

# THE SCOOP



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## Parents Club PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This issue marks a bittersweet occasion: the graduation of many of our seniors. Rather than the traditional President's Message on Page 1, this PC newsletter is dedicated to the families of our graduating students. We have valued your comments, support, and positive additions to our Concord family and we appreciate you allowing us to be a part of your students' academic and personal growth over the years.

We also extend a very special and well-deserved, "Thank You!!" to Parent Club President, Martha Endres. Martha and her husband, Kelley, have generously donated their time and talents, participating in many Concord events, including Orientations; tailgates, both near and far; new student receptions ; newsletter articles; Homecomings; and many other activities that they shared with their daughter, Anne. Martha's ideas and encouragement helped shape the Parent Club from a fledgling idea into a coordinated effort to inform our families of Concord happenings. We wish Martha and Kelley the best, as they "graduate" to West Virginia University, where Anne will begin her graduate studies in geography.

We hope that you and your students—who will soon be Concord alumni—stay involved with The Campus Beautiful. Remember that you will always be a member of our Concord family! Please visit often and keep us informed of the many successes we know lie ahead for you and your students.

To the parents of our returning students, we appreciate your continued support and suggestions! We look forward to a wonderful 2011-2012 academic year!

Best Wishes on behalf of the Parent Club Committee,

*Marjie Flanigan*

**Interim Vice President of Student Affairs**

**Committee members: Lynne White, Tammy Monk, Rick Dillon,  
Kati Whittaker, & Kayon Banton (Student Representative)**



# Academic Calendar

Date	Activity
March 28 - April 8	Early Registration for Summer 2011 and Fall 2011 classes
April 8-9 & 15-16	Early Registration Fridays and Saturdays for New CU Students
April 8	Box City (Bonner Scholars Homeless Awareness and Scotty's Place Fundraiser)
April 11 - 15	Greek Week
April 18	CU Earth Day Celebration
April 18 - 22	Spring Fling Week
April 29	CU Relay for Life
May 6, Fri.	Last day to withdraw from the University
May 6, Fri.	Last class day
May 9-13, (M-F)	Final exams
May 13, Fri.	Spring semester ends 5:00 p.m.
May 14, Sat.	Spring Commencement 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

## **Intersession 2011 (Classes meet Monday – Friday)**

May 16, Mon.	Classes begin
May 27, Fri.	Final exams

## **First Summer Session 2011 (Classes meet Monday –Thursday except as indicated)**

May 30, Mon.	Memorial Day Holiday
June 1, Wed.	Classes begin
June 3, Fri.	Classes meet
July 1, Fri.	Final exams

## **Second Summer Session 2011 (Classes meet Monday –Thursday except as indicated)**

July 4, Mon.	Independence Day Holiday
July 6, Wed.	Classes begin
July 8, Fri.	Classes meet
Aug 5, Fri.	Final exams

## **RESIDENCE HALL CLOSINGS**



Residence Halls close at 5pm on Friday May 13th, 2011

\*All Non-Graduates are require to leave 24 hours after their last Final Exam  
OR by Friday May 13th at 5pm...

### **WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.**

Residence Halls close for Graduates at 5:00pm on Saturday May 14th.



## A Message From Financial Aid

After this cold, snowy winter, we are eagerly looking forward to summer! Students attending the summer term and wanting to use financial aid for the term must complete a Summer Aid Application **after** registering for summer classes starting March 29, 2011. The document, Summer I/II Financial Aid Application (2011), is located on our web page at [www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid](http://www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid) under Forms & Applications. Eligibility for summer aid is based on the 2010-11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) results and not all types of aid are available for the summer term. Students eligible for work-study who want to work during the summer term must complete the Summer Work Study Application located on our web site.

Currently we are processing the 2011-12 FAFSA applications and are mailing requests for verification documents. If your student receives a documentation request please return the requested documents as soon as possible as some funds are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis. If you have not completed the 2011-12 FAFSA, please do so promptly at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). April 15, 2011 is the priority deadline for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant, a grant program for West Virginia residents with financial need.

To better help students and their families, the Financial Aid Office will have extended hours, as follows:

April 25 through April 28 (Mon-Thurs)	8am to 6pm
May 2 through May 5 (Mon-Thurs)	8am to 6pm
Saturdays: April 9, 16, 30; May 7	8am to 4pm

Please contact our office at (304) 384-6069 if you have any questions regarding summer aid awarding, completing the 2011-12 FAFSA, verification, or other financial aid matters.

Best wishes,

*Debbie Turner*

Financial Aid Director

**The Parents Club would like to thank Lance McDaniel (class of 2010, Graphic Design & Studio Art) for designing our new Parent Club newsletter template. We are excited to introduce Lance's design for our final newsletter of 2010-2011.**



## Information and Directions for FERPA Release



The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, commonly known as FERPA, is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Students have specific, protected rights regarding the release of such records and FERPA requires that institutions adhere strictly to these guidelines.

In accordance with the FERPA act, all information regarding a student's record, with the exception of certain directory information, is considered private between the student and the university and requires a release for discussion of this information with a third party.

The student may wish to grant permission to all or some information release, including financial aid, student accounts, grades and other university information to a parent, spouse, employer, agency, or other person of the student's choosing.



Students wishing to release information to a third party can now do so by completing the FERPA/ Information Release Form. Directions for completing the form are outlined below:

1. Log into MyCU (<http://mycu.concord.edu>)
2. Click on the Student tab
3. Click on FERPA/Information Release under the Information box on the side of the screen
4. Complete the form, assigning a PIN number for the individuals whom you are granting permission to your indicated university information
5. Provide the PIN number to the person(s) to whom you are allowing information access.

**NOTE:** Information will not be released to an authorized individual without the person knowing the PIN. This is for the student's protection.

7. To change the person(s) authorized to receive information as well as the type of information for which access is granted, the student can log into his/her MyCU account and make changes.

Alumni can also complete a FERPA/Information Release. Click on the **ALUMNI & DONORS** tab on the Concord website, then on **FERPA/INFORMATION RELEASE**. Log On using your Concord Username and password. If you need assistance with the Username/Password, contact the Technology Help Desk at [cuhelpdesk@concord.edu](mailto:cuhelpdesk@concord.edu) or (304) 716-0054.





### Finally! Studying Tips for Finals (Tips for Students)

By Rachel Shelton, Staff Writer  
Date: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Yet again, it is almost time for the dreaded final exam period. Most students will find this time full of stress and studying. Cramming for exams is like a rite of passage in order to be called a seasoned college student. For those who have been in school a little longer, exams are just another part of life. For those who are newer to the college experience, however, finals can be quite overwhelming. For the students who fall into this category, read on. Here are a few ways to cope with exam time, while keeping your sanity in tact.

1. **Get plenty of sleep.** Sleep deprivation is the quickest way to fall behind. Pulling all night study sessions may work for you when you have just one test. But exams are different! Students may be facing several tests within a short amount of time, and many of them are comprehensive. Be sure to get plenty of rest.
2. **Time management.** For many of us, time management has been preached to us since first entering college. During this time however, time management is essential. As the old saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Too much studying at one time and students will reach burn-out status much quicker. However, too much play and not enough work may lead to disappointing grades. It is a decision that each student must make individually, but it is one that each person needs to make soon as to how they will manage their time during this period.
3. **Make sure you eat regularly.** Research shows that students who are hungry tend to have a harder time concentrating. So, folks, if your stomach is growling, feed it! Don't let your dietary habits go during exam time. While you think that you are getting in quality study time, if you are hungry, think again!
4. **Be sure and take breaks.** This rule is similar to time management, but with a different aspect. If you are studying, breaks are essential to keep your concentration at maximum performance. Studying for two hours is great, but throw in a few fifteen minute breaks along the way. Getting up and stretching, or doing a few exercises is a great way to loosen up your body and clear your head.
5. **Study with a buddy.** If you are someone who prefers to handle your work alone, this doesn't apply. If you are not however, then listen up. Studying with other people is often helpful, especially if you are unsure about the material. This gives you a chance to learn the material from your peers. It also gives you the chance to be quizzed, and make sure that you have a good understanding of what you are working on.

Use these tips to help you maximize your study time. They may help in ways you thought impossible.

Once again, if you are a newer student here to Concord, these may be especially important. It sometimes takes a while to get down just how everything works.

We hope that students will find exam time to be just a little easier, stress free, and productive.



## Earth Day 2011 Celebration Planned At Concord University



**ATHENS** - Concord University will celebrate Earth Day 2011 on Monday, April 18 with grounds clean-up and beautification projects campus-wide and in the town of Athens.

Students, staff and faculty will be involved in the day-long event which includes litter pick-up, flower bed weeding, flower planting and other activities to benefit the campus environment.

Individuals and groups in the community are also invited to participate. For more information and to volunteer contact [cuevents@concord.edu](mailto:cuevents@concord.edu) or (304) 384-6286.

The University celebrated Earth Day 2010 with strong participation across campus in clean-up and planting projects. The event last year sparked a number of green initiatives including the cafeteria going "trayless" in an effort to reduce energy consumption and food waste associated with using trays.

## CU Service Council Supporting Local Effort to Build a Skate Park in Athens



The Concord University Service Council is hosting a *Community Night Out* on Saturday, April 9 from 3pm -7pm at the Carter Center.

The event will include carnival games with prizes, face painting, sports activities, door prizes, raffles, 65 free bicycle helmets, and much more. Several offices and area businesses have donated items for the raffle, prizes and refreshments. All of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Athens Skate Park Project.

The Athens Town Council has received a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation to build a Skate Park in Athens, but the grant will not fund the project entirely. The CU Service Council decided in the fall semester that their community service project for the year would be to help raise money for the Athens Skate Park. The students came up with the Community Night Out event. The students felt that it would be a great way to give back to the community. The event not only provides funds for the Skate Park Project, but it also gives the students a chance to entertain and interact with families in the Athens Community. The Concord University Service Council is comprised of student representatives from the various campus organizations.





## Art Education News



**Back row:** Dr. Reidmiller, Tiffany Blair, Kate Armentrout, Brittany Cantley, and Kayla Tilley

**Front row:** Tim Hiner, Mathew Lilly and David Poticher

Dr. Lauri Reidmiller and members of the Concord University National Art Education Student Chapter attended the West Virginia Art Education Association 2011 Spring conference last week. During the conference the group attended a selection of presentations and hands-on workshops. The conference also gave the students the opportunity to meet art teachers from around the state and learn some new teaching resources.

During the conference Dr. Lauri Reidmiller presented “Polymer Clay” an interactive presentation designed for junior high and high school art students. Assisting with the presentation were Concord University’s Art Education students; Kate Armentrout, Tiffany Blair, Brittany Cantley, Mathew Lilly, David Poticher, and Kayla Tilley. “I am a proponent of active learning and I believe that learning environments extend beyond the four walls of a classroom. I always encourage my student to accompany me when I present at conferences, conduct outreach projects and teach workshops in our public schools” states Dr. Reidmiller.

Also in attendance were art education students, Crystal Richmond and Tim Hiner. In addition to attending the conference Tim Hiner helped register artwork for the West Virginia Youth Art Month 3-D Competition in which Dr. Reidmiller is chairing this year. Dr. Reidmiller reports that many of her students will be assisting her with the Youth Art Month 3D Award ceremony and judging the Raleigh County Art Show next month. Reidmiller continues, “I believe that supplying my students with these types of opportunities empowers them to take responsibility for their own learning and enables them to participate in their professional organization, build their resumes, network with educators regionally



Concord University Art Education student, Kate Armentrout assisting attendees at the WVAEA spring conference.



## Athletic News



The end of the Winter sports season proved to be an eventful time for Concord Athletics.

The biggest news came on March 3, when Steve Cox announced his retirement as Men's Basketball head coach.

The Dean of WVIAC coaches posted a record of 334-298 in 22 seasons as the Mountain Lions' head coach. He won three WVIAC Tournament championships (1991, 1995, 1997) and set Concord records for career victories, single-season wins (28 in 1990-91), and single-season WVIAC winning percentage (.842 in 1991-92, when CU went 16-3 in the league and 22-6 overall). Cox's teams won 20 or more games in a season six times.

Cox coached 17 1st Team All-WVIAC players, five NCAA All-East Region players (Tyrone Anderson, Brian Atkins, Kelly Mann, Lewis Muse and Sterling Tate) and two NCAA 1st Team All-Americans (Muse and Ron Ward). Atkins was WVIAC Freshman of the Year in 2001.

Twenty Concord players earned All-WVIAC Tournament honors under Cox, including four Most Valuable Players: Ward in 1991, Thaddeus Breckenridge in 1995 and Mann in 1997 and 1998.

Two of Cox's players set conference records that stand to this day. Ward set the single-season mark for Field Goal Percentage (.757) in 1991-92, while James Doyle recorded 157 Blocked Shots (5.2 per game) in 1997-98 and ended his career with 416 Blocked Shots, the most in league history. Ward is 4th in the WVIAC all-time Scoring list, with 2872 points.

Cox came to Concord before the 1978-79 season to be an assistant coach for CU Hall of Famer Don Christie, and was part of the Mountain Lions' WVIAC championship seasons in 1979 and 1989. Cox became head coach in the 1989-90 season.

The native of Salem, WV also serves as Concord's NCAA Director of Compliance. Cox's wife, Carolyn, is Concord's Registrar. We wish Coach Cox the best in his well-earned retirement!

## Women's Track and Field

Concord's Women's Track & Field team made history in March, as sophomore Shawnee Carnett finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 Meter run at the NCAA Division II Indoor National Championship meet March 12 in Albuquerque, NM.



The result earned Carnett All-America honors for the second time in her brief career. She was an All-American in the 800 at the 2010 Outdoor Championships.

"Two years, two trips to Nationals, two pieces of hardware coming back," said CU Head Coach Mike Cox. "We'll take that."

Earlier, Carnett ran a 2:09.14 at the Virginia Tech Challenge on February 18. The time is a Concord record and stands as the fastest in Division II this indoor season.







## Women's Basketball

Concord's Women's Basketball team also made news with a spirited run to the WVIAC Tournament Semi-Finals in Charleston. The Lady Lions finished the regular season at 15-11, good for 7<sup>th</sup> place in the league, and opened the tournament with a resounding 92-67 first-round home victory over West Virginia State.



That secured CU's first appearance in the quarterfinals at the Charleston Civic Center since 2008, and the Lady Lions commemorated the occasion by stunning highly-ranked West Liberty 65-61. Concord trailed 54-48 with five minutes left before rallying for what Head Coach Kenny Osborne called "the biggest win I've had at Concord."

The Lady Lions fell to eventual champion Glenville State in the Semi-Finals. But CU's Jolysa Brown and Sidney Lindsey earned spots on the All-Tournament Team.

In other Women's Basketball notes, CU senior Kristin Kidd was selected by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to be a member of the "So You Want To Be A Coach" program, in conjunction with the Women's Division I Final Four in Indianapolis, IN.

Sponsored by NCAA Diversity and Inclusion, NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, the "So You Want To Be A Coach" program aims to help women's college basketball players who are interested in pursuing a career in coaching women's basketball.

Kidd was eligible to attend a conference held in conjunction with the WBCA's national convention in Indianapolis on April 1-3. She also received tickets the Final Four games at Conseco Fieldhouse.

"This is a great honor for Kristin and for our program. She's very worthy," Osborne said. Concord head coach Kenny Osborne. "The application process takes a long time. The program usually takes in about one hundred participants, but if you take a look at the number of colleges in the country -- on all levels -- this is really great.

## Advancement News

Kerri Zaferatos of Daniels has been named Executive Director of the Concord University Foundation. Her official start date is April 19, 2011.



"Kerri is a great addition to our team. She has the background and knowledge to work well with our Foundation and its benefactors. We are very excited to have her in the Advancement Office," Concord University Interim Vice President of Advancement Alicia Besenyei said.

Zaferatos has a banking background in trust management. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in business administration (M.B.A.) from West Virginia University. She also holds a graduate certificate in financial planning from the University of Charleston.

"I am honored and excited to join the Advancement Team at Concord University," Zaferatos said.

"I look forward to contributing to the continued success of Concord."



## New Student News

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a Concord University student? It is not too late to apply to Concord for the Summer 2011 or Fall 2011 semesters. Students can apply online—free of charge—by visiting the Concord website at <http://www.concord.edu> and following the links.

Early advising appointments for students accepted for admission to the University are available on the following dates by contacting the Admissions Office at (304) 384-5249 or toll free, 1 (888) 384-5249:

Friday and Saturday, April 8 & 9

Friday and Saturday, April 15 & 16

Friday and Saturday, April 29 & 30

Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7

For additional appointment days and times, contact the Admissions Office.

## Did You Know...?

Concord University has joined with the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, WV Community & Technical Colleges, and the Lumina Foundation to participate in *DegreeNow* for adult learners. *DegreeNow* is specifically designed for adults with some college and those students who have been out of school for at least three years.

For more information on the *DegreeNow* program, please contact Dr. George Towers, Associate Academic Dean at (304) 384-5220 or email [rba@concord.edu](mailto:rba@concord.edu).

