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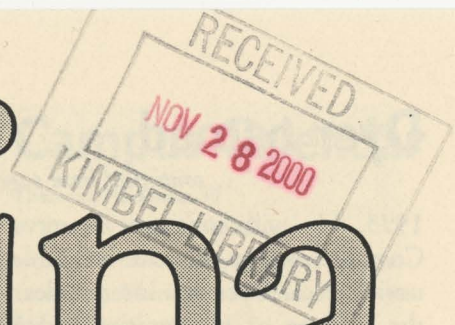
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UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER



November 27, 2000

A Newsletter for Faculty, Staff and Friends of Coastal Carolina University

Volume 10, Number 18

Dyer named faculty director of Interdisciplinary Studies program

Edgar Dyer has been named faculty director of the bachelor's degree program in Interdisciplinary Studies at Coastal, effective Jan. 1, 2001, according to Peter Balsamo, dean of Coastal's Division of Extended Learning and Public Services.



Edgar Dyer

Dyer, professor of politics at Coastal, will replace Rebecca Snyder, associate professor of mathematics education, who has been named assistant to the dean for funded research in Coastal's College of Education.

The Interdisciplinary Studies degree program is a curriculum designed for individuals who have an associate's degree or who have already completed at least 30 hours of credit from an accredited college or university. The program allows students to develop an individualized program of study that best satisfies their needs in terms of prior credit, prior work experience, educational objectives and career aspirations.

Dyer, a member of the Coastal faculty since 1976, has served as university counsel since Coastal's independence in

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Fall 2000 Commencement to be held December 9

Coastal will recognize approximately 375 candidates for graduation during commencement exercises Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Two hundred twenty-nine fall candidates for graduation will be recognized, as well as 146 summer 2000 graduates. The public is welcome to attend.



Richard Koesterer

Richard Koesterer, associate professor of biology at Coastal, will deliver the commencement address.

Koesterer, a Fulbright Scholar in 1991 and 1992, was presented with Coastal's 1999-2000 Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award. The Teacher of the Year Award recognizes faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching. Koesterer joined the Coastal faculty in 1979 and was coordinator of the interdisciplinary studies degree program for four years and was director of freshman programs for two years.

Koesterer earned a bachelor's degree in 1970 and Ph.D. in 1975 in biology from St. Louis University. Before joining the Coastal faculty, Koesterer was a lecturer in the department of zoology at Kenyatta University College in Nairobi, Kenya from 1975 to 1979.

For more information about commencement, contact the Office of Marketing Communications at 349-2015.

Faculty and Staff Holiday Celebration

Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.,
Ripley's Aquarium

Christmas Tree Lighting

Thursday, Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m.,
Singleton Building Lawn
(facing Student Center)

For more information, call 349-2569.



CCU Newsletter Publication Dates

Submission deadline:
Monday, December 4

Publication date:
Monday, December 11

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Deadline to submit information for the next issue is Monday, Dec. 4 at noon.

Dyer named

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1993. He will continue to serve as Coastal's interim director of athletics until Jan. 1. Dyer was interim dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts during the 1999-2000 academic year. He has been recognized for distinguished teaching and service to students and was the first recipient of the Horry Telephone Cooperative Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award.

Nagy named to the South Carolina Planned Giving Council

Alan Nagy, vice president of University Advancement at Coastal, has been named to the South Carolina Planned Giving Council (SCPGC) Board



Alan Nagy

of Directors. He will serve a three-year term beginning in January 2001.

Nagy, who joined the Coastal staff in 1997, earned a bachelor's degree from Olivet College in Olivet, Mich., and a master's degree from Central Michigan University.

Prior to joining Coastal, Nagy was director of development at Illinois State, development associate at Purdue University and director of development at Olivet.

SCPGC was formed in 1993 to promote a collaborative effort among members of the state's non-profit development community and allied professionals in serving the charitable, financial and estate planning needs of donors. SCPGC seeks to promote philanthropy while enhancing the professional skills and knowledge of its members.

Gragg and Townsend to give readings from their new books on Dec. 7

Two distinguished American historians, Rod Gragg and Kenneth Townsend, will read from their new books in Coastal Carolina University's Wall Auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Gragg will read from his *Covered with Glory: The 26th North Carolina Infantry at the Battle of Gettysburg*, and Townsend will read from his *World War II and the American Indian*.

"Rod Gragg has established himself in the front ranks of America's leading Civil War historians," says Charles Joyner, Burroughs Distinguished Professor of Southern History and Culture at Coastal.

His *Confederate Goliath: The Battle of Fort Fisher* won the Civil War Round Table's Fletcher Pratt Award as best Civil War book of the year. His *Illustrated Confederate Reader* earned the Douglass Southall Freeman Award for history and his *Civil War Quiz and Fact Book* and *Old West Quiz and Fact Books* were best-sellers. All were published by

Harper Collins. Gragg and his family are long-time residents of Conway.

Townsend, associate professor of history at Coastal, specializes in 20th century American history. Joyner describes *World War II and the American Indian* as "a pioneering study of the 25,000 Native Americans who served their country in World War II, their effect on the war and the war's effect on them." The book was published by the University of New Mexico Press.

Joyner adds that "*Covered with Glory* and *World War II and the American Indian* are important books, not only for what they have to say, but for the graceful way they say it. They are pleasures to read for historians and general readers alike."

The readings will be followed by refreshments and an autograph reception. The event is sponsored by the Waccamaw Center for Cultural and Historical Studies.

For more information, contact Coastal's Office of Marketing Communications at 349-2015.

Coastal promotes voter registration

Coastal's Office of Student Activities and Information Technology Services joined forces to encourage Coastal students to register to vote and vote during the recent election.

Among the activities planned was a voter registration web site created for student use. The site contained information about the election and candidates, allowed students to register online, and provided links to obtain absentee ballots.

Voter registration tables at several campus events were sponsored by the Student Government Association and the NAACP.

A reminder to vote was sent to all students when they logged on to their Coastal e-mail account.

Concert Choir and Symphonic Band to give joint concert

Coastal's Concert Choir and Symphonic Band will present a joint fall concert Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Led by Charles Evans, Coastal's artist-in-residence, and James Tully, director of bands, the concert choir and band will perform a variety of jazz and pop standards, madrigals, as well as several holiday selections. Works by Aaron Copland will also be featured.

For more information, contact the Department of Music at 349-2515.

Production of *Nutcracker* to be held Dec. 2 in Wheelwright Auditorium



Nutcracker will be performed in Wheelwright Auditorium Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Columbia City Ballet's production of *Nutcracker* will be performed in Coastal's Wheelwright Auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m., as part of Coastal's 2000-2001 Cultural Arts Series. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for students.

Nutcracker, a classic Christmas ballet with music by Tchaikovsky, is about a young girl named Clara whose wooden nutcracker doll comes to life and takes her on a magical journey. Their

trip leads them to the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of the Sweets.

Led by Columbia City Ballet artistic director William Starrett, the cast of world-class dancers includes medallists and former members of the National Ballet of Canada, American Ballet Theatre and the Joffrey Ballet. The cast of the production also features young dancers from the community who auditioned for the performance.

Columbia City Ballet first presented *Nutcracker* in 1966. In 1999, more than 245 ballet companies and schools throughout the United States performed the holiday classic.

The performance is being funded, in part, by Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (HTC).

For more information, contact the Wheelwright Box Office at 349-2502.

Senior Festival prepares education majors

Coastal seniors in the elementary education, early childhood, secondary education and health promotion programs will present projects and displays from their methods courses during the Teacher Education Festival on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon in the P.E. Center gymnasium in the Williams-Brice Building. The event is free and open to the public.

The festival, set up in a trade show format, is designed to assist senior education majors in assimilating information from their methods courses before they begin practice teaching during the 2001 spring semester. The event also gives underclassmen an opportunity to better understand what will be expected of them in their senior year.

For more information, contact Jessie Brown at 349-2619 or Arlene Adams at 349-2662 in Coastal's College of Education.

Coastal announces information technology partnership

Coastal's Division of Extended Learning and Public Services has formed a partnership with I/Tech Services, Inc., to provide training for information technology certification programs. I/Tech is a Microsoft Certified Technical Education Center based in Frederick, Md. Courses will be held in the state-of-the-art computer labs located in the Society House on Coastal's campus during the spring 2001 semester and will be taught by some of the nation's top certified instructors.

Two free information sessions about the new information technology programs will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10 and Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. in Wall Building 119 on the Coastal campus.

Programs offered through the part-

nership include:

- The Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certification program - a professional credential for aspiring information technology industry professionals who are qualified to analyze the business requirements for system architecture, install infrastructure components, and troubleshoot system problems. A series of new Windows 2000 courses is being offered this spring.

- The A+ Certified Computer Technician Program, sponsored by the Computing Technology Industry Association, certifies the competency of service technicians in the computer industry. Students will learn how to upgrade, repair and troubleshoot PCs and much more.

The courses will be held in the evening to accommodate individuals

with busy schedules.

Financial aid is available for the courses through the SLM Financial Center Training Loan.

To register for an information session or for more information, contact I/Tech's Kari Francella at 381-6552.

Birthdays

November		4	Varavut Limpasuvan
27	Mary Katherine Lee		Evelyn Sherman
29	Gary Gilmore	5	Rebecca Snyder
			Suzanne Thompson
December		7	Allison Faix
1	Wade Baird		Paul Shank
	Joseph Bennett	8	Bill Hamilton
2	Keith Massengill	9	Paula Holt
3	Maura Kenny	10	Geoffrey Cockrell
	Ray Mode		Glenn Fisher
	Bonnie Senser	11	Tracy Jones

Faculty/Staff commitment needed in Campus Annual Fund

“Making a difference one year at a time”

The nucleus of Coastal's giving program is the Annual Fund. Although Coastal is a state-supported institution, less than half of the annual budget is provided by the state. The university relies on private donations from alumni, faculty and staff, parents and friends to fund a great many of its academic programs.

Donations encourage students in their academic endeavors through scholarships and provide additional equipment, supplies, and faculty development funds to maintain the university's status as a premier undergraduate institution. By supporting the Annual Fund, you can continue this foundation of excellence.

Coastal Faculty and Staff Support Makes Twice the Impact!

1. Your donation will be used to support your work. We are all engaged in the process of providing students with an outstanding collegiate experience. Our donations help to achieve that goal. Private gifts support programs that touch every aspect of the university.

2. The percentage of faculty and staff who contribute to the Annual Fund is an important factor considered by national foundations and corporations when deciding whether or not to make major gifts in support of academic programs or capital projects.

Common Questions from Faculty and Staff

Q. Who is responsible for managing these funds?

A. Most private gifts, including funds donated by faculty and staff, are received through the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization which receives and manages private donations to the University.

Q. Are there any “checks and balances” to ensure that my gifts are handled wisely?

A. The financial statements of the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc., are examined by the Board of Directors. Further, an annual audit is conducted by an independent accounting firm.

Q. May I restrict my gift?

A. You may specify that your gift be restricted for use by a certain college, department or endowment. Your annual fund pledge card includes a line for noting restrictions. Tax laws prevent restricting your gift to the benefit of any individual.

Q. What are my payment options?

A. Many prefer payroll deduction because it allows us to spread our gifts over an entire year's period. Those who chose to make a gift in one or several payments may make checks payable to the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc. You may also use your Visa or MasterCard when making your donation.

Q. Are my donations deductible?

A. Your donations are deductible if you itemize deductions on your tax returns.

Q. So just how much am I expected to give to the University?

A. Your participation is more important than the size of your gift. You are simply asked to base your gift on your financial ability and your belief in the importance of our work at the universi-

ty. Your gift does make a difference and will impact what happens at Coastal today and for years to come.

Participation and Commitment

The success of Coastal begins with you. Just as the Annual Fund serves as the cornerstone to all university fund raising initiatives, the faculty and staff serve as the building blocks of participation and commitment to Coastal.

The Annual Fund provides a special opportunity to support our university. Be involved. Be committed. Support the Annual Fund and make a difference.

If you have any questions or need a pledge card, please contact the University Advancement Office at 349-2007.

Coastal Carolina University
Annual Fund
Office of University Advancement
Singleton Building 206
P.O. Box 261954
Conway, SC 29528-6054
349-2125

Campus Dining at Coastal

The CINO Grille, located in the Student Center, is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. Selections are available from the Grille, the Deli or Pizza Hut menu items.

The Commons, featuring an all-you-can-eat menu, is located adjacent to the residence halls. Meal costs and the hours of operation are as follows:

Monday through Friday:

- Breakfast: \$3.50; served from 7 to 9:30 a.m.
- Continental Breakfast: 9:30 to 10 a.m.
- Lunch: \$4.50; served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Dinner: \$5; served from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:

- Brunch Buffet: \$5.50; served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Dinner: \$5; served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Denise Elliott at 349-2365.

Week of November 27

- Monday:** Shepard's Pie; Pizza; Fettucini Alfredo
Tuesday: Baked Chicken; Taco Bar; Veggie Burger
Wednesday: Fried Shrimp; Chicken Lo Mein; Mushroom Quiche
Thursday: Beef Tips; Chicken Creole; Cheese Tortellini
Friday: Chicken Fingers; Coq Au vin; Greek Pizza

Week of December 4

- Monday:** Chicken Nuggets, Lasagna, Roasted Veggie Tortellini
Tuesday: BBQ Beef, Nacho Bar, Veggie Quesadillas
Wednesday: Fried Pork Chops, Shrimp Stir Fry, Veggie Spring Rolls
Thursday: Fried Chicken, Blackened Fish, Fettucini Pesto
Friday: Fried Catfish, Greek Chicken, Black Bean Cakes

*Note: Menus are subject to change due to product availability.
Food Services offers a 10 percent discount to all Coastal faculty and staff.*

Coastal Carolina People

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit information to be included in the "Coastal Carolina People" section of this newsletter. Information will be published following the presentation or activity.

- **Fusun Akman's** paper titled "Multibraces on the Hochschild space" has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra*.

- **Peter Balsamo** has recently given the following presentations:

- "Online Learning, Mediate Learning, Flexible Study: What's It All About?" co-presenter at the 37th Annual Conference of the North American Association of Summer Sessions held in Memphis, Tenn.;

- "Retire Creatively-What Retirees Want," co-presenter at the Carolina Active Retirement Association Conference held in Myrtle Beach;

- "Instructional Technology: Current Technological Resources for the Continuing Education Professional" panel presenter at the 62nd annual meeting of the Association for Continuing Higher Education held in Myrtle Beach;

- "Web+Party Line: Using the World Wide Web and Group Audio Conferencing to Deliver Professional Continuing Education," at the South Carolina EdTech Conference held in Charleston.

- **Tom Jones, Steve Hamelman** and **Paul Peterson** all presented papers at the annual joint meeting of the Popular Culture Association in the South and the American Culture Association in the South held in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 5 to 7. Jones presented the papers "Marx's Dialectic and Theory of Alienation as Interpreted by John Steinbeck and Visualized by John Ford in *The Grapes of Wrath*" and "Images, Myths, and Symbols in the Plays of Tennessee Williams." Jones also served as chair of the session on Southern Humor. Hamelman presented a paper titled "Morbid Romanticism and American Rock 'n' Roll." Peterson presented a paper titled "The Missing Women of Rock: A Commentary on VH1's 100 Greatest Women of Rock."

- **Paul Peterson's** essay "Democratic Envy in Sinclair Lewis's *It Can't Happen Here*" has been published in the recently released volume *The Moral of the Story: Literature and Public Ethics*, edited by Henry T. Edmundson III of Georgia College and State University and published by Lexington Books of Lanham, Md.

Peterson was elected to the Fifth District seat on the Horry County Board of Education on Nov. 7. Peterson, running as a Republican, defeated his Democratic opponent, Elaine Evans, 5,161 votes to 3,983. Peterson will replace Myrtle Beach attorney Bill DesChamps who chose not to run for re-election. The office is for a four-year term.

- **Robin Edwards Russell** recently judged the South Carolina Theatre Association regional high school competitions in Goose Creek.

- **Dennis Wiseman** recently spoke on the current status of the proposal for middle school certification in South Carolina at the South Carolina Center for Teacher Recruitment Fall Development Conference held in Myrtle Beach.

- **Eric Wright** and **Scott Harris** presented research on the Carolina Bays in northeastern South Carolina at the 112th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, Nov. 9 to 18 in Reno, Nev. More than 7,000 geoscientists attended the meeting.

Did You Know?

Coastal volleyball coach Kristen Bauer was named the Big South Coach of the Year for the 2000 season. Bauer led the Chanticleers to an 18-14 overall record, including a school-record 12-game winning streak. Coastal's Jeanne Lambert and Jelena Mirkovic were first-team All-Conference selections. Lambert was also named the Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, November 30

- Last day of classes for Fall II
- Concert Choir and Symphonic Band joint concert, Wheelwright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 1

- Last day of classes for Regular Fall
- Faculty and Staff Holiday Celebration, 7:30 p.m., Ripley's Aquarium

Saturday, December 2

- Columbia City Ballet's *Nutcracker*, 7:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium

Monday, December 4

- Final examinations for Fall II - MW classes
- Final examinations for Regular Fall, through Dec. 8

Tuesday, December 5

- Final examinations for Fall II - TTH classes

Thursday, December 7

- Christmas Tree Lighting, 4:30 p.m., Singleton Building Lawn

Saturday, December 9

- Fall 2000 Commencement, 10 a.m., Myrtle Beach Convention Center

CHANTICLEER ATHLETIC EVENTS

Monday, Nov. 27

- Women's Basketball: Marshall at Coastal, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

- Men's Basketball: at Georgia, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2

- Women's Basketball: at Cincinnati, 3 p.m.

- Men's Basketball: American at Coastal, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9

- Men's Basketball: at Winthrop, 7 p.m.

Coastal science faculty lead MESAS workshop

More than 250 fourth- through eighth-grade students from across the Pee Dee region participated in the Middle and Elementary School Academy of Science (MESAS) annual workshop held Nov. 18 at Coastal.

Coastal science faculty led 12 hands-on workshops on a wide variety of math and science-related topics, including sharks, water pollution, insects, water quality testing and more.

Richard Koesterer, associate professor of biology at Coastal, delivered the keynote address, "On Safari in Africa."

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presents

Columbia City Ballet's
Nutcracker

For this perennial holiday favorite, Columbia City Ballet artistic director William Starrett has assembled a cast of world-class dancers, including medallists and former members of the National Ballet of Canada, American Ballet Theatre and the Joffrey Ballet. Special performances by area youth highlight this classic ballet.

December 2, 7:30 p.m.
Wheelwright Auditorium
Information: 349-2502

Admission: \$10, \$5 students under age 18

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