m.

## October 15

- **Career Symposium**  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Homecoming Banquet**  
Reception 5 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m.  
Ballroom, Student Center  
Reservations required by  
calling 304-384-5348

## October 16

- **Homecoming Tailgaters, Reunions and Football Game**  
Kickoff 4:00 p.m.

## December 18

- **Fall Commencement**



Small town hospitality is a hallmark of the Athens-Concord Town Social.

**\*Alumni -  
Come by our  
tent at the fair  
and receive your  
special gift!**



Ben Crawford '58 and Amy Pitzer of CU's Advancement Office greet guests at the 2009 State Fair of West Virginia.



Students display their creative talents during Concord's annual Homecoming Parade.



Honor graduates celebrate their accomplishments at Spring Commencement 2010.

## The CU Alumni Association, Inc.



Graduation brings change and your alumni president has changed. I'm very proud to have been elected and serve as the president of the alumni association. Having graduated from Concord, served on the faculty and been a member of the alumni council for the past decade, being president is a nice complement to round out my service.

We will have a booth again this year at the WV State Fair. Stop by and say hello if you attend. The big event for us in the fall is homecoming. We will be having our fall banquet the evening before the game and invite I everyone to attend.

As one reflects on the influences in their life, it is hard to quantify the dramatic effect of a college education. Concord provides a unique opportunity for students. In these difficult economic times Concord is holding the line on educational costs. Please help in any way you can.

I am currently in the process of helping organize a New River Valley chapter of the alumni association. We are hoping to form many new chapters around the country. If you wish to get involved in a local chapter, or start a chapter, please contact us for help.

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

*Join Us Today!*  
**CU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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# *The Mt. Lion Club, Inc.*

Hello to Concord Alumni, Students and Friends from the Mt. Lion Club. We have had tremendous success in some spring sports and great improvement in others.



Our Men's Golf Team just won the NCAA Division II Atlantic Super Regional at Glade Springs Golf Resort during the week of May 3rd by a whopping 11 strokes, and they competed in the Division II National Championship in Indianapolis, Indiana. Congratulations to Coach Johnson, Coach Donaldson, and the young men on the team for such an excellent job.

We also had a first this year. Our Women's Golf Team is only in its second year of existence, and this year we had one of our young ladies, Vivian Garciaferro, not only qualify as an individual for the Division II Championship, she also was named Player of the Year in the WVIAC. With a young team, the future is bright for Women's Golf at Concord.

Our Track and Field Teams also experienced great success this year with one young lady, Shawnee Carnett, being named Track Athlete of the Week for the WVIAC three different times. Many school and individual records were set this year.

Our Softball Team had a record of 21 wins and 26 losses this year. However, the previous season the team had a record of 1 win and 32 losses. Congratulations to Coach Sabrina McCullough and her team on this tremendous turnaround. We also had a First Team WVIAC performer, Samantha Clement, and two Honorable Mention players, Kristen McClure and Tamara Smith. All three of these young ladies are freshmen, so again, the future looks bright for Concord Softball.

Coach Joe Blankenship's Men's Tennis team also experienced success this spring by earning a number 5 seed in the Conference Tournament.

Coach Kevin Garrett's Baseball Team had another outstanding season this year. As you may already know, Kevin has stepped down as Baseball Coach to devote his full energy to his job as Director of Athletics. In his last season, Coach Garrett capped off his outstanding career with a record of 29 wins and 9 losses. He also produced the Player and Hitter of the Year in the WVIAC in Greyson Schram. Greyson was also named First Team All WVIAC, along with Donovan Huffer and Keith Morrisroe. In addition to these, Brooks Cullen and Trey Smith were named 2nd Team All WVIAC and Chastin Akers and Drew Bailey earned Honorable Mention All WVIAC. Great job Coach, not only this year, but for the last 15. Your shoes will truly be hard to fill. I look forward to working with you in the future to make the Concord Athletic Teams the best that they can be.

**Dave Wilcox '74**  
*Mt. Lion Club President*



## *The CU Foundation, Inc.*

When asked by the nominating committee to serve as chair of the Foundation, my first thought was of the work involved, the time required, the meetings to attend, the conference calls to join and the list went on and on.



My second thought was of the students we touch, the staff we support, the traditions we enjoy, the Concord community which is a better place because of those who came before us and the list went on and on.

It then occurred to me what people mean when they say, “on second thought” because on second thought, I accepted the nomination. Just like those who preceded us and many of you who are reading this, I believe Concord deserves our talents, our resources, our time, our commitment.

Pause for a moment. Have a second thought about how Concord University has touched you or someone you know.

Whether alumni, family or friend, consider what Concord deserves from you. There must be something you can think of, something you can do, something you can give, something you can commit to.

It is an honor for me to be at this place at this time. Those who have already served this Foundation have taken us so very far. There is still much to be done but there are many of us to do the job and I look forward to hearing from you.

My regards,

**David Kirby, '79**

*Chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors*



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### ***Beasley, Rogers and Sayre join the Foundation Board of Directors***



At its spring meeting, The Concord University Foundation, Inc. elected President Emeritus Dr. Jerry Beasley and past members of the Board of Governors, Ted Rogers and Margaret Sayre to its Board of Directors. Also, at the meeting David Kirby was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and Dr. John David Smith was elected Secretary to the Board. Other officers of the Foundation are Susan Landis, Vice Chair; Greg Allen, Immediate Past Chair; and Jeffrey Hollifield, Treasurer.

### ***Concord's Marsh Library acquiring American History research materials***

Drs. William A. O'Brien [Beckley] and Stephen P. Rowe [Marsh Library] are pleased to announce that the Marsh Library is in the process of acquiring important research materials in American History.

Dr. O'Brien's Prism-West Virginia project is responsible for securing from the University of Virginia Press its Rotunda collection on America's Founding Era. Included in this collection is digital access to the Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution. This project, underway since the 1970's, seeks to present, on a state-by-state basis, every available document on the writing and ratification of the U. S. Constitution. Legal scholar Leonard Levy termed it "the most important editorial project in the nation." Dr. John Kaminski, project editor for the past quarter century, was on Concord's campus in July as part of the Prism-WV project.

Besides the Ratification papers, the Rotunda collection includes access to the papers of George Washington, John Adams, Dolley Madison and Thomas Jefferson. Soon to be added to the collection are the papers of James Madison, John Marshall, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and Andrew Jackson.

The region's American History and Civic Education teachers will have access to these sources as participants in the Prism-WV project through the Mountain Library Network [MLN]. Beyond the life of the grant, however, Concord's faculty and students will have permanent access to these important collections. The Marsh Library will be responsible for a modest annual administrative fee, but the collection itself will belong to Concord University in perpetuity.

In conjunction with the Rotunda purchase, Dr. Rowe announces that the Marsh Library will purchase Readex's digital Evans Collection, "Early American Imprints, Series I and II." This collection includes virtually every primary resource in print from the Colonial Period through the early 19th century - colonial and early state legislative debates and laws, papers of the Continental and [Articles of] Confederation Congress, newspapers, handbills, posters, election handbills, pamphlets, etc. Like the Rotunda collection, users will have digital access to the Evans collection through the Mountain Library Network.

These important resources provide Concord students and faculty alike with a significant research capability. They promise to boost Concord's contributions to scholarship and quality education for years to come.



Concord University valedictorians for the Class of May 2010 are from left, Derek Addison Bonnett, Crab Orchard, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude; Donovan Lee Huffer, Churchville, Va., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude; and Whitney Meshell Shaffer, Charleston, Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude

## *University Point almost complete*

University Point is nearing completion as construction crews are placing the final touches on the building. The remaining inspections and punch lists will be conducted with a grand opening celebration tentatively scheduled for later this year. As a reminder, naming opportunities are still available for many of the areas of the building including office suites. This is the perfect way to become a lasting part of Concord University's legacy as well as honor and memorialize family and friends.



The Erickson Alumni Center features a lounge that will connect Concord's rich traditions to its blossoming present and future. The lounge will also be available for board meetings and small gatherings. The Wilkes Family Chapel offers a picturesque setting and will be the location for upcoming weddings and special events. The Fellowship Hall contains an area for campus dinners and other activities as well as wedding receptions.



Upon completion, University Point will be ideal for your special event. Dates in the building have already been reserved for the fall with many more expected. Become part of what everybody is talking about!



If you are interested in reserving University Point for your event, please contact Ryan Hall at (304) 384-6316 or hallr08@concord.edu.

## *King joins football coaching staff*

William King was hired in March as an assistant football coach. King comes to Concord after three seasons as defensive coordinator at West Virginia State. Before his time in Institute, King spent four seasons as linebackers coach at Morgan State in Baltimore, Md. He has also coached at Elon College (N.C.), Tusculum College (Tenn.) and James Madison (Va.) He is a native of Charleston and had an outstanding playing career at Marshall University.





## *2nd Annual Career Symposium Planned*

Mark your calendar, pack your bags, and head back to Concord for Homecoming 2010! We'd like to invite you to return on Friday, October 15 to participate in our Career Symposium and then hang around for the remainder of the weekend to enjoy socializing and networking with old and new friends.

Last fall, we hosted our first Career Symposium with 50 Concord alums participating. They shared valuable insight into careers, graduate/professional school survival, effects of social networking sites on the job search, what constitutes a great employee, etc. Students, faculty, and guest presenters all ranked the day as highly successful and very needed. It was a great opportunity for employers to offer advice to future employees and for our students to receive a dose of reality from professionals already working in their chosen fields.

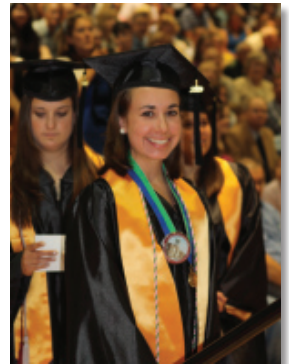
In conversations days after the event students were still marveling at the cost of malpractice insurance, the necessity of networking, the value of setting goals, and the variety of career options available in their chosen field. Without a doubt some of what they learned from our alums will be information that stays with them for a lifetime. On the other hand, our alums had a great time reconnecting with former faculty, reminiscing with other Concordians, and feeling a sense of pride and accomplishment in that they could give back to their alma mater.

Please consider being a part of this program this fall. If you'd like to participate or would like additional information, please express your interest by e-mailing your name, address and phone number to: [careerservices@concord.edu](mailto:careerservices@concord.edu) or calling Tammy Monk, Director Career/Advancement Services at 304-384-5325. We will distribute registration materials to interested alums in August. We greatly appreciate our alumni support of current Concord students. Please consider joining us on Friday, October 15.

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## *Weldon honored with Delta Zeta award*

Kathleen Weldon, Fall 2009 Concord graduate, has been selected as one of six women to receive the prestigious Grace Mason Lundy Award of Delta Zeta Sorority for 2009-2010. The award is presented to senior members of Delta Zeta who throughout their college years, have given the greatest evidence of loyalty, devotion and service to their chapters and to the sorority. Michelle Smith, national president of Delta Zeta, called Weldon "a role model and an inspiration for Epsilon Delta Chapter at Concord University."



Concord University celebrates Earth Day on April 22, 2010. From planting flowers and trees to spreading mulch and building birdhouses, faculty, staff and students worked to make "The Campus Beautiful" more pleasant and "greener."





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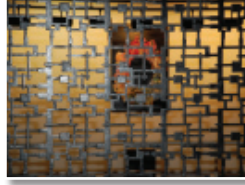


Photo 3



Photo 4

**The winner of the “Where Am I?” contest for the Spring issue of Alumni, Family & Friends Update is...**

**Marco Dowell '84, San Gabriel, CA**



Marco -  
your shirt is  
in the mail!

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

*Photo 1:* The sundial that is just outside of the Science Building.

*Photo 2:* The column and word “Library” on the front of the Marsh Library.

*Photo 3:* The gates for the art gallery located in the Alexander Fine Arts Center.

*Photo 4:* The mountain lion artwork on the gymnasium floor in the Carter Center.



## **Veterans Lounge opens at Concord University**

Veterans attending class or working at Concord University now have a new place to gather. A veterans lounge for students, faculty and staff officially opened its doors on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 with a ribbon cutting and open house.

The lounge, located on the lower level of the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center, offers areas for study, conversation and relaxation and is part of an ongoing initiative by the Concord University Veterans Office to offer a “veteran-friendly” campus. Established in 2009, the office works with United States veterans, reservists and active duty service members to utilize educational benefits from the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Earlier in the day, Woodmen of the World Field Representative Samuel J. Conner presented the Concord University Veterans Committee with a U.S. Flag to be displayed in the veterans lounge.



**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!



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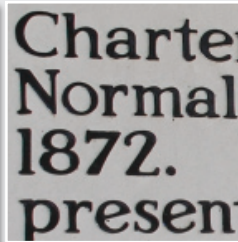


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**Where Am I? contest ENTRY FORM**

Summer Issue • Entries must be received by August 31, 2010

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Photo 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Photo 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Photo 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dr. Gregory F. Aloia, right, congratulates members of Concord’s Class of 1960 during their 50th reunion at the Spring 2010 commencement.



## *Alums honored for service, achievements during annual banquet*

The Concord University Alumni Association (CUAA) presented several awards during the annual banquet May 7, 2010.

**John David Smith '76** was named Outstanding Alumnus. He is the immediate past president of the CUAA and is currently Concord's Vice President and Academic Dean.

Dr. Smith is the third generation in his family to attend Concord. He has a baccalaureate degree from Concord and graduate and doctoral degrees from West Virginia University, Marshall University, University of Toledo College of Law and DePaul University.

Before serving at Concord, Dr. Smith held faculty and administrative appointments at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Toledo Hospital and Promedica Systems in Ohio, and St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington.

He has worked for Concord in various academic and administrative positions and has advised numerous student organizations. Among the awards Dr. Smith has received for teaching and service are the Distinguished Service Award presented by Concord's Student Government Association, the Friedl Award and the Linda Fink Service Award. Dr. Smith also serves on a variety of professional boards. He lives in Athens.

**John Frazier '67** received the Golden Alumnus award. He is currently a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates for the 25th District.

Del. Frazier was born in Charleston. A Vietnam veteran, he obtained a law degree from the West Virginia University College of Law. At the age of 36, then-governor Jay Rockefeller appointed him judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court in Mercer County. He served the people of Mercer County as judge for 25 years, retiring in 2006. He was Senior Status Judge during 2006-2007.

Del. Frazier has served Concord since graduation as a member of the Alumni Association. He has also worked as an adjunct professor and a member of the Alumni Association's Executive Council.

He is involved with numerous community organizations. Del. Frazier and wife, Brenda '67, live in Princeton and are the parents of one son and one grandchild.

**Cecilia Fizer '90** was honored as Alumnus of the Year. She is an assistant professor of mathematics at Concord University. Ms. Fizer has provided outstanding service to her alma mater as Secretary of the Alumni Association and as an active alumna.

She is certified as a Developmental Education Specialist from the Kellogg Institute for the training and certification of Developmental Educators. She established the current Developmental Mathematics Program at Concord in 1991. Ms. Fizer



*John David Smith '76, Cecilia Fizer '90 and John Frazier '67, from left, receive alumni awards at the annual banquet in May.*

obtained a master's degree in Mathematics Education and is completing her doctorate in education this summer in Curriculum and Instruction, Math Education at West Virginia University.

Ms. Fizer is a member of the WV Association of Developmental Education, the National Association of Developmental Education, WV Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges and numerous campus committees. She is co-sponsor of Cardinal Key Honor Society and plans the annual Honors Banquet for Concord University each year. Ms. Fizer is an Athens resident and has three grandchildren.

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



### **Hall of Fame inducts six**

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

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

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

*Hall of Fame inductee George E. "Joe Ed" Phillips '61, left, receives a jersey with his retired football number. Tom Joyce '64, Foundation Board of Directors, right, joins Phillips at the festivities.*



## *CPA exam pass rate inspires gift from alum*

When Larry Ickes '83 passed the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam in 1985, he and his fellow Concord alums had the highest pass rate in West Virginia.

"When I saw that we achieved that mark again, I was so impressed, that I wanted to reward the school in some way," the Lewisburg resident said.

As a gift to the University's Division of Business, Ickes has funded purchase of a Polycom SoundStation 2.

"Students will have opportunities to participate in audio conferences related to their academics," Dr. Susan Robinett, associate professor and chair of Concord's Division of Business said. "Integration of technology is essential in today's workforce, and through this gift, we have the opportunity to expose students to yet another way of participating in the business environment.

"We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and generous alumni supporting the Division of Business, and faculty's continuous efforts to improve our students' quality of education," she said.

Results from the 2008 CPA exam inspired Ickes' gift. "For the CPA 2008 results, more than half of all CPA exam candidates with a Concord undergraduate degree who attempted the CPA exam passed the parts they attempted, whereas, rates ranged from five percent to 45 percent from other schools in the state," Robinett said. "On average we have always enjoyed a positive passing rate."

Ickes received a bachelor's degree in business with a concentration in accounting from Concord. He owns a CPA accounting firm and several real estate investment companies. His wife, Katie Crickenberger Ickes '83, is executive director of the Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce.

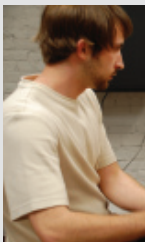
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## *Classmates reconnect after nearly six decades*

Two members of the Class of 1954 who were classmates under Professor of Business, Emeritus Harry Finkelman's tutelage got together recently in Tucson, AZ for the first time in 56 years. They are Bob Pearl, right, from Glen Jean, WV now living in Los Altos, CA and Dennis Lucas, left, from Welch, WV now living in Tucson, AZ.



**Mark your calendars!**  
**Homecoming 2010 is October 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**  
See page 16 for the tentative schedule.  
Keep up with the Homecoming activities on  
[www.concord.edu](http://www.concord.edu).



**Appointments announced**

**Terri Philpott** has been named the Director of Student Support Services. She has served as the Interim Director during the 2009-10 academic year.

**Dr. John David Smith**

has been selected to serve as Concord University Vice President and Academic Dean.



**Trena Stovall** was selected as Financial Aid Assistant III. Trena is a graduate of Concord University and has worked previously in the Financial Aid Office.

**Dr. Charles Becker** has been selected to serve as Vice President for Business and Finance.



*“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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**Head Baseball Coach selected**

**Andrew Wright** has been named head baseball coach and an instructor in human performance for the 2010-11 year. Drew was the assistant baseball coach at Concord in the 2009-10 academic year and also from June of 2002 to June of 2004. He was an assistant baseball coach at WVU from July of 2005 to May of 2007. He received his master’s degree from WVU in Athletic Coaching Education in 2007.



*Andrew Wright, center, is named CU’s head baseball coach at a recent press conference. He is joined by President Gregory F. Aloia, left, and CU Director of Athletics Kevin Garrett.*



Student carilloneaur Jesse Ratcliffe performs on the Marsh Memorial Carillon for an audience gathered outside of the Fine Arts Building. The May 7 concert honored the memory of the late President Emeritus Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.

## *Concord campus among Flat Stanley's destinations*

**Ginny Stevens Shirley '76** completed a 34-year career as a first grade teacher with a fun and educational project that led her back to her alma mater. Ms. Shirley and her students at Pineville Elementary School in Wyoming County participated in the Flat Stanley Project this school year.

Ms. Shirley, who retired in June, included Concord University in the class project to teach her students about where she went to college. "I've always been very proud that I graduated from here," she said.

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

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

Ms Shirley and her students sent Flat Stanleys to Concord University and other destinations including the White House and the West Virginia Office of the Governor. The Flat Stanley who visited Concord, like his counterparts from Ms. Shirley's class, was a paper cutout that had been hand-colored by a student then laminated.

Sharon Manzo in the President's Office was his hostess. She penned Flat Stanley's Concord response letter and mailed it back with him to Pineville Elementary. Chris Mabe from the Advancement Office accompanied him on his campus tour documenting the visit in photographs.

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

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

Ms. Shirley enjoyed reading about and seeing photographs of Flat Stanley's visit to Concord so much that she made the trip herself on June 11. Her traveling companion was another Flat Stanley created by her class.

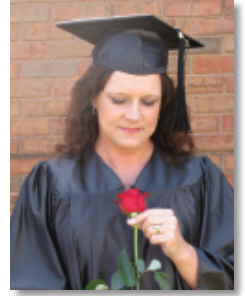




### ***RBA program leading adult learners to degrees***

Michelle Oxley's aspirations of being director of a day care center became reality when she received a degree through Concord University's Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) program.

"At the age of 37, I was finally able to complete a bachelor's degree," she said. "This degree has allowed me to obtain a position that I have wanted for many years. It truly has changed my life!"



Michelle graduated in May 2010 and is now director of Life Line Childcare in Princeton, W.Va.

The RBA program is designed to help adults complete a college degree. The West Virginia Board of Regents, now the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC), created this unique bachelor's degree program in 1974 to meet the needs and recognize the accomplishments of adult learners. RBA students are eligible to receive college credit for work experience, professional certification and military training.

The program's flexibility and attention to the needs of the adult learner with family, work and other obligations make it a suitable option for students like Michelle. "I'm a mother of three, a wife and work full time. It definitely made a difference for me," she said.

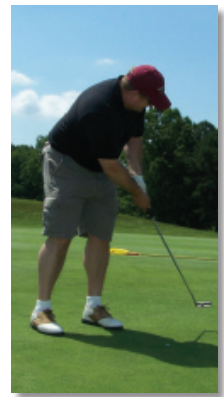
Concord University is part of the RBA Today initiative. This statewide collaborative effort among West Virginia's colleges and universities is dedicated to helping more adults return to college and earn a degree. The HEPC is sponsor of this exciting program.

For more information contact Dr. George Towers, Concord RBA coordinator and interim associate dean, at 304-384-5220 or [rba@concord.edu](mailto:rba@concord.edu).

### ***Memorial golf tournament raises scholarship funds***

The Annual Homer K. Ball Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament was held Friday, June 11, 2010 at Pipestem Resort State Park.

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



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

# 2010 Homecoming Tentative Schedule of Events



## Thursday, October 14:

**6:00 p.m.**

Annual Homecoming Parade, Vermillion Street, Athens

**6:45 p.m.**

Bonfire in the Valley. Rain site: Main Gym, Carter Center.

## Friday, October 15:

### Alumni Career Symposium & Annual Homecoming Banquet

**8:30 a.m.**

Homecoming Golf Classic, TBA

**5:00 p.m.**

Social, Alumni Lounge, Student Center

**\*6:00 p.m.**

Homecoming Dinner and Entertainment, Ballroom

*\*(Recognizing the classes of 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010.)*

**9:00 p.m.**

Lip Sync Contest, Main Gym



## Saturday, October 16:

**Noon**

All-Greek Luncheon, Ballroom (\$5 each).

TBA Sorority Teas, Fraternity Gatherings

*\*Alumni, Friends and Family Table, Stadium Parking Lot*

*\*(Tables for the classes of 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010)*

**1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Alumni Registration & Tailgate

Pregame: Introduction of 1960 and 1985 Reunion Football Players

**3:00 p.m.**

KICKOFF - CU VS. Glenville State

Halftime - Crowning of Homecoming Queen and King



For more information, visit [www.concord.edu](http://www.concord.edu).

E-mail us at: [advancement@concord.edu](mailto:advancement@concord.edu) or

call the Advancement Hotline: 304-384-6311.

### *Farewell to a Concord legend*

Mountain Lions legend Robert Kyle has passed on. Funeral services were held June 22nd for the former Concord coach and athletic director in Clemmons, NC.

Kyle was born in Grimsby, England, and moved to the United States early in his life. He graduated from Princeton (WV) High School in 1933. Kyle received a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in 1937 and a Master's from Ohio State University in 1940.

Kyle worked at Concord from 1948-1972, as a Professor of Health and Physical Education. He was a 15th CTD (Army Air Force College Training Detachment) instructor at Concord during WWII. He also became the first Concord coach to win a West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. Kyle won a total of five WVIAC conference championships, including Baseball (1954, 1961). Later, Kyle guided the Cross Country squad to three consecutive WIVAC championships (1967, 1968, 1969).

He would serve as Concord's Director of Athletics from 1959-1972. Nicknamed "Killer," Kyle was inducted into the Concord Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998. Concord's Capital Alumni Chapter named its annual "'Killer' Kyle Golf Classic" in his honor.



### *Towers publishes work on GIS methodology*

"Rediscovering Rural Appalachian Communities with Historical GIS," a research article by Concord geography professor George Towers, appears in the spring 2010 edition of the *Southeastern Geographer*. The paper presents a GIS (geographic information systems) methodology that locates the boundaries of the small, close-knit farm communities that defined the local countryside between the Civil War and World War II. The *Southeastern Geographer* is the research journal of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.



### *Ross receives CPA honor*

Associate Professor of Accounting Dr. Dianna Ross is the recipient of the West Virginia Society of CPA's Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award.



Concord graduates from 1960 pose for a class photograph at the annual alumni banquet on May 7, 2010.

## Reunions

### ***Phi Sigma Epsilon/Phi Sigma Phi to celebrate 50th Anniversary***



The brothers of Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their charter at Concord this August 13, 14 and 15, 2010. Phi Sig Central for the weekend will be at the Days Inn in Princeton. We are looking forward to any and all brothers who can make it (we're not getting any younger)! Many activities are planned including golf on Friday, a social Friday evening and dinner and dance Saturday. Many brothers have already responded that they will be in attendance.

For more information, contact  
steve@jukeboxentertainment.com Steve Gregory, 360 Mont Phillips Road;  
Shady Spring, WV 25918. (304) 763-4646. Look for Phi Sigma Epsilon on Facebook!

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### ***Alpha Sigma Phi planning Homecoming 2010 gathering***



The Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Phi Chapter has been, called one of the most respected fraternities on the Concord Campus. The fraternity was chartered in the 1960s and dissolved in the mid-80s. In the late 70s the group had over 50 active members and a very supportive Little Sister's group. Recently brothers of the chapter have gathered at the Fountain Springs Golf Course on the Friday before Homecoming to renew friendships and enjoy a round of golf.

Over the past several years, Dean Quick, Tom Wilson, Kim Jones, Don Jenkinson, Scott Poston, Sam Baker, Bill Lewis, Mike Romeo, Tom Canterbury, Jody Cook, Kenny Cook, Brock Smith, John Long, Mike Green, Paul Sharpenberg and others have attended the homecoming golf outing.

The chapter has recently created a site on Facebook, "Concord College/University Alpha Sigma Phi". We would like to encourage the brothers and Little Sisters of the chapter to become a member of the group and follow our plans for Homecoming 2010.

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### ***Phi Delta Pi Homecoming Reunion***



All members of Phi Delta Pi are invited to gather Homecoming Day October 16, 2010. Organizer Charles Mann will host a gathering at his home on Beckett Hill on the 16th.

For more information please contact:

Charles Mann  
302-920-1438 or P.O. Box 426, Athens, WV 24712

You may also contact John Fleming:  
304-425-4870

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Pete Ballard '53** was honored on his 80th birthday, March 31, by WV Governor Joe Manchin and first lady Gayle Manchin. The Governor presented Ballard with an Order of the 35th Star, one of the highest honors a West Virginia governor can present to an individual. Ballard, a native of Welch, is well known for his work as an artist, an educator, a designer, costume historian, conservator, preservationist and fashion doll maker.

**Noel W. Tenney '69** continues to serve as Cultural Specialist and faculty in the Folk Studies Program at Fairmont State University through the Gabor WV Folklife Center on campus. This summer he will co-direct, along with Dr. Judy P. Byers, the Folklife Center's "Roads to Appalachia through Eastern Europe" study abroad program traveling with students, faculty, and community individuals to Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland. This is the fourth program in this series, which also included travels to Scotland/Ireland, Italy, as well as England/Wales. Mr. Tenney also serves as Coordinator of the Museum Studies Associate Degree Program for Pierpont Community and Technical College in Fairmont.

**Jerry Benson, Ph.D. '72** has been appointed the Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at James Madison University effective July 1.

**Dr. Anthony "Tony" C. Muscatello '72** was recently converted to a permanent NASA employee at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Tony joined NASA in October 2007 as a term employee as a chemist specializing in *situ* resource utilization (ISRU). ISRU is the use of local resources on the Moon, Mars, asteroids, and the Moons of Mars to make oxygen, rocket propellant, and other useful materials out of regolith (soil) or the carbon dioxide atmosphere of Mars as well as water ice at the poles of the Moon. Tony participated in two demonstrations of ISRU technologies on the Mauna Kea volcano in 2008 and this year. Before coming to KSC, Tony worked at Pioneer Astronautics near Denver, CO after working for Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Rocky Flats Plant. As volunteer for the Mars Society, he also ran the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah and Mission Support from 2000-2007. Tony earned a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry at the Florida State University in Tallahassee.



**Mary Edna Beckett '54** is surrounded by members of Blue Key Honor Society after being named the organization's "Sweetheart" at Concord University's Annual Honors Banquet in April 2010. She was recognized for her decades-long assistance with the banquet and her support of Concord.

**Dave Glenn Alley '73** has been involved in many aspects of the music industry from broadcast deejay work to mobile deejay work to playing in pop and rock bands to composing/playing/recording original music. A few years ago he built his own recording studio. Since that time he has recorded and released three CDs (one solo and two collaborations). The first CD was produced in conjunction with the day spa owned by he and his wife - neuskincareclinic.com, in Charleston. He will soon be releasing a new CD, "Living Totem" which is a companion CD for a new book, "My Own Tree" by well-known Chicago author, Shirlee Hall. The CD has been called upbeat "chill" music and was expressly designed with a unique walking meditation method in mind. The meditation is music driven/color driven/affirmation driven and is designed for centering, balancing, focusing and relaxing.

**Greg Bailey '74** currently works as partner in the law firm of Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love. He serves on the firm's Executive Committee. His practice is focused on Education Law and has been named to "Best Lawyers in America" in the area of Education Law.

**Bonnie Dorsey '76** was promoted to full Professor of Social Work at Concord University in May, 2010. She has been a faculty member at Concord since 1995. She received a BSW from Concord, MSW from VCU in 1988 and Ph.D. in Counselor Education from VT in 2003. She lives with her husband Ward White, Jr. in Speedway, WV. Ward is an electrical engineer who works at Fairchild International in Glen Lyn, VA.

**Doris Ann Lemons Taylor '76** retired last year after 33 years of teaching for the Monroe County Board of Education in Union. She earned her master's degree from Radford University in 1980. She now works part-time as Assistant Director of Music at Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, and a Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab teacher for the WV Farm Bureau. She spends most of her volunteer hours writing history for the Monroe County Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS). She is married and is the mother of two grown children.

**Patricia G. Amateis '79** associate professor and director of general chemistry in the College of Science at Virginia Tech, received the university's 2010 William E. Wine Award. The award is presented annually to three Virginia Tech faculty members with a history of university teaching excellence. Amateis was cited for her development of the General Chemistry curriculum, including the lab program, recitation-lecture instruction, and the Chemistry Learning Center; and for her long track record of consistently superior course evaluations from students. Amateis received a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech.



**Eric Hopkins '94, Bill Hopkins '95, Gary Mills '90** and Darrell Guill participate in the Annual Homer K. Ball Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday, June 11, 2010 at Pipestem Resort State Park.

**Dr. Jeff Grote '80** currently works for the Arc of Southern Maryland out of their Prince Frederick location. Grote holds a Ph.D. with a specialization of physical education, from Walden University. At Concord he was an All-Conference (WVIAC) selection as a pitcher. Grote is also a student in a Doctor of Ministry degree program at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN.

**R. Luke Lively '81** was recently promoted to President and CEO of United Central Bank in Texas. He returned to Concord in April to present his book, *A Questionable Life*, as part of the University's Book Award program involving outstanding high school students.



*Luke Lively '81 is joined by Concord admissions counselors Jessica Schueler '09, left, and Jasmine Rose '06 during his recent visit to campus.*

**Teresa Barton '83** was named WV Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year. She traveled to Denver, CO in November to receive her award at the 2009 NABT conference. She was also awarded Teacher of the Year at PikeView High School where she presently teaches science.

**Vera Goodson Stover '85** was in a choir singing back-up for Bruce Springsteen and Beyonce at the pre-inaugural concert at the Lincoln Memorial attended by president-elect Barack Obama and his family on January 11, 2009.

**David Tibbs '87** was recently selected to coach in the Virginia State Football East/West All Star Game at Hampton, VA on Friday July 9th. He has served as head football coach at Robert E Lee High School for 14 years and has been recognized as "All-Time Winningest Coach in School History."

**Dan Womack '88** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Marketing Research Association. The Marketing Research Association is the leading and largest association of the survey and opinion research profession with 12 U.S. Chapters and more than 3,000 members from around the globe: <http://mra-net.org/news/article.cfm?aID=1081>.

## 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.

Please e-mail your news items to [alumni@concord.edu](mailto:alumni@concord.edu) or mail them to Concord University Alumni Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1000, Athens, WV 24712-1000.

**Omar J. Aboulhosn '89** was elected to the Circuit Court of Mercer County during the Primary Election on May 11, 2010. He was appointed to the position by Governor Joe Manchin on December 5, 2008 and pursuant to law, he was required to stand for election for the remainder of the term. Aboulhosn is also a 1992 graduate of WVU College of Law.

**Lisa Pashion Miles '89 and Rusty Miles '89** announce their daughter Jessica's recent honor for her outstanding artwork at Trinity School in Ellicott City, Maryland. The sixth-grader received a first place award in the Acrylic/Oil Painting category for her piece entitled "Memory Rose," a second place award for her color drawing entitled "The Garden Scene" and an honorable mention in the pastel category for her piece entitled "Daffodil." Another piece, "Memory Rose" was a Christmas present to her grandfather, **Otis Miles '71**, in memory of her late grandmother, **Dottie Dunn Miles '76**. On their anniversary, Otis would present Dottie one red rose for each year they had been married. Jessica's painting is in honor of her grandparents and will return to West Virginia to hang at the home of her grandfather at the conclusion of the art show. Jessica has deep roots to Concord, also being the granddaughter of the late **Mike Pashion '50** Concord Bookstore Manager for 37 years, and the late Alwilda "Billie" Pashion, and niece of **Vickie Pashion '74**.

**Pamela Blankenship Fischer '90** and husband **Mark '90** celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 21st, 2009. In honor of the occasion they took a cruise to Mexico and Belize in April 2010. Pam has been teaching Health/Physical Education for the past 18 years. Recently she was named the Physical Educator for Moss-Nuckols Elementary School, located in Louisa, VA. The new school will open its doors for the first time in August 2010.

**Jack Hunter '92** married Kristin in 2002. The couple has two children, daughter Morgan Ruth, age 7, and son, Colin Jack, age 4. Jack is the General Manager/Director of Golf at The PGA Tour owned and operated TPC River's Bend in Maineville, Ohio. He has worked for the PGA Tour for 11 years in Princeton, NJ, Cromwell, CT, and now Ohio. Previously Jack taught and coached in junior high and high school. He also did the morning drive show for a country music radio station for three years and managed a jewelry store for a year before finally settling down in his PGA career. In addition he competed professionally as a long driver in golf for 11 years, posting 24 victories. He finished in the top 20 of the ReMaxx World Championships three times, including 10th in 1999.

The Mountain Lions open the 2010 football season with a contest against Southern Virginia University on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010 at Callaghan Stadium. Game time is 6 p.m.



**GO MOUNTAIN LIONS!!**



**Kimberly Fogus Wiley '92** is celebrating 12 years employment in June with Anthony Correctional Center. Kim is presently the Accreditation Manager for the facility and assists in auditing other correctional facilities in the state. Kim resides in Greenbrier County with her son, Colin.

**Margaret A. Ellis '93** passed the National Certification Board Exam for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork on April 18, 2010. She is now a certified massage therapist.

**Ruth Wood Watson '93** has been the Social Services Director with IRM Management Co. for the past 12 years for a 162-unit complex at Wildwood House Apartments in Beckley, WV. Her youngest son, Scott, a 2000 Concord graduate, is a Computer Programmer with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Scott married Amy Crestwood of NC, a Licensed Therapist in May.

**Shannon Kelly '98** passed the July 2009, Kentucky Bar Exam. Shannon will be relocating to Kentucky in the next few months to start a law practice.

**Deena Boyles Pack '99** and **Jeff Pack '99** were united in marriage on November 19, 2006. They welcomed their son, Nathan Michael on November 26, 2007. Deena is a 2003 graduate of West Virginia University College of Law and is employed by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. Jeff is employed by Mountaineer Gas Company. The family currently resides in Lewisburg, WV.

**Luke Peters '01** and **Heather Sowards-Peters '01** celebrated the first birthday of their son, Griffin Lukas Peters, on May 29th, 2010, at their home in Parkersburg, WV. Heather teaches Literature at Marietta College and Ohio University, where she plans to complete her PhD. in Victorian Literature later this year. Luke completed his Masters of Public Administration at Ohio University in 2005, and is currently employed by United Bank.

**Kahlil Joseph '03** a Los Angeles, CA resident, recently worked as a voice-over actor in Julia Roberts' upcoming feature film "Eat, Pray, Love" based on the book. In the film, he provided voices of various characters in the 'Pray' part of the film set in India. Joseph's wife, **Spaska 'Patzi' Dvoiatchka '03**, is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist in the state of CA. Patzi is responsible for the clinical and educational activities of the social services departments of two mental health urgent care centers in Culver City and Los Angeles, providing emergency treatment to the underprivileged, chronic and persistent mentally ill population and their families.



**Miranda N. Martin '09** scans a QR code on a tourism brochure to demonstrate the eigenweg™ system. This innovative software was developed by Martin and Dr. W.R. Winfrey in the Rahall Technology Center at Concord University. The system is being used to enhance promotional efforts of tourism and business.

**Kelly James '04** graduated from Concord with a B.A. in Psychology and B.A. in Sociology and an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from WVU. Kelly recently joined a group private practice in March 2010 in Columbus, Georgia.

**Joshua Deaton '06** graduated from Mountain State University with his Bachelor's of Medical Science and master's of Physician Assistant on May 14, 2010.

**Robert Sabbatini '06** currently works at Lincoln Memorial University (formerly at Glenville State College) as the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

**Michelle Laneave '08** was recently employed by Welch Community Hospital Business Office, where she is an Office Assistant in the Purchasing Department. She resides in her hometown of Welch, WV.

**Dr. Gretchen Metzelaars** (Former Director of the Student Union and former Resident Hall Director) is the Senior Associate Vice President for Student Life at The Ohio State University.

## BIRTHS

**Carey Gobble Watters '93** and husband **Barry '94**, welcomed Presley Faith Watters on July 28, 2009. She weighed 7.3 lbs and was 20 inches long. Presley joins siblings Lindsey, Jacob and Eli.

**Dawn Hall-Brewer '00** along with Michael her husband and son Hayden, recently welcomed a new addition to their family. Arden Charlie Lucinda Brewer was born November 29, 2009 weighing 9lbs and 10 oz. The family resides in St. Louis, MO along with their dog, Buddy.

## MARRIAGES

**Ryan Maynard '07** and **Laurel Cole '07** were married January 10, 2009. Ryan is currently enrolled in Physician Assistant School (anticipated graduation 2011). Laurel is currently pursuing her Juris Doctrate (anticipated graduation 2013).

**Jared Kenneth Palazzola '08** and Caitlin Alese Morgan were married May 29, 2010. Jared is a loan officer for First Century Bank in Tazewell, TN.



Visit Concord University at the State Fair of West Virginia Aug. 13-21, 2010! We will be located behind the grandstand from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Spin the wheel for free CU prizes and register to win giveaways! Concord will also be at the State Fair hospitality tent Aug. 21 from 12 noon until 3 p.m. Gifts will be given to Concord alums (while supplies last) who stop by the hospitality tent.

# Passings

**Jeffrey Blake Short '51: April 2, 2010.** Jeffrey was originally from Princeton and was a former paint contractor. He attended Concord and was a member of the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

**Robert Lee Dotson '52: March 9, 2010.** Robert was an aviation ordnance officer in the Air Force during WWII. He also attended WV Wesleyan and Duke University. He earned a MA from Marshall University. He taught in the McDowell County School System and later worked as a psychologist at the WV Rehabilitation Center until his retirement in 1988.

**Bessie Kissinger '52: April 11, 2010.** Bessie received her B.S. in Education from Concord and later a master's degree in Administration from WVU. She taught in several one and two-room schools. Thirty-two years of her teaching career were spent at Bradshaw and Jaeger elementary schools. She was a member of the Bethany Regular Baptist Church and McDowell County Retired Teacher's Association.

**Mary Etta Hight '53: April 21, 2010.** She was married to Jim Arnold. Mary Etta was a Fulbright Fellow in India, a post-doctoral fellow at the Carnegie Natural History Museum, and after 32 years of service in biological sciences, a professor emeritus at Marshall University.

**Janet Martin Cunningham '56: December 31, 2009.** Janet received a B.A. in Education from Concord and taught in the Kanawha County School System. She later worked in payroll accounting for the WV Supreme Court. She retired from the Technetics Corp. in 2001.

**John Operchuck '58: May 8, 2010.** He was a devoted husband of 53 years to Anita. Concord is where John and Anita met and began their loving journey in 1957. He was the father of Andy, Frank and Eric. John is also survived by five grandchildren.

**Phyllis Honaker Needleman: January 8, 2010.** Phyllis received an A.A. degree from Stephens College, a B.S. from Concord and a Master's in Counseling from Marshall University. She worked for the Civil Service as a teacher, traveling to many countries. She later taught and worked as a Guidance Counselor in Florida.

**Richard C. "Rick" Gillenwater: March 28, 2010.** Rick attended Concord and was originally from Matoaka, WV. He worked in retail and as an assistant manager at Cinemas 8 at the Mercer Mall.



A graduate says "thanks" to her parents at the 135th Spring Commencement held on May 8, 2010.

**Alma Jack Cheatwood Thorn: April 5, 2010.** Alma attended Concord and worked as a teacher for 43 years. A majority of her teaching career was spent at Thorn Elementary in Princeton, WV. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Princeton and several retired teacher's organizations.

**Janice Loraine Coburn: April 6, 2010.** Janice attended Concord and Moorehead State University majoring in early childhood education. She was a homemaker and worked with the Mercer County Foster Parent Association. Janice was a devoted mother to her daughter **Kira LeBlanc '92**, and her son Corp. Major Andre LeBlanc.

**Elizabeth Blevins Roncaglione: March 11, 2010.** Elizabeth earned her education degree from Concord and a master's degree from WVU. She taught in WV for over 28 years and served as a reading specialist. She was of the Methodist faith.

**Nellie Martin: March 17, 2010.** Nellie retired from the Concord Registrar's Office. After retirement she was employed by "Experience Works" in Princeton. She was a 50-year resident of Princeton before recently moving to Pinnacle, NC.

**Virginia Rose Heimer Gleason: March 23, 2010.** Virginia was the wife of retired Concord faculty member, Ken Gleason. She completed her teaching career from Kirksville State Teacher's College and later taught at Spanishburg High School for 25 years.

**Alice James Martin Moore: March 25, 2010.** Alice attended Concord and the Rochester School of Music. She taught in the Mercer County School System. Alice James was an active member of the Athens, WV community, involved in the Red Hat Society and as a member of the Concord United Methodist Church. She and her sisters at one time performed as the "Martin Sisters Trio".

**Donald C. "Don" Myers: March 29, 2010.** Don was originally from Bluefield, WV, and a football player standout. He attended Concord and retired from Norfolk and Southern Railroad.

**Stephanie Ellen Miller: April 2, 2010.** Stephanie attended Concord. She was originally from Green Valley near Princeton.

**Correction: H. Elwood Winfrey:** November 14, 2009. Mr. Winfrey was a 1957 graduate of Concord. He was a graduate of Princeton High School. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force in the Strategic Air Command where he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Mr. Winfrey enjoyed a 30-year banking career, retiring from One Valley Bank in Princeton. He is survived by his wife, **Janet '53** and two daughters, **Lisa Hansen '83**, and Julie.



Back on campus for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1960, Howard and Elizabeth Davis reminisce about how they met and fell in love at Concord. "We both worked in the dining hall. We had assigned tables we had to set up and serve. Howard would come in early and set up my table and he would write little notes on the napkins," Mrs. Davis said. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

**State Senator Donald T. Caruth, '72: May 1, 2010.**

Don was a graduate of Athens High School, received his B.A. degree from Concord College in Athens and earned his J.D. from West Virginia University College of Law. Don was a member of the West Virginia State Bar, Mercer County Bar Association; former executive director, West Virginia Career College; West Virginia Industrial Council; former adjunct professor Concord College and Bluefield State College; former regional supervisor, Veteran's Education and Training, West Virginia Department of Education.



Don began his political career in 2002, being elected to the House of Delegates representing District 25.

He was elected to the state Senate in 2004 and again in 2008. He served as the Senate Minority Leader for the 78th Legislature. Sen. Caruth was highly regarded and respected by all of his constituents in Charleston and throughout the State of West Virginia.

Don was also active with his commitment to serving the people of Mercer County and southern West Virginia. He had served as Athens Town Council attorney and its treasurer; member of the New River Parkway Authority; Board of Directors, Athens Volunteer Fire Department and Athens Medical Center; and Children's Home Society of West Virginia. He was named West Virginia Business and Industry Council 2008's Legislator of the Year.

On the last day of the 79th Legislature, March 13, 2010, in the Senate Chambers, Gov. Joe Manchin presented Sen. Caruth with the Distinguished West Virginian Award. Don was an active member of the Concord United Methodist Church in Athens where he had served as chairman of the Church Council and on various other committees within the life of the church. Don was a partner with the law firm of Brewster, Morhous, Cameron, Caruth, Moore, Kersey & Stafford, PLLC of Bluefield. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by a brother, William B. Caruth Jr. Survivors include his wife, Laura Ann Cochran Caruth; five daughters, Maria, Andrea, Christie, Allison and Madison; three siblings, Nancy VanDeusen and husband Donald of Columbia Md., Linda Lockwood and husband Don of Lewes, Del., and Jim D. Caruth and wife Wanda of Kitty Hawk N.C.; sister-in-law Lois Caruth of Athens; and a host of nieces and nephews.



This sign at Concord's front entrance is evidence of the university's endeavor to provide a veteran-friendly campus



## *Family celebrates tradition of a Concord education*

**Louise Hess '60** of Mullens and her great granddaughter, **Melissa Dawn Mills Shifflette '10** of Corriner, are part of the same Wyoming County extended family. And, as of Saturday, May 8, 2010, the two share more than a family tree.

Both women marched in commencement ceremonies at Concord University that day. Melissa, wearing a gold stole signifying her cum laude status as an honor graduate in the Class of 2010, participated in the 2 p.m. ceremony. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology. Earlier during the 10 a.m. program, Louise, adorned with a maroon sash printed with "50-Year Class" in silver letters strode in with members of Concord's Class of 1960 back on campus for their 50th reunion.

Surrounded by family, Louise and Melissa celebrated the milestone achievement of receiving a college degree. A span of 50 years separates these two Concord alums. A rich heritage joins them.

The story begins with a determined young Louise intent on becoming a teacher. Married and living in Wyoming County, she had to travel the mountainous roads each day to attend class at Concord.

Perhaps the trip was easier because of her traveling companion, Ellen Folden, who like herself had aspirations of becoming a teacher. And, as if to make Melissa's Concord legacy even deeper, Ellen like Louise, would one day be called great-grandmother by Melissa Dawn.

Five decades later Melissa, newly married in her senior year, found herself driving across those same mountains with the same destination – a Concord education.

Several of Melissa's other relatives rank among Concord alumni. "Granny Lou," as Louise is known by her grandchildren, supports and encourages the family's youngsters in their higher education pursuits. According to Melissa's mother, Dawn Mills, she helps with purchasing books, moving into the dorm, visiting them on campus, and, as with Melissa, attending commencement as a proud grandparent.

Graduate studies are also tradition for this family. Louise received a master's degree in education administration from Marshall. Melissa, continuing in her Granny Lou's footsteps, is planning to attend graduate school.



Louise's teaching career covers more than three decades. She taught grade school (first through eighth graders) for 33 years. The last five years prior to her retirement were spent at Mullens High School as a special education teacher. A certified Braille instructor, she worked with visually impaired students.

A lifelong teacher and learner, Louise recently completed her certification to teach GED classes. She said she has received job offers to work with students pursuing the GED.

Louise has an impressive record of service to her community and has been recognized on several occasions for this volunteer work. She was named Female Citizen of the Year for the Mullens Chamber of Commerce in 2001. AARP recognized her with an award for outstanding community service. She was honored by 4-H for a scholarship in her name that sends children to 4-H camp each year.

She remains busy with volunteer activities. She is a member of the Ministerial Association of the Mullens District representing her church St. Andrew's Episcopal. She is a member of Eastern Star, the Wyoming County Retired Teachers Association, and the Mullens Dogwood Festival Committee.

Melissa is compiling her own record of achievements. She was valedictorian of her class at Wyoming East in 2006. She received several scholarships to attend Concord including the Joseph F. Marsh Scholarship and the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship.

The family's legacy of academic endeavors and their tradition of a Concord education continue with Melissa's sister, Laura Beth Mills. She is a rising sophomore at Concord majoring in sociology.

*Go to serve.*

## Baseball

The end of Concord's 2010 Baseball season also meant the end of Kevin Garrett's head coaching career. Garrett has given up his coaching duties to concentrate on his role as Concord's Director of Athletics. He leaves a program he spent 15 seasons building into one of the best in the WVIAC. Garrett led CU to 11 consecutive appearances in the WVIAC Tournament, while coaching 20 All-WVIAC players and three All-Americans.

Andrew Wright was named Concord's new head coach on May 14th. Wright, a CU graduate, played for Garrett from 1999-2002, spent a season as team captain and was a member of CU's 2001 WVIAC Championship team. He started his coaching career as a Concord assistant from 2002-04 and returned to his alma mater in the fall of 2009.

This year's Mountain Lions squad finished 29-9, including a perfect 18-0 mark on the home turf of Anderson Field. Concord ended an eight-game post-season losing streak with a 13-5 win over Alderson-Broadus on the first day of the conference tournament, but losses to Pitt-Johnstown and eventual WVIAC champion Seton Hill eliminated the Lions.

Concord featured one of Division II's top offenses – CU was second in the nation in slugging percentage (.604), fourth in scoring (10.8 runs/game), sixth in doubles per game (2.62) and seventh in batting average (.369). Concord also posted the 12th-best winning percentage.

Amongst Concord's firepower, Greyson Schram was the top gun. The senior second baseman from Stanley, NC won the WVIAC Triple Crown on the way to being named the conference's Player of the Year and Hitter of the Year. He hit a robust .508 with 20 home runs and 80 runs batted in over just 38 games. Schram led the nation in slugging percentage (1.103), on base percentage (.599), RBIs per game (2.13) and home runs per game (0.53) and was second in batting average. Schram also earned the Daktronics Atlantic Region Player of the Year award.

Donovan Huffer provided CU baseball with another star turn. The senior shortstop from Churchville, VA earned a spot on the All-WVIAC First Team by hitting .496 with eight home runs and 57 RBIs. Huffer was third in the nation in doubles per game (0.53), batting average and runs per game (1.66), fifth in on base percentage (.575), and ninth in slugging percentage (.863). For good measure, Huffer is also the valedictorian of Concord's 2010 graduating class.

Keith Morrisroe joined Schram and Huffer on the All-WVIAC First Team. Just a sophomore, Morrisroe hit .413 with four home runs and 41 RBIs, to go with a .516 on base percentage. His 14 stolen bases topped the team, and he led the nation with 1.84 runs per game.

Pitcher/first baseman Brooks Cullen and pitchers Trey Smith, Chastin Akers and Drew Bailey also received All-WVIAC recognition.

Both Schram and Bailey have been tapped to play professionally. Schram has signed a minor league contract with the Baltimore Orioles and Bailey has been drafted by the Oakland Athletics and assigned to their affiliate in the Arizona league.





## Soccer

Concord bade farewell to Women's Soccer head coach Carol Bonnes, who left her alma mater in late April to become the coach at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, TN.



Bonnes coached Concord in 2008 and 2009, leading the team to a record of 24-15-1, 16-4 in the WVIAC. The Lady Lions reached the WVIAC Tournament Final each season.

The '09 Lady Lions featured the nation's fifth-best offense (3.53 goals per game). Ten Concord players earned All-WVIAC honors with Bonnes as head coach, including three on the First Team.

"I wasn't looking for a job – this one just fell into my lap," Bonnes said. "I know the girls here will continue to do well. They have the makings of a very strong team and they'll contend for a conference championship."

Stefani Workman has been named Concord's new Women's Soccer Coach. She previously was an assistant soccer coach at WVU and the University of Cincinnati.

## Softball

Perhaps the most pleasant surprise of the spring came from the Softball team.

Following a humbling 1-32 record in 2008, the Lady Lions rebounded with a 21-26 showing in 2009 and qualified for the WVIAC Tournament after a two-year absence.

To put 2009 into perspective -- Concord had gone 8-88 over the prior three seasons, but this year it took the Lady Lions just 17 games to get their eighth victory.

Concord's 4-3 win over Glenville State on March 18th snapped a 51-game losing streak against WVIAC opponents that stretched back to April 2007.

Under second-year head coach Sabrina McCullough, and featuring a roster made up almost exclusively of freshmen, Concord had three players earn All-WVIAC honors.

Shortstop Samantha Clement made the First Team, becoming the first Concord player to be so honored since 2002. Hitting from the leadoff spot, the freshman from La Plata, MD was second in the WVIAC in batting average (.401) and triples (5). She led Concord in slugging percentage (.650), on-base percentage (.481), walks (19), stolen bases (11), total bases (89) and assists (112) in 47 games. Plus, it was her two-out, two-run home run in the bottom of the 7th that gave CU its streak-busting win over Glenville State on March 18th.

First baseman Kristen McClure and pitcher Tamara Smith were WVIAC Honorable Mention players.

McClure batted .371 – 11th-best in the conference – and led the Lady Lions with 30 RBIs and 12 doubles. Her highlight day was April 14th, when she went 7-9 in CU's doubleheader sweep of rival Bluefield State.

Smith, Concord's #1 pitcher, went 13-10 with a 3.80 ERA. She appeared in 30 of the team's 47 games, starting 24, with 20 complete games and one save. In 177 2/3 innings she walked 40 and struck out 125.

## Track and Field

Shawnee Carnett emerged as a rising star during the Track & Field teams' 2010 campaign, being named the WVIAC Women's Athlete of the Week four times on the way to earning the conference's Rookie Athlete of the Year award.

The freshman from Sugar Grove, VA set Concord records in the 400 meter run at the WVIAC Championships in Wheeling, WV on April 30th-May 1st, and set the school mark in the 800 meters at the Duke Twilight meet in Durham, NC on May 9th.

Other school records came from:

- Brittany Pratt, in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash, at the WVIAC Championships
- Megan Savoli, in the 400 meter hurdles at the Duke Invitational on April 3rd
- Danielle Pye, in the 1500 meters at the WVIAC Championships
- Lance McDaniel, in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the Duke Invitational

The Mountain Lion squads combined for eight victories and 11 runner-up finishes in winning the Concord Invitational on March 27th. The teams combined for a season-high ten wins at the Brandi Bowen Memorial in Glenville, WV on April 9th, and six more at the West Virginia Wesleyan Invitational a week later.

## Football

Concord's Football team concluded its off-season practice schedule with the annual Spring Game on April 24th. Head coach Mike Kellar promised a casual atmosphere, and that was the case – the day of the Spring Game started with a round of golf for the coaches and friends of the program at Pipestem Resort State Park and also included a pre-game barbecue outside Callaghan Stadium.



But the game itself was strictly business. In an intense, efficiently-played contest, the White team defeated the Maroon, 21-7.

There were no official statistics. But longtime Concord beat writer Tom Bone of the *Bluefield Daily Telegraph* credited running back Brian Kennedy, playing for the White team, for 171 yards rushing on 14 carries, including two touchdowns. Wide receiver Thomas Mayo caught seven passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

*See you at the game!*

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<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>Southern Virginia *</b>	<b>Callaghan Stadium</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Sept 4	at Lenoir-Rhyne *	Hickory, NC	7:00 pm
Sept 11	---	---	BYE
Sept 18	at West Virginia Wesleyan	Buckhannon, WV	1:00 pm
<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>Unv. of Charleston</b>	<b>Callaghan Stadium</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Oct 2	at West Virginia State	Institute, WV	1:00 pm
Oct 9	at Shepherd	Shepherdstown, WV	1:00 pm
<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Glenville State (Homecoming)</b>	<b>Callaghan Stadium</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Oct 23	at Seton Hill	Greensburg, PA	3:00 pm
Oct 30	at UNC-Pembroke *	Pembroke, NC	1:00 pm
<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Fairmont State (Rotary Bowl)</b>	<b>Hunnicuttt Stadium</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>West Liberty</b>	<b>Callaghan Stadium</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>

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