Dunham named Conservation Educator of the Year

Valgene Dunham, dean of Coastal's College of Natural and Applied Sciences, has been named Conservation Educator of the Year by the Horry Soil and Water Conservation District.

The award is given annually to an educator dedicated to improving educational instruction and public awareness regarding conservation issues, according to Sam Ward, conservation specialist for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. “As chairman of the board of directors of the Playcard Environmental Education Center, Dr. Dunham has been instrumental in expanding student research opportunities at the center,” said Ward. “He has also played an important role in transferring the center’s management to the Horry County School District.”

Dunham joined the Coastal faculty in 1995. He earned a master’s degree in general science in 1965 and a Ph.D. in botany in 1969, both from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. He also conducted post-doctoral research from 1969 to 1973 at Purdue University.

Coastal Carolina University Theater production earns regional ranking

Coastal Carolina University Theater’s production of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) recently placed in the top 25 at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KC/ACTF) regional competition, which featured 225 entries from schools in 10 southeastern states. The production featured Coastal dramatic arts majors Jason Adams, Michael Levesque and Steven Thompson, who were nominated for acting scholarships from the Irene Ryan Foundation following the competition.

Adams, Levesque and Thompson will travel to the American College Theater Festival, Region IV competition hosted by the University of Southern Mississippi Feb. 8 to 10. The Foundation and KC/ACTF bring winners from the eight regions to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in spring 2001 to take part in the KC/ACTF national festival.

Since 1972, the Irene Ryan Foundation of Encino, Calif., has awarded scholarships to the outstanding performers at each regional competition. These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the late Irene Ryan, who is best remembered for her portrayal of the lovable and feisty Granny Clampett on The Beverly Hillbillies.

Coastal’s production of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) was performed on campus in

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Prior to joining Coastal, Dunham was a professor of biology and head of the Department of Biology at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. He is vice president of the South Carolina Academy of Science, a statewide interdisciplinary science organization designed to stimulate the creative abilities of science students and provide opportunities which promote the development of their talents. Coastal recently hosted the Academy of Science's Pee Dee region annual workshop, which was attended by more than 250 fourth-through eighth-grade students.

Coastal announces holiday hours

The following hours of operation will be observed by Coastal during the holiday season.

• Administrative offices
  Administrative offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Jan. 1. Specific offices and departments will be in operation during the holiday schedule as necessary. Regular hours of operation will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Spring semester classes begin Thursday, Jan. 11.

• Kimbel Library
  Monday to Friday, Dec. 11 to 15: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Dec. 16 to Jan. 1: Closed
  Regular hours will resume Tuesday, Jan. 2. For more information, call 349-2414.

• Physical Education Center
  Monday to Thursday, Dec. 18 to 21: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  Dec. 22 to Jan. 1: Closed
  Regular hours will resume Tuesday, Jan. 2. The pool will be closed until mid-January. For more information, call 349-2802.

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Wheelwright Auditorium Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. The plot takes the form of a comic romp through Shakespeare's 37 histories, comedies and tragedies, performed in less than two hours by three actors. The production gives emphasis to two of the better known plays, Romeo and Juliet and Hamlet, with snippets from all the other plays thrown in, including a brief rap version of Othello.

"The spirit and motivation in the theater department is unbelievable right now," says Robin Edwards Russell, director of the production and assistant professor of theater at Coastal. "It was truly a collaborative effort. There were more than 20 people who all worked very hard to make this production successful."

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) was created in 1987 by three California college students, Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, who called themselves the Reduced Shakespeare Company. The play has since been performed all over the world and has been praised for its uproarious, Monty Python-style humor.

Coastal Carolina University Theater offers public performances of significant plays complementing the dramatic arts and musical theater degree programs in the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts as well as other academic programs of the university. Generally, four plays are selected each academic year to provide a variety of training opportunities to students and to offer the university community and the public a variety of live performances. For information about future productions, call the Wheelwright Box Office, 349-2502.

Herrington named Coastal's director of Alumni Affairs

Carrie Herrington has been named director of Alumni Affairs at Coastal. Her duties include planning alumni events, advising the Student Alumni Ambassadors and serving as a liaison between the Alumni Association, its Board of Directors and the university. She will also maintain contact and continue to develop relationships with Coastal's more than 11,000 alumni.

For the last two years, Herrington was special events and facilities utilization coordinator at Coastal where she assisted with all aspects of special event execution for the Office of the President and Office of University Advancement.

Herrington earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the College of Charleston in 1995. She served on the College of Charleston's Alumni Association Board of Directors as chair of the Area Clubs Committee for two years and fund-raising chair for one year. She has also been the Myrtle Beach area club coordinator for the past five years.

Herrington may be reached in Coastal's Office of Alumni Affairs at 349-ALUM (2586) or at alumni@coastal.edu.

Did You Know?

Students enrolled at Coastal during the 2000-2001 academic year hail from 45 states. Every state except Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico and South Dakota is represented at Coastal this year, as well as 43 foreign countries.
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.

- S. Paul Rice recently received his commission as Constable of the State of South Carolina. Constables are appointed by the governor, credentialed by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and trained in SLED-approved programs. As volunteers, they assist local law enforcement with special events, natural disasters, and routine police patrol.

- Phil Schneider’s article “A Study of Twelve Hospital Ethics Committees in Eastern South Carolina” has been published in the October 2000 issue of the *Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association*. The supporting research for this article was accomplished under an Academic Enhancement Grant. Schneider serves as a member of Conway Hospital’s Ethics Committee.

- Dennis Wiseman has been appointed to the 18-member South Carolina Education Oversight Committee’s Ad Hoc Long-range Planning Committee. The goal of the committee is to create a long-term plan for South Carolina that will incorporate all of the elements that are identified as critical to improving the K-12 education system in the state. The committee will consider such information as Gov. Hodge’s Business Plan EnVision South Carolina, the State Department of Education Strategic Plan, information from the Southern Regional Education Board, South Carolina test performance, and information from The Education Trust in completing its task.

National leadership society inducts Coastal members
Fifteen individuals were inducted into the Coastal Carolina University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa at a ceremony on Nov. 29.

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national honor society that recognizes achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus or community service, mass media and the creative and performing arts.

The students are:
- Barry Donohue, a senior computer science major of Murrells Inlet;
- Crystal Edge, a senior computer science major of Loris;
- Melissa Gabriel, a senior health promotion major of Glendale, Ariz.;
- Zachary Gurick, a senior biology major of Solomons, Md.;
- Emma Kidd, a junior physical education major of Rosebud, Victoria, Australia;
- Jeanne Lambert, a junior biology major of Burnsville, Minn.;
- Paige Landry, a junior marketing major of Ontario, Canada;
- Sarah Lockett, a junior finance major of Perth, Australia;
- Boris Menier, a junior management major of Myrtle Beach;
- Leah Miller, a senior arts major of Myrtle Beach;
- Philip Sellers, a junior interdisciplinary studies major of Conway;
- Michael Slattery, a junior marine science major of Charleston;
- Angela Victoria, a junior health promotion major of Myrtle Beach; and
- Heather Young, a junior marine science major of Sidney Center, N.Y.

Clay Brittain Jr. was also inducted. He is chairman of the Myrtle Beach National Company and has served as a member of the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc., since 1976. He was instrumental in establishing Coastal’s professional golf management and resort tourism management programs.

Campus Calendar
Saturday, Jan. 6
- Residence and dining halls reopen
Monday, Jan. 8
- Orientation/Registration for new students

CHANTICLEER ATHLETIC EVENTS
Tuesday, Dec. 12
- Women’s Basketball: at College of Charleston, 3 p.m.
- Men’s Basketball: at Georgetown, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14
- Women’s Basketball: Jacksonville State at Coastal, 7 p.m.
- Men’s Basketball: at Campbell, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16
- Men’s Basketball: Fairleigh Dickinson at Coastal, 7:35 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17
- Women’s Basketball: at Furman, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20
- Women’s Basketball: East Tennessee State at Coastal, 7 p.m.
- Men’s Basketball: at George Mason, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22
- Men’s Basketball: The Citadel at Coastal, 7:35 p.m., to be played at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center

Saturday, Dec. 30
- Men’s Basketball: Clemson at Coastal, 7:35 p.m., to be played at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center

Tuesday, Jan. 2
- Men’s Basketball: at Missouri, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3
- Women’s Basketball: Brevard at Coastal, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6
- Women’s Basketball: at Liberty, 7 p.m.

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