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Coastal Carolina

UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

February 10, 2003

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

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Lottery will pay for tech programs

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has allocated more than \$1.699 million in state lottery money to Coastal Carolina University as part of a technology upgrade package for state universities. Of the 10 state institutions that submitted proposals for funding projects, Coastal received the largest appropriation.

Two separate proposals submitted by Coastal were approved. The commission allocated \$797,100 for a project called "Enhancing Interactivity in Teaching and Learning Beyond the Classroom Walls," which will create new Technology Learning Classrooms in Coastal's four academic colleges and Kimbel Library as well as a Faculty Technology Center. The project will increase access to new technology for students and faculty and integrate technology-enhanced instruction into various disciplines.

Another project, "Reaching Students Through Distance Learning," (funded at \$730,400) will establish classrooms with computer broadcasting and receiving capabilities on Coastal's Conway campus and in its three off-campus centers in Myrtle Beach, Georgetown and Litchfield. The project will provide training for faculty and students in the use of distance learning technology, as well as provide for the installation of a new distance education technology system in Coastal's Kimbel Library.

A total of \$10 million in state lottery funds were set aside by the General Assembly for technology grant programs at state institutions. Because all the monies available for these programs were not used,

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Public Engagement launched

Coastal has established an innovative new program, Public Engagement Directed Studies, designed to extend and deepen the university's commitment to meaningful community interrelationships. Four Coastal professors are working full time, 40-hour week "internships" this semester at various agencies in the region as part of the new program.

Participants in the program are:

- Alan Case, associate professor of recreation, who is working in the City of Myrtle Beach's Culture and Leisure Services Department to help develop sports tourism in the area;
- Taylor Damonte, associate professor of management, who is working with the City of Myrtle Beach to develop a comprehensive database for the area's hospitality/tourism industry;
- Scott Harris, assistant professor of marine science, who is working with the Friends of the Hunley organization at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center in Charleston to oversee the marine geological investigations relating to the Hunley conservation project; and
- Susan Libes, professor of marine science, who is working with the City of Conway and the Environmental Protection Agency to facilitate the Waccamaw Riverkeeper program.

The Public Engagement program represents a significant new direction at

Coastal, according to Provost Peter B. Barr.

"Coastal was founded through a community-driven initiative to establish a local college-and public service has always been central to our mission-but the concept of public engagement involves a more proactive, far-reaching approach," says Barr.

Public engagement is designed to benefit both the community and the university. Participating professors share their knowledge and expertise with their respective partner organizations. By being completely immersed in a particular "real world" endeavor, they gain a broader perspective on the subject, which they in turn bring back to their students in the classroom.

"This is a natural extension of what the university is supposed to be doing," says Barr. "It is just as important as supporting research and improving teaching methods."

Professors are chosen through an application process. At least two professors each semester will be allowed to participate in the initiative.

"There is a potential for university-community partnerships in every field of endeavor," says Barr. "Education doesn't stop at the classroom doors. We should be the educators to the community, and the community can help educate us."



CCU Newsletter Publication Dates

Submission deadlines:
Monday, February 17
Monday, March 3

Publication dates:
Monday, February 24
Monday, March 10

Coastal Carolina University Newsletter is published biweekly during the academic year and monthly during June, July and August by the Office of Marketing Communications. Submissions should be sent to the Office of Marketing Communications in SNGL 204 by noon the Monday before publication.

Deadline to submit information for the next issue is Monday, February 17 at noon.

Rice receives fellowship to incorporate Japanese into curriculum

Nelljean Rice, assistant professor of English and journalism at Coastal Carolina University, has been awarded a Sasakawa Fellowship from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

The fellowship will support her participation in the National Faculty Development Institute on "Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum," scheduled to be held at San Diego State University from June 2 to 27, 2003.

The multi-disciplinary program assists faculty members who want to incorporate

information about Japan into the courses they teach. Coastal Carolina participates in an exchange program with Tokyo Denki University in Japan, and recently began offering Japanese as a foreign language option.

Rice, who was born in China and lived in Asia when she was growing up, is a member of Coastal's Japanese Task Force.

"Knowledge is power. The more we know about other cultures, the more we'll understand other people and the way they feel and think," Rice said.

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each institution will also receive a portion of the remaining funds. Coastal's apportionment is \$172,055 to be used for technology-related programs.

Squatriglia named to ODK board

Bob Squatriglia has been appointed to the National Board of Directors of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society for 2003-2004.

He was elected the first faculty director of Province VI (South Carolina) in 2002 and received the ODK Meritorious Service Award in 2002. He is the first director ever appointed to serve from South Carolina. He is the charter faculty secretary of the university's circle of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Squatriglia has served as the university's vice president for Student Affairs since 1977. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the College of William and Mary in Virginia and a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.



Bob Squatriglia

Coastal Carolina Athletic News

Tennis

Former Coastal tennis standout Tomas Malik recently coached the Slovakian Women's Federation Cup team to the world championship in Maspalomas, Gran Canaria. Slovakia defeated Spain 3-1 in the finals, helping Slovakia earn its first ever Fed Cup title. Malik, who played at Coastal from 1994-1997, was Big South Conference Player of the Year in 1995, 1996 and 1997 and ranks first at Coastal in career singles victories (90) and doubles victories (79).

Baseball

Junior centerfielder Ryan McGraw was named to the First Team Pre-Season All-America Team by *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper. McGraw, a native of Saginaw, Mich., hit .382 last season, with five home runs and 43 RBI. He also stole a team-high and Big South best, 63 bases in 2002. In the field, McGraw had four errors in 60 games.

Athletic Events

Tuesday, Feb. 11

- Baseball at UNC Wilmington, 3 p.m.
- Men's Golf at Rice Intercollegiate (Cypress, Tex.), all day

Wednesday, Feb. 12

- Men's Tennis hosts UNC Wilmington, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13

- Women's Tennis at Campbell, 2 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14

- Baseball hosts William & Mary, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

- Men's Basketball at Radford, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Winthrop, 7 p.m.
- Baseball hosts William & Mary, 2 p.m.
- Women's Tennis at Birmingham-Southern, 11 a.m.
- Men's Tennis at Birmingham-Southern, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 16

- Baseball hosts William and Mary, 2 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 17

- Women's Basketball hosts UNC Asheville, 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Liberty, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21

- Baseball hosts Delaware, 3 p.m.
- Softball vs. Gardner-Webb (at UNC Wilmington Tournament), 3 p.m.
- Softball vs. Hampton (at UNC Wilmington Tournament), 5 p.m.
- Women's Tennis hosts College of Charleston, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

- Women's Basketball hosts Birmingham-Southern, 3 p.m.
- Men's Basketball hosts UNC Asheville, 5 p.m.
- Baseball hosts Delaware, 2 p.m.
- Softball at UNC Wilmington (at UNC Wilmington Tournament), 1 p.m.
- Softball vs. Coppin State (at UNC Wilmington Tournament), 3 p.m.

- Softball vs. UMBC (at UNC Wilmington Tournament), 7 p.m.
- Women's Tennis at North Carolina A&T, 1 p.m.
- Men's Tennis at North Carolina A&T, 1 p.m.
- Women's Indoor Track at Big South Indoor Championship, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 23

- Baseball hosts Delaware, 2 p.m.
- Softball vs. TBA (at UNC Wilmington Tournament), TBA
- Women's Tennis hosts Wofford, noon
- Men's Tennis hosts Wofford, noon

Monday, Feb. 24

- Women's Basketball at North Carolina, 7 p.m.
- Men's Golf at Beau Chene Collegiate (Hammond, La.), all day

Professor's work featured in national science journal

The results of a study conducted by Coastal professor Eric Koepfler and three University of South Carolina scientists offering new information about how coastal ecosystems work has been published in the distinguished weekly journal *Science*.

The article, "Phosphorous limitation of coastal ecosystem processes," presents information that counters generally accepted views about the relationship between plants and other organisms in wetland environments. Based on research conducted in a pristine salt marsh at North Inlet, near Georgetown, S.C., the article reports that plants respond differently to specific nutrients (such as phosphorous and nitrogen) than other organisms in the same environment do.

The scientists found that the growth of saltmarsh cordgrass (*Spartina*) is enhanced by the addition of nitrogen while bacterial community growth in the soil is enhanced by the addition of phosphorous.

"Our findings seem to refute the traditional belief that nutrient limitation of the plant also controls the responses of other organisms in wetland environments," says Koepfler, an associate professor of marine science at Coastal.

The study was part of a Ph.D. research project undertaken by Pallaoor Sundareshwar, who is now doing post-doctorate work at Duke University. Also involved were Jim Morris, professor of biological sciences and marine science at USC,



North Inlet, near Georgetown

and Brandon Fornwalt, a recent USC graduate. The project utilized the resources of USC's Baruch Marine Laboratory on the Hobcaw Barony property near Georgetown.

According to Koepfler, the findings in the article have significant ramifications in terms of our understanding of nutrient cycling in salt marshes, the effect of nutrient pollution in salt marshes, and methods to help determine the best approach to wetland restoration.

"There are not many pristine salt marshes left, so we need to find out as much as we can about them now in order to understand how coastal ecosystems really work, and how they respond to nutrient pollution," says Koepfler.

The article appears in the Jan. 24 issue of *Science*, a highly esteemed journal published weekly by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Biology Department creates lecture series

Coastal's Biology Department has organized a series of lectures called "Eyes on Biology." Three lectures led by Coastal Carolina University faculty members will be presented during the next two months. The topics are designed to be of interest to Horry and Georgetown residents. All the lectures begin at 7 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium and are free and open to the public.

The following events are scheduled:

- **Feb. 27:** "The Bizarre Biology of Bats," led by Wendy Hood, assistant professor of biology.
- **March 26:** "Don't let them 'bug' you: Using bugs to save our rivers," led by John Hutchens, assistant professor of biology.
- **April 24:** "The Sex Lives of Insects," led by Mary Crowe, associate professor of biology.

For more information, call 349-2238

Campus Notes

Omicron Delta Kappa

Letters of invitation and application forms are being sent to more than 600 juniors and seniors who are academically eligible for election to Omicron Delta Kappa. Election to ODK is an indication of undergraduate achievement. To be eligible, a student must be a full-time junior or senior (excluding seniors graduating in May 2003), in the top third of their respective class, and have held at least one leadership position. Students who have not received a mailing and who consider themselves eligible should immediately contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Students who have received a mailing from the Vice President's Office are encouraged to complete the form and return it by the Friday, March 7, 2003 deadline.

Call for nominations

Nominations will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 17 for the 2003 Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award. The intent of the award is to recognize the faculty of the university for their roles as teachers, scholars and communicators. The recipient will be a Coastal faculty member who exemplifies that spirit and who has distinguished himself or herself in those roles.

Nominees must be tenured members of the full-time faculty. Nominations may come from any of several sources including peers, students, staff, self-nomination, alumni or community members.

Open House

Coastal will hold an open house at its new Georgetown location Monday, Feb. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. The facility is located on Highway 701 in the Georgetown Plaza near Peebles department store.

The renovated facility has seven classrooms, a computer room, a computer lab and a meeting space that can accommodate approximately 40 people and may be used by the community.

A new facility on Willbrook Blvd. in Pawleys Island will provide even more opportunities for Coastal students in the area. It's scheduled for completion in November and will open for the spring 2004 semester.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the entire Coastal Carolina University family for your support and expressions of concern during my recuperation from back surgery. All of the cards and notes have been greatly appreciated and remind me of how fortunate I am to know and work with all of you. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Ron Ingle

We want to express our gratitude to the Coastal Carolina University community for their kindness and compassion during the illness and recent death of Tim's father. The phone calls, cards,

memorials and prayers have meant so much to us.

Chris and Tim Martin

Once again, I sincerely thank the Coastal Carolina University family for the thoughts and prayers extended to me and my family during the illness and death of my mother, Velma Long Hickman. Your prayers and kindness were greatly appreciated. It is a blessing to have friends like you during a time like this. Losing two special people (my husband and mother) in my life within the past two months is difficult to handle so please continue to keep me in your prayers

Carolyn Hickman-Williams

Dame wins NATO grant to organize international conference

Richard Dame, Palmetto Professor of Science at Coastal Carolina University, has been awarded a grant by the Scientific Affairs Division of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to organize an Advanced Research Workshop in Nida, Lithuania, in 2003. The theme of the workshop will be the "Comparative Roles of Suspension Feeders in Ecosystems." Suspension feeders are animals that remove suspended particles from aquatic environments and often form dense aggregations that can strongly influence ecosystems.

The co-director for the project is Sergej Olenin of the Coastal Research Planning Institute of Klaipeda University in Lithuania.

The grant supports the gathering of about 35 leading scientists who are actively studying suspension feeders in marine, estuarine and freshwater environments. The participants will be equally divided between representatives from NATO member countries including: Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. NATO partner or Mediterranean Dialogue countries will also



Richard Dame

be represented. They are: Belarus, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Israel and Jordan.

The scientific objectives of the workshop are to review and compare the ecological consequences of suspension feeders in aquatic ecosystems in North

America and Europe and foster better communications between the scientists studying them. It is also hoped that the relationships developed from this workshop will lead to the exchange and training of scientists from partner countries in NATO member countries and the development of joint research projects among the participants.

The grant of approximately \$35,000 will fund the workshop and transportation for participants. It will also support the publication of the peer-reviewed proceedings of the workshop by a major international publisher.

Nida, Lithuania, is a resort town on the Baltic Sea coast and is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Curonian Spit.

A native of Charleston, S.C., Dame joined the Coastal faculty in 1971 and founded Coastal's marine science program. He is internationally recognized for his research on oysters.

Events

Saturday Visitation Program

Prospective students will be visiting the campus Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon for the Saturday Visitation program. Participants will take part in a presentation conducted by an admissions counselor and a walking tour led by a student tour guide. Students and parents can also meet with financial aid representatives. The program will be repeated in March 29.

On Being American series continues

A series of public forums exploring what it means to be an American continues Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. with "Being American in a Global Perspective." The series is being held at the Waccamaw Library in Pawleys Island. The panel will include Lynn Franken, Nils Rauhut and Nelljean Rice.

The events are designed to involve area citizens and Coastal faculty in discussions about the basic tenets of American life.

Tragedy of Tragedies

This satire by 18-century writer Henry Fielding (*Tom Jones*) consists solely of lines borrowed from other plays and features King Arthur and Merlin, Tom Thumb and the Princess Huncamunca in giant, puppet-like costumes. Music by the Coastal Recorder Ensemble will be performed between acts.

Performances will be Feb. 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium. Admission is \$10. Coastal students, faculty and staff admitted free with Coastal I.D.

Two Piano Concert

Husband and wife duo-pianists Jerry Wong and Stephanie Shih-yu Cheng will perform Sunday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall. Admission is free. The duo has achieved sensational critical and popular success around the world for its brilliant performances and wide repertoire.

Beach Music Symphony

Three legends of Beach Music—Bill Pinkney, Maurice Williams and Billy Scott—will perform with the Long Bay Symphony, led by Charles Evans, on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Myrtle Beach High School Auditorium. Call 448-8379 for ticket information.

Initiative will help children with sports, academics

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) recently received a federal grant to host the National Youth Sport Program (NYSP), beginning this summer. The NYSP provides children from low-income families with academic preparation and instruction designed to improve their physical fitness and health habits. The program also helps them become acquainted with career and educational opportunities at a university.

All participants in the program receive, at no cost, a medical screening with appropriate follow-up, nutritious meals and transportation as well as instruction in academics and sports skills. The program at Coastal will last for five weeks and university students may work as project aides, instructors and counselors. The primary staff will be Coastal faculty, staff and Horry County teachers. The program's first-year goal is to enroll approximately 200 children, with at least 90 percent meeting current poverty guidelines.

Coastal is one of nine universities in the country to receive a 2003 NYSP program. About 200 universities nationwide currently house the program. Base funding for

Coastal's 2003 program is \$50,000, with additional contributions of sports equipment and clothing by the NYSP.

Gib Darden, chairman of HPER, will serve as project administrator for the 2003 NYSP program. He recently attended the NYSP National Training Workshop in Orlando. Staff for the project will be hired in early spring, with the primary staff attending a second training workshop in Clearwater, Fla., in May.

"This is an exciting opportunity to engage the community and its citizens on a variety of levels," Darden said. "The mission to enable youth from low-income families to be more active in both education and physical activity is an awesome and timely one."

The NYSP fund is a non-profit organization established to administer the National Youth Sports Program. The fund receives a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Administration for Children and Families, and the Office of Community Services) and support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program is conducted by selected institutions of higher education.

Campus Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 15

- Saturday Visitation Program, Office of Admissions, 10 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, Feb. 19

- Being American in a Global Perspective, 7 p.m., Waccamaw Library, Pawleys Island

Friday, Feb. 21

- *Tragedy of Tragedies*, Wheelwright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

- *Tragedy of Tragedies*, Wheelwright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 23

- *Tragedy of Tragedies*, Wheelwright Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Two Piano Concert, Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Birthdays

February

- 12 William Douglas Jr.
- 13 Kim Montague
Randall Wells
- 14 Andrew Hatchett
- 15 Edna DeWitt
Darla Domke-Damonte
Abdallah Haddad
- 19 John Ramey
- 20 Patricia Bennett
Robert Braham
- 21 David DeCenzo
Susan Libes
- 22 David Millard

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.

• **Dan Abel, Jim Henderson and Maura Kenny** went to Washington, D.C. last month to participate in a peace march opposing the proposed war between the United States and Iraq.

• **Stacy Cretzmeyer** was a contributing author to a recently published counseling text, *Attachment and Family Systems: Conceptual, Empirical and Therapeutic Relatedness*. Cretzmeyer's chapter is titled "Attachment Theory Applied to Adolescents."

• **Carol Osborne** presented a paper titled "Reader as Analyst: Psychotherapy's Influence on Narrative Structure in Contemporary Fiction" and a poster session

titled "Inviting Collaboration: Strategies Teachers Use to Cross Disciplines" at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, held in Honolulu.

• **Jill Sessoms** has been awarded a grant from the State Department of Education in the amount of \$6,766 to offer the Advanced Placement Teacher Institute in English Literature and Composition at Coastal during the summer. The institute trains high school teachers to teach the AP course. Carol Chestnut, an English teacher at Aynor High School, will co-teach the course. The Institute has been taught at Coastal for the past two summers by Jack Ramey.

• **Sharon Thompson** recently conducted a

workshop for Mental Health employees of the Waccamaw Center, Shoreline Behavioral, titled "Improving Quality of Life: Focus on Women's Health." About 40 employees attended. Thompson and Sohaillia Digsby of the DHEC also presented at the South Carolina Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention in Myrtle Beach. Their session, "Better Bones: Better Bodies," shared information about area workshops to improve bone health for high school cheerleaders.

Thompson recently had an article published in the journal *Eating Behaviors*. "Examining gender, racial, and age differences in weight concern among third, fifth, eighth, and eleventh graders," was co-authored with Anca C. Rafiroiu and Roger G. Sargent.



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Coastal Carolina University presents

ON BEING AMERICAN

A Community Dialogue sponsored by the Board of Visitors of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

What values, opportunities, cultural expressions, and obligations do you find most distinctly American?
Please join our community discussion on what it means to be an American.

Wednesday, February 19 • 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Being American in Global Perspective

In this age of conflicting loyalties, moral uncertainties, and global political upheaval, how can Americans be both ardent patriots and responsible citizens of the world?

Dean Lynn Franken, *College of Humanities and Fine Arts*
Prof. Nils Rauhut, *Department of Religion and Philosophy*
Prof. Nelljean Rice, *Department of English*

Wednesday, March 5 • 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The American Experience in Art and Music

This interactive, multimedia presentation will explore how the ongoing struggle for freedom and democracy has shaped America's unique and vibrant heritage in music and the arts.

Prof. David Bankston, *Department of Performing Arts*
Prof. Jo-Ann Morgan, *Department of Visual Arts*

All events are free and open to the public.

Information: (843) 349-2421

Location

Waccamaw Public Library
24 Commerce Drive (behind Austin's restaurant)
Pawleys Island

