

The Scoop

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Welcome!

Dear Parents,

The temperatures have dropped, the leaves are turning brilliant colors, and fall break has come and gone on the Campus Beautiful. Unbelievably, October is here in what seems like a blink of an eye. Seven weeks ago you watched your students heading off to their first classes. We hope you and your students' enthusiasm is still high, with assignments, tests, papers—and semester activities—in full swing.

This issue of the Parents Club newsletter includes a mixture of the past six weeks, including our exciting Homecoming, fall sports, and other campus events, as well as a peek of what's ahead for the rest of the semester. We've celebrated Constitution Day with a symposium featuring Professor Emeritus Dr. David Bard; honored national track and field champion Shawnee Carnett; assisted with Mercer County's *Clean Sweep* litter clean-up campaign as a community service project; volunteered with the Beckley September 11th remembrance; earned honors in the 2012 edition of U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges; hosted the 2011 Rotary Bowl in a victorious football match-up against Shepherd University; lip synced; simulated sky diving; Zumba-ed; hosted the Stigma Tour for mental health; held two American Red Cross Blood Drives; stayed *Up All Night* in the gameroom; received our flu shots; featured Banned Books week with awareness and volunteer activities; and more.

Future events include our Veterans week celebration, including a dedication ceremony on November 9 honoring General Allen Tackett, and Congressman Nick J. Rahall and participation in the Remembrance Day National Roll Call on 11/11/11 with a reading of the names of over 6,000 fallen service members; our fall scholarship fundraiser dinner in Charleston, WV on November 10th featuring College Board President and former West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton as the keynote speaker; a trip to Scarowinds in Charlotte, NC on October 7th; sponsoring a Drunk & Distracted Driving Simulator to underscore the dangers of driving impaired or texting on October 13th; Mountain Lion Open House on October 15th; the 2nd annual Wellness Fair on October 25th; Faculty Colloquium in University Point, November 3rd; intramurals; movie nights; and much more.

Clearly, there's a lot happening at Concord! As always, we wish you well and invite your comments and suggestions.

On Behalf of the Parents Club,
Marjie Flanigan

Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students

Academic Calendar

<i>Oct. 6-7 (R-F)</i>	Fall break
<i>October 12, Wed.</i>	Mid-semester reports of unsatisfactory grades submitted by faculty
<i>October 21, Fri.</i>	Last day to make application for December graduation 4 p.m.
<i>Oct. 31-Nov. 11</i>	Advising for course selection for Spring 2012 Semester
<i>November 4, Fri.</i>	Last day for dropping a course with grade of "W" or changing course status from credit to audit 4 p.m.
<i>November 7-17</i>	Course selection for Spring 2012 Semester (for students presently enrolled)
<i>Nov. 21-25 (M-F)</i>	Thanksgiving recess
<i>December 2, Fri.</i>	Last day to withdraw from the University
<i>December 9, Fri.</i>	Last class day
<i>Dec. 12-16 (M-F)</i>	Final exams
<i>December 16, Fri.</i>	Fall semester ends 5:00 p.m.
<i>December 17, Sat.</i>	Fall Commencement 11:00 a.m.
<i>January 18, Wed.</i>	Classes begin spring semester

Important Dates from Housing!

November 18 (5pm) Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving recess

November 27 (1 pm) Residence Halls reopen from Thanksgiving Recess

December 16 (5pm) Residence Halls Close for Winter Break

January 16-17 Residence Halls Open for Spring Semester

The International Students' Club Delivers!

The International Students' Club is delivering birthday greetings to students on campus. Club members will deliver a birthday cake from Wal-Mart, balloons, birthday plates and forks to your



student's room on his/her special day. There are white cakes, chocolate cakes and even cookie cakes available!

To request a birthday greeting for your student, send us your student's name, cell phone number, residence hall and room number, date of birth, type of cake desired, and the name(s) of the person giving the surprise along with a check for \$25 made payable to the International Students' Club. Our address is: Box 86 Concord University, Athens, WV 24712.

McNair Scholars Program from Lisa Karnes



Concord University's 2011 McNair Scholars @ North Carolina A&T University

Concord McNair Program Invites Students to Become McNair Scholars

Twelve McNair Scholars completed an intensive month-long Summer Research Internship at Concord University in June 2011. They attended several seminars on graduate admissions and the research process, began conducting faculty-supervised research in their major, and visited prospective graduate schools in 5 states (NC, OH, TN, VA, and WV). Two other Scholars conducted research at off-campus sites, one in China and the other in Colorado. Over the next academic year, each Scholar is expected to complete and present his/her research in a professional venue such as the University of Maryland at Baltimore County McNair Research Conference or Concord University's Undergraduate Research Day. In return, the McNair Program offers Scholars an opportunity to earn academic credit through Concord University for their research and a stipend of up to \$2800.

The McNair Scholars Program is a sister TRIO Program to Student Support Services. It provides academically talented college students from under-represented backgrounds with access to training and resources designed to make the transition into graduate or professional school smooth and successful. Each Fall, Concord's McNair Program recruits sophomores and juniors (with at least a 2.80 cumulative GPA) from within as well as from Bluefield State College and West Virginia State University. If you would like more information on the McNair Scholars Program, please contact the McNair Office at (304) 384-6019 or lkarnes@concord.edu. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2011-12 academic year. All majors are welcome!

Homecoming 2011!!

Theme: Comics

From Sports Information Director Kyle Cooper

On Homecoming Saturday at Concord, there was more cause for celebration than just the football game.

The Mountain Lions defeated West Virginia State on the Callaghan Stadium gridiron, 38-7, which sent a capacity crowd home happy. But the fun actually began *before* kickoff, when Concord honored accomplished student-athletes from its history and its very recent past.

CU saluted its athletic teams from 1961, including the conference champion baseball squad, and Homecoming Queen Jean Wright Smith.

Concord's 2011 Baseball team was also lauded, after its electrifying run to a WVIAC championship last spring.

The ceremony also honored Shawnee Carnett, who won the NCAA Division II National Championship in the 800 meter run in Turlock, CA last May.

It was the first NCAA title in Concord history, and the first in Women's Track & Field for the WVIAC. It was also CU's first national title of any kind since 1966.

CU Track & Field head coach Mike Cox presented Carnett with her national championship ring, and unveiled a commemorative banner that will be displayed in the main gym in the Carter Center.

Banner:

3rd Place:

Alpha Sigma

Alpha & Phi Sigma Phi, CU Elite Dance Team & Chi Omega Psi

2nd Place: Bonner Scholars & International Club

1st Place: Delta Zeta & Tau Kappa Epsilon

Costumes:

3rd Place: Bonner Scholars & International Club

2nd Place: CU Elite Dance Team & Chi Omega Psi

1st Place: Sigma Sigma Sigma & Pi Kappa Phi

Student Election:

3rd Place: CU Elite Dance Team & Chi Omega Psi

2nd Place: Bonner Scholars & International Club

1st Place: Delta Zeta & Tau Kappa Epsilon

2011 Homecoming Results

Right: 1st Place Banner from Delta Zeta and Tau Kappa Epsilon

Bottom: 1st place billboard from Sigma Sigma Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi



Billboards:

3rd: Bonner Scholars & International Club, Alpha Sigma Alpha & Phi Sigma Phi
2nd: Alpha Sigma Tau & Sigma Tau Gamma

1st: Sigma Sigma Sigma & Pi Kappa Phi, Delta Zeta & Tau Kappa Epsilon

Lip Sync:

3rd: Bonner Scholars & International Club
2nd: CU Elite Dance Team & Chi Omega Psi

1st: Alpha Sigma Alpha & Phi Sigma Phi



2011 Homecoming Royalty Candidates

Alpha Sigma Tau

and Sigma Tau Gamma

Alisha Newcomb and Joshua Gelinas

Bonner Scholars and International Club

Erica White and Felix Riba

Nu Zeta Chi and Lambda Iota Gamma

Tiffany Duvall Gilbert and Bryan Martin

Sigma Sigma Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi

Grace Hurney and Sam Foreman

Alpha Sigma Alpha and Phi Sigma Phi

Dessa Howaniec and Jeff Miller

Delta Zeta and Tau Kappa Epsilon

Shannan McKnight and Robert Vess Furey

CU Elite Dance Team and Chi Omega Psi

Megan Godfrey and Casey Stanley



Right: Homecoming Royalty Shannan McKnight of Delta Zeta and Robert Vess Furey of Tau Kappa Epsilon

Below: 2nd Place billboard from Alpha Sigma Tau and Sigma Tau Gamma

2011 Homecoming Royalty

2nd

Runners Up: Erica White of Bonner Scholars and Felix Riba of International Club

1st Runners Up: Megan Godfrey of CU Elite Dance Team and Casey Stanley of Chi Omega Psi

CU Homecoming Royalty: Shannan McKnight of Delta Zeta and Robert Vess Furey of Tau Kappa Epsilon



International Student Homestay from Nancy Ellison

Have you ever...

- *been alone, away from home, and wished for someone to talk to?
- *wanted to know more about another country or culture?
- *wanted to make friends with someone different from you?
- *wished you could do a little to help the cause of peace and understanding?

Then you should consider becoming a friend to an international student. A "friend" can be an individual, a couple, or a family, anyone who would like to know a student from another land and help him or her to understand our American way of life, our language, our customs, and our community.

The Homestay Program at Concord University provides an opportunity for American families to learn about other countries and cultures by having an international student stay in their home during school breaks. In turn, the international student benefits by being able to practice English conversation and learn about American culture first hand in the comfortable, friendly environment of an American home.

For more information, please contact the International Student Services Office at 304-384-6086.

Faculty and Staff Research to be Presented in Cyprus

by Jennifer Nail, Sr. Math Education Major

Who would think that the same device that we all use to play *Angry Birds* and *Urban Spoon*, could also be used as a study aid? Well two members of the Concord Community Dr. W. R. Winfrey, professor of mathematics, and Miranda Martin, Concord Alumna, have thought of that very thing.

Winfrey and Martin are working in conjunction with students and staff at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) to develop an application connecting surgical and anatomical terms. When a medical student begins medical school they learn the body through anatomical terms. After they begin their surgical rotations they must learn the body and certain procedures through eponyms or different names, usually referencing the person that first named a part or first performed the procedure. Students at WVSOM created a booklet allowing medical students to easily put the eponyms into more familiar anatomical terms. What this booklet provides in paper form, Winfrey and Martin are providing as a smart phone application.

Users will be able to search for terms as well as expand and define terms. Winfrey describes the idea of seeing students not searching through books before a test, but through their phones running through definitions and material. This program is being developed for the Windows Phone 7, and once fully operable should be available for all major smart phones. Winfrey and Martin will be presenting their program at a Conference in Cyprus in October.



Attention!

The last day to drop classes with a grade of W or to change course status from credit to audit is November 4th. Please note that any classes dropped at this point will be considered attempted hours, and will be used to calculate Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for students.

Course Registration by Jennifer Nail, Sr. Math Education Major

The time for course selection has drawn near again, and it's at this time of the year that students once again begin to feel anxious for their next semester of courses. This particular activity can sometimes draw dread from a student and sometimes cause excitement, but there are some important things for students to remember while course selection is going on. Remind your student to:



1. Update the progression sheet. Progression sheets are the easiest way to find out what all classes are needed for the major, and what general studies classes may still be needed. Progression sheets are easy to find at <http://www.concord.edu/academics/registrar/progression-sheets-2009-2011>, and simply need to be filled in with what classes have been taken and what grades were earned in those courses.
2. Consult the catalog; look to see what classes are offered at specific times like odd years, spring semesters, and make note to take those courses when they are offered. Also look at the prerequisites for courses, plan ahead.
3. Make a trial schedule, or two. Consult the course listing for the upcoming semester, which can be found at concord.edu or in paper form around the campus. Then find out if the times work for the classes wanted, create a timetable of the week, and fill in the classes selected.
4. Consult the academic advisor; bring the trial schedule to the advising appointment along with any questions.
5. Pre-register for courses at the appropriate time based on class standing, determined by the number of hours earned.

Midterm Reports to be Issued

Midterm grades will be submitted by faculty on October 12, 2011. Shortly after this submission students will be able to access their midterm grades on MyCU. These midterm grades will only be indicated on the student's account in they have a D or F in that course.

Available resources if students do have midterms include: SMARTHINKING online tutoring, drop-in tutoring, etc. For more information contact the Academic Success Center (ASC) at asc@concord.edu. Students should also consider speaking with professors, meeting with their advisors, or visiting the ASC.

Sports News from Kyle Cooper, Sports Information Director



Winter Sports to Begin

Technically, Concord's Winter sports schedule begins before the Fall sports schedule ends.

CU begins its 2011-2012 campaign with a non-conference doubleheader against WVU Tech on Friday, November 11 at the Carter Center.

The women's game begins at 5:30 pm. The men's game is slated to tip off at 7:30.

November 11 marks the debut of Kent McBride as the men's head coach. McBride took over the Mountain Lions program last April, following the retirement of Steve Cox after 33 seasons in the CU program. Cox set a school record with 334 career victories.

As a player, McBride was Cox's starting point guard from 2002-2006, and finished with the fourth-most assists in CU history.

"When you look at what Coach Cox has done in his years here at Concord, he does leave big shoes to fill," said McBride. "All the games he won, the conference championships, getting to the NAIA national tournament – he leaves a big legacy. I'm honored to have the opportunity to coach here."

Concord's basketball teams will be busy in November. After the doubleheader against WVU Tech, the Mountain Lions host West Virginia State in a WVIAC twinbill on Wednesday, November 16.

CU hits the road for WVIAC doubleheaders at West Liberty (November 19) and Glenville State (November 22).

Fall Sports Drawing to a Close

The Fall sports schedule is drawing to a close. But there are still many important home dates to remember.

Both Soccer teams end their regular season slates with a pair of non-conference matches at Anderson Field in the last week of October.

CU's women's team hosts Bluefield College on Monday, October 24, and Southern Virginia University on Wednesday, October 26. Both matches kick off at 2:00 pm.

The Concord men's team meets Bluefield College on Tuesday, October 25, at 4:00 pm. The Mountain Lions take on Washington Adventist University on Friday, October 28, at 2:00 pm.

The Volleyball team hosts Ohio Valley on October 28 at 7:00 pm at the Carter Center. The Lady Lions hold their final home match on Wednesday, November 2, against West Virginia State at 7:00 pm.

Concord's Football team wraps up its season with a home game against WVIAC rival West Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday, November 12. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:00 pm at Callaghan Stadium.

Tony Colobro Project

Tony Colobro, a former football coach at Concord, has been inspired to help renovate the football stadium. Colobro has started a project reaching out to his former players and Concord supporters to raise money to renovate the track and press box complex. Along with a letter from Colobro, there is an artist rendering of the hopeful product being sent to former players and friends of the University. Colobro hopes to raise about one million dollars to go towards the project. Colobro feels that this addition to the



football stadium will help inspire the players towards another winning season. Any donations towards this effort are greatly appreciated and can be sent to the Concord University Mountain Lion Club, Inc., Campus Box C-22, and with attention: Tony Colobro project in the check memo line. Please see <http://www.concord.edu/userfiles/files/ColobroLetterArticle.pdf> for more information.

CU Cross Country

Concord will host the WVIAC Cross Country Championships at Pipestem State Park on Saturday, October 22. The CU women will look to defend their 2010 league title, while the men hope to improve on last year's third-place finish.

From there, the Mountain Lions will run in the NCAA Atlantic Region meet on Saturday, November 5 in Slippery Rock, PA. Concord hopes to qualify for the National Championship meet on November 19 on Spokane, WV.

Concord Quarterback Recognized

In Football, Concord quarterback Zack Grossi earned the WVIAC's Offensive Player of the Week award on September 19, for his performance against the University of Charleston two days earlier.

In that game, the junior from Odessa, FL completed 27 of 35 passes for 364 yards and five touchdowns in the Mountain Lions' 38-15 win over the Golden Eagles at UC Stadium in Charleston, WV.



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Donations for Toys for Tots



The Veterans Club will be taking donations for Toys for Tots through November 15th. Boxes are placed in the student center and throughout campus any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

News from the Office of Veterans Affairs from Sarah Dalton

The Office of Veterans Affairs at Concord will be hosting a Veterans Day Appreciation Ceremony on Wednesday, November 9th at 12:30 on the front lawn of Marsh Hall. The Concord University Band will begin the ceremony with drum taps and opening the ceremony with the National Anthem along with the JROTC Color Guard from Pikeview High School. Congressman Nick J. Rahall will be speaking at the ceremony and the Veterans Committee will be presenting Major General Allen E. Tackett, retired WV National Guard, with the Veterans Advocate of the Year Award. The Concord campus and entire community is invited to attend this special event.

On November 11, 2011 Concord will be participating in the Remembrance Day National Roll Call from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. under the gazebo outside the Jerry Beasley Student Center. This year Veterans Day, or Remembrance Day as it was originally called, will mark the 10th year of Post 9-11 combat. Over 6000 service members have died in these two major theaters of operation.

The Remembrance Day National Roll Call event will be held on 11-11-11. The Objective: have students from at least one school in every state read all the names of the OEF/OIF casualties with all schools pausing at 2:00 p.m. to observe a "minute of silence." What a powerful message to those who are serving, to have their peers honor the sacrifices of the fallen! There are currently 41 schools from 21 states plus D.C. who have made the pledge.

