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# Coastal Carolina

## UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

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

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## New master's degree in coastal marine and wetland studies

Coastal Carolina University has been approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to establish a new master's degree program in coastal marine and wetland studies beginning in the fall of 2003.

According to Valgene Dunham, special assistant to Coastal President Ronald R. Ingle, the program was developed in response to the impressive growth in enrollment and academic achievement of undergraduate science students in recent years. The new program is set up to be interdisciplinary, drawing from across the existing undergraduate science degree programs to allow a broad base of faculty involvement and research opportunities. The program also aims to increase Coastal's community outreach by focusing on research relating to the local environment.

The new program will establish a curriculum that is unique to environmental studies in the region, attracting graduate students from across the nation who are interested in the climate, geography, and landscape of the Grand Strand area. The program's core courses, including ecology, coastal processes and coastal management, differentiate it from similar programs offered in South Carolina. In addition, Coastal's facilities on Waives Island, a 1,062-acre natural laboratory on the Atlantic coast near Little River, will be

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## Collin to speak on American foreign relations for annual lecture

Richard Oliver Collin, Palmetto Professor of politics and a recognized authority on international affairs and terrorism, will give a public lecture on the faltering relationship between the United States and the global community with specific reference to the Sept. 11 terrorist attack and the proposed American war against Iraq. Collins' talk, titled "Us and Them: Why the World Puzzles America," is the 2002 installment of the annual Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer series and is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Wall Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

In his lecture, Collin draws on his wide experience both as a scholar and as a former intelligence officer for the U.S. Defense Department. He critiques America's hegemonic position as the world's sole superpower in the post-Cold War world and examines our status from the perspective of other nations around the world and the Middle East in particular.

Collin earned a bachelor's degree in classical languages and history from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1962, a master's degree in political science from Kansas University in 1973, and a D.Phil. in politics

from Britain's Oxford University in 1983. After earning his bachelor's degree, Collin began graduate school at Harvard but his studies were interrupted

when he was called to active duty by the U.S. Army. He spent two years at the Pentagon as a briefing officer, serving under the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff of Intelligence. As a civilian official for the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Collin was stationed in Rome for five years.

In the early 1970s, Collin spent a number of years in the Middle East, where he witnessed civil wars in Lebanon and Oman as well as the events leading to the fall of the Shah of Iran. After resigning from the government, Collin served with the University of Maryland's European division, teaching in Italy, Spain, Morocco, Greece, Great Britain and Germany. He joined the Coastal faculty in 1984.

The author of three novels as well as other books and articles on international

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Richard Collin



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# "Teach-In" on Iraq scheduled for Oct. 10

A "Teach-In" on the Iraqi situation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10 at Coastal Carolina University. Two sessions are scheduled, one in the afternoon at 3:30 p.m. and an evening session at 7 p.m., in the Recital Hall in the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Both sessions are free and open to the public.

The idea to host a teach-in involving students and the community in an open discussion about the looming Iraqi situation originated with faculty members in Coastal's Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

"The event is meant to emulate the 1960s-style, informal forum in which people from all walks of life can air their views and opinions," said Coastal politics professor James Henderson, one of the organizers of the event. "The growing hostility between

the United States and the Republic of Iraq is a vitally important topic in the world today and, with the possibility of an armed conflict between the two countries on the horizon, it's important that people have an opportunity to express their opinion."

At each session a brief presentation of the basic international political background will be given by a panel of experts. The afternoon session will be led by Coastal professor Richard Collin, international relations specialist in Coastal's Department of Politics and Geography who served with the Army and the Defense Intelligence Agency in Europe and the Middle East. The evening speaker will be Max Carter, director of the Friends Center at Guilford College and a Middle East specialist. Following their brief talks, the discussion will be opened to the audience in an open-mike format.

In addition to Collin and Carter, members of the panel will include:

- Douglas Benson, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army who has served in airborne and special operations in the U.S., Korea, Saudi Arabia and other parts of the Middle East;
- Lee Bollinger, an assistant professor of English and journalism at Coastal;
- James Henderson, professor of politics at Coastal and a specialist in contemporary history and international political economics;
- Father Richard Labecque, pastor of Saint James Roman Catholic Church in Conway; and
- Preston McKeever-Floyd, senior instructor of religion and philosophy at Coastal.

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affairs, Collin has been particularly interested in studying the roots of political violence. His novels include: *Imbroglia* (1981), *Contessa* (1994) and *The Man With Many Names* (1995). His latest book, *Whole Earth: Life and Politics on a Small Planet*, will be published in 2003.

Collin is the seventh recipient of the Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer award, sponsored annually by Horry Telephone Cooperative.

## New Master's Program *continued from page 1*

The new program will be the first master's degree offered by Coastal outside the College of Education as well as the first to require a thesis as part of the curriculum. Another goal of the program is to develop various cooperative educational programs with the University of South Carolina, the College of Charleston and Clemson University.

For more information on Coastal's master's program in coastal marine and wetland studies, contact Doug Nelson, interim dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, at 349-2217.

## 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.*

- **Varavut Limpasuvan** presented a talk entitled "A Mesospheric Wave Story and Tales of the Annular Modes" at the NASA/California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif. on Aug. 9. The talk highlighted his current research on mesosphere dynamics with JPL scientist Dong Wu.
- **Jean-Louis Lassez** gave the opening address, titled "Asymptotic Behavior of Machine Learning Algorithms," at the 8th International Conference on Constraint Programming, held at Cornell University Sept. 9 to 13. He also spoke to the Georgia Tech Department of Computer Science in August on "The Perceptron and SVM algorithms applied to Biological Sequence Analysis." Lassez co-authored a paper entitled "Whole-genome comparative analysis of three phytopathogenic *Xylella fastidiosa* strains" which appeared in the August issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

• **Jane Guentzel** presented an invited talk titled "Influence of Long-range Transport on Mercury Deposition in Florida" at the annual conference of the Florida chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association, held in West Palm Beach Sept. 15 to 17. As part of the conference, Guentzel also served as a member of a panel of experts who identified gaps in our understanding of atmospherically transported pollutants.

• **Jo-Ann Morgan** and **Charles Wright** participated in "Sculpture Celebration," an outdoor sculpture exhibition in Lenoir, N.C. on Sept. 6.

## Birthdays

October	
2 Adrian Burgess	10 Wanda Lewis
Shaun Docking	Mike McClellan
William Edmonds	11 Thomas Jones
Daniel Lawless	12 Patty Dudley
James Tully	Victor Jones
3 Margaret Bates	Suzanne Senchak
Craig Gilman	13 Mollie Bethea-Floyd
Nadine Godwin	Stan Godshall
Susan Slavik	Neil Hopkins
5 Nils Rauhut	14 Suzanne Beverly
6 Peter Barr	Russell Johnson
Valgene Dunham	15 Treelee MacAnn
Joanne Flanders	Kristi Steinbrecher
8 Sharon Thompson	16 Jim Mee
Thomas Wilkie	18 Jim Luken
	Robert Wyeth



## Campus Notes

### **Just So Stories at Wheelwright**

*Just So Stories*, a musical for children based on stories by Rudyard Kipling, will be presented by TheatreWorks USA on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium. This compendium of delightfully nonsensical tales about the joy of discovery is set in the animal kingdom. Admission is \$15; students under the age of 18 will be admitted free. Call 349-2502.

### **Bankston sings music from CD**

David Bankston will team up with singer-songwriter Sam Broussard for an evening of music drawn from Bankston's recent CD, *Galvez Town*, on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. In Wheelwright Auditorium. Released earlier this year, *Galvez Town* is Bankston's homage to his Louisiana roots. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 349-2502.

### **Hispanic Festival on Oct. 9**

Coastal's eighth annual Hispanic Festival will take place Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the Prince Lawn. The event offers food, arts, crafts and entertainment and is free and open to the public. (Rain date: Oct. 16)

### **Real World's Danny Roberts to speak**

Danny Roberts, one of the cast members of MTV's popular *Real World* series, will speak on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium. A alumnus of the *Real World's* New Orleans season, Roberts has established himself as an effective spokesman for the gay community. The event is free and open to the public. Call 349-2301 for more information.

### **Family Weekend is Oct. 11-13**

Parents and families of students will be on and around campus Oct. 11 to 13 for the annual Family Weekend events. In addition to campus sports events, participants may tour Waites Island and Brookgreen Gardens and meet President and Mrs. Ingle.

### **Frederick Winters, Hypnotist**

Winters, one of the most popular performers on the college circuit, appears as part of Family Weekend on Friday, Oct. 11 at 9 p.m. in Wheelwright. The event is free and open to the public.

### **Joint Symphonic Band Concert**

The Coastal Carolina University Concert Band teams up with the North Myrtle Beach Community Concert Band for the second installment of Coastal's Annual Joint Concert Series on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright. The event is free and open to the public.

### **SEERS annual meeting to be held at Coastal**

The Fall 2002 Meeting of the Southeastern Estuarine Research Society (SEERS) will be held on campus Thursday, Oct. 17 to Saturday, Oct. 19. The meeting, hosted by Coastal's Department of Marine Science, will include poster sessions and oral presentations on estuarine research. For more information, contact Keith Walters at 349-2477.

### **Fall Gala 2002**

The Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts Fall Gala is set for Saturday Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Edwards Courtyard. The event offers an evening of Broadway-style singing and dancing featuring Coastal faculty and students, plus fine cuisine prepared by award-winning area chefs.

## In Appreciation

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all faculty and staff at CCU for their support and concern for me during this difficult time in my life. Not only at this time of my husband's passing, but throughout the preceding months of Donald's illness, I have felt truly blessed to have found not just friends but a family of caring people at Coastal. Thank you for all your kindnesses and love.

*Karlene Rudolph*

I would like to thank the CCU community for the many acts of kindness expressed to me during the illness and recent death of my precious mother. Your calls, cards, memorials, flowers and especially your prayers have meant so much to my family during these difficult times.

*Clara Rogers*

## Campus Calendar

### **Thursday, Oct. 3**

- TheatreWorks USA presents *Just So Stories*, Wheelwright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 8**

- "David Bankston and Friends," Wheelwright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 9**

- Last day of classes for Fall I
- Hispanic Festival, Prince Lawn, 11:30 a.m.
- MTV's Danny Roberts, Wall Auditorium, 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, Oct. 10**

- Final exams for Fall I - TTH classes
- Iraq Teach-In, Edwards Recital Hall, 3:30 and 7 p.m.

### **Friday, Oct. 11**

- Family Weekend begins
- Hypnotist Frederick Winters, Wheelwright Auditorium, 9 p.m.

### **Saturday, Oct. 12**

- Family Weekend events

### **Sunday, Oct. 13**

- Family Weekend events

### **Tuesday, Oct. 15**

- Classes begin for Fall II
- Joint Symphonic Band Concert, Wheelwright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, Oct. 17**

- Southeastern Estuarine Research Society (SEERS) fall meeting, Atheneum Hall, 6 p.m.
- Stevie Starr, regurgitator, Wheelwright Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Series, Wall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### **Friday, Oct. 18**

- SEERS fall meeting, Wall Auditorium, All day

## Athletic Events

### **Wednesday, Oct. 2**

- Women's Soccer hosts Cambell, 7 p.m.

### **Friday, Oct. 4**

- Volleyball at Radford, 7 p.m.

### **Saturday, Oct. 5**

- Women's Cross Country, ECU Regional Preview, 10 a.m.
- Women's Soccer at Radford, 1 p.m.
- Volleyball at Liberty, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Radford, 4 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 9**

- Men's Soccer hosts Charleston Southern, 7 p.m.
- Women's Soccer at High Point, 7 p.m.

### **Friday, Oct. 11**

- Volleyball hosts Winthrop, 7 p.m.

### **Saturday, Oct. 12**

- Women's Soccer at Birmingham-Southern, 1 p.m.
- Volleyball hosts UNC Asheville, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer hosts UNC Asheville, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 15**

- Volleyball hosts UNC Wilmington, 7 p.m.



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## DAVID BANKSTON AND FRIENDS

WHEELWRIGHT AUDITORIUM

OCTOBER 8, 2002, 7:30 P.M.

David Bankston teams up  
with Sam Broussard for an  
evening of music drawn from  
Bankston's new autobio-  
graphical CD, "Galvez Town"



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