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UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

March 10, 2003

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

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Ingle receives Palmer award

Coastal President Ronald R. Ingle has been awarded the Grace Palmer Humanitarian Award by the Action Council for Cross Cultural Mental Health and Human Services, a statewide organization devoted to multicultural educational training and development. The award is named for the late Grace Palmer of Columbia, S.C., an educator who was active in promoting the arts, social progress and religious faith. The award is given annually as part of the Cross Cultural Conference for Mental Health and Human Services, which was held in Myrtle Beach Feb. 23 to 26.

Ingle has served as president of Coastal since 1993, when the institution became an independent public university. As president, Ingle has been instrumental in the development of strategic partnerships which have strengthened cultural diversity and university-community collaboration. Ingle spearheaded the visit of the Freedom Schooner Amistad to South Carolina in fall 2001, an event that engaged the entire community in a dialogue about racial diversity and reconciliation. Ingle is a founding leader of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESAs), a 10-county economic development initiative anchored by Coastal Carolina and Francis Marion University.

Born in Moncks Corner, S.C., Ingle earned a bachelor's degree from Wofford College in 1962 and a master's degree from Florida State University in 1963. After a tour of active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army, he earned a doctorate in psychology from The Ohio State University in 1972.

New appointments announced

Coastal Provost Peter B. Barr announces the following staff appointments:

Valgene L. Dunham has been appointed to the new position of Associate Vice President of Grants, Contract Administration and Research Planning. A former dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Dunham will coordinate all the university's grant and sponsored research activities, seek institutional grant opportunities, oversee all non-credit academic programs offered through the university, and develop strategic plans for external laboratory facilities.

Dunham joined the Coastal faculty in 1995 after having served as professor of biology and head of the Department of Biology at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. Dunham earned a bachelor's of science degree in general science in 1962 from Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., and a master's degree in general science in 1965 and a Ph.D. in botany in



Val Dunham



Doug Nelson



Deborah Vrooman

1969, both from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. He conducted post-doctoral research at Purdue University.

Douglas Nelson has been named dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences. A professor of geology and marine science, Nelson has served as associate and interim dean of the college. He joined the faculty in 1973. Nelson earned a Ph.D. in geology from the University of South Carolina in 1973 and a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Minnesota in 1968.

Deborah Vrooman has been named associate dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences. Vrooman is an associate professor of mathematics. She joined the faculty in 1976 and was chair of the Department of Mathematics from 1993 to 2002. Vrooman earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Coker College, a master's of education degree and a Ph.D. in secondary education-mathematics, both from the University of South Carolina.



CCU Newsletter Publication Dates

Submission deadlines:
Monday, March 17
Monday, March 31

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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, March 17 at noon.

Campus Notes

Faculty's Academic Excellence Award

Faculty members are being asked to identify eligible students for the 2003 Faculty's Academic Excellence Award. The awards will be presented at Honors Convocation on April 29. Only students who are graduating in 2003, have a 3.5 or above GPA, and complete an application form endorsed by a faculty member and accompanied by a copy of the student's transcripts are eligible for the award. Applications must be received in the Office of the Provost by April 1 at 4:30 p.m. Call 349-2086 for more information.

Biology lecture series continues

The second installment in the Eyes on Biology lecture series, "Don't let them 'bug' you: Using bugs to save our rivers," will be led by John Hutchens on Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in Wall Auditorium. Admission is free.

Ronald D. Lackey Award nominations

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, April 4 for the annual Ronald D. Lackey Service Award. Nominees must be seniors in good academic standing who have distinguished themselves through service to the campus. They must be significantly involved and play a leadership role in one or more campus organization, group or activity. Nomination forms are available in the Office of Student Affairs.

Staff Excellence Award nominations

The Office of Human Resources and Equal Opportunity is accepting nominations for the 2002 Staff Excellence Awards. The awards have been developed to recognize the exemplary achievement of non-teaching staff at Coastal. A cash award of \$500 will be given to a Support Staff member and a Professional Staff member. Deadline for nominations is March 28. For detailed criteria call 349-2036.

African-American and Women Poets

Enjoy hearing works by women and African-American poets, read by Coastal students, faculty, staff and friends, Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Atheneum Hall 003. Admission is free.

Leading golf ball engineer to speak

Area golf enthusiasts interested in learning about the scientific side of the game are invited to hear golf engineer John Calabria give a public talk, "The Physics of Golf Ball Performance: Everything You Wanted To Know About Golf Balls But Were Afraid To Ask," on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts. The event, sponsored by the Department of Physics, is free and open to the public.

Calabria, vice president of research and development at TaylorMade/Adidas Golf in Greenville, S.C., has many years of experience in exploring the mechanics of golf.

His presentation is the keynote speech for the Southern Atlantic Coast Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers Spring Meeting, which is being hosted by Coastal's Department of Physics. This bi-annual meeting brings together physics teachers from across Georgia and South Carolina to discuss physics and physical science teaching at all levels.

The meeting runs through Saturday, March 28, and includes a variety of workshops and sessions for educators and for students involved in undergraduate research.

For more information, call Teresa Burns at 349-2225.

Chuck Pyle returns to Wheelwright

Zen-cowboy singer-songwriter Chuck Pyle will perform Monday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

Pyle, who performed at Wheelwright in 1997, has carved a unique niche in today's country music scene. Known for his western rural intellect, Pyle blends the sagebrush humor of Will Rogers with Zen and New



Chuck Pyle

Age philosophy.

A virtuoso guitarist, Pyle has appeared on PBS's *Austin City Limits* and his songs have been recorded by Suzy Boggus, John Denver, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and many others. Pyle recently recorded his seventh album, the critically acclaimed *Affected by the Moon*.

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

First Spring Festival scheduled

The College of Education is hosting its first Community Spring Festival on Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place in and around Kearns Hall, the Williams-Brice Physical Education Center and Wheelwright Auditorium. Admission is free, but small fees will be charged for certain events.

The festival is designed to bring children and families to campus for a broad range of fun learning activities including a sports clinic, health and fitness seminars and

a penny-carnival. Also a free children's concert is scheduled for 11 a.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium.

Events presented in the festival were submitted by education students and selected by a faculty committee. Proceeds will benefit College of Education student organizations' community service and outreach projects, a scholarship fund and faculty research and teaching initiatives. For more information call Linda Seal at 349-2604 or Jessie Brown at 349-2619.

Seminar for training professionals

The Carolinas Society for Training and Development (CSTD) will host its first Myrtle Beach area meeting on Thursday, April 3 from 8 to 9 a.m. on the second floor of University Hall. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Designed for individuals interested in

training as a career, the meeting offers networking opportunities with other training professionals. CSTD president Joe Wynne will present "Powerful Techniques for Effective Training," which will offer tips on proven strategies for successful training. Call 349-2694 for more information.

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.

• **Gib Darden** recently completed an instructor training workshop with the American Sport Education Program in San Antonio, Texas. Completion of the workshop enables Darden to deliver the "Coaching Principles" certification, a credential increasingly required of many youth and scholastic coaches across the nation.

• **Jean-Louis Lassez** gave a talk at MIT's Laboratory for Decision Systems on Feb. 25 titled "Similarity Based Classification," describing a novel approach to classifying automatically a variety of data types, from biological data to Web pages. This work was completed with the help of **Tayfun Karadeniz**, a programmer in the Department of Computer Science.

• **Claudia McCollough** and **Nelljean Rice** attended the 16th Annual Women's Studies Conference, Feb. 27 and 28 at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Rice was accompanied by eight Coastal women's studies minors from her inaugural Women's Studies capstone class, "Women Knowing; Knowing Women." **Preston McKeever-Floyd** served as a panelist in a session, "There at the Creation: Stitching Together A South Carolina Women's Studies Association."

• **Sandra Nelson** recently presented "Developing a High-Tech Pedagogy Laboratory for your Majors" at the Southern District Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Savannah, Ga. Nelson also published an article she co-wrote, "Literacy and Leisure:

A Collaborative Project Between High School and University Community," in the Fall 2002 issue of *Beyond Behavior*.

• **Cristy Prince** was named Woman of the Month in the February 2003 issue of *South Carolina Woman* magazine.

• **Philip Whalen** recently published an article titled "Hippolyte Taine's Racial Interpretation of the French Revolution" in the *Proceedings of the Symposium on Revolutionary Europe: Selected Papers, Vol. 29* and reviewed Eric Jennings' *Vichy in the Tropics: Pétain's National Revolution* for the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. He has also compiled and posted a Web page on "The History of Paris: A Select Bibliography" for H-FRANCE at: <http://www3.uakron.edu/hfrance/bibliogparis.html>.

• Publications produced by the Office of Marketing Communications picked up four awards at the recent CASE District III conference in Atlanta. *Coastal Carolina University Magazine*, the College of Education's *Pathways* newsletter and the 1954 Society logo won awards. Staff members **Doug Bell**, **Bill Edmonds**, **Jason Hughes** and **Rob Wyeth** were recognized.

In Appreciation

My heartfelt thanks to my friends and colleagues at Coastal for the many expressions of sympathy as I have dealt with the recent death of my mother. It really does help to know that others care, and your kindness will long be remembered.

—Jill Sessoms

Birthdays

March

14 Elaine Bridges	20 Lonna Brown
Joyce Jones	Lori Nicholson
Nancy Ratcliff	Steven Terry
15 Mollie Fout	21 Laura Hickman
Sarah Jaynes	Charles Turner
16 Virginia Altman	22 Wanda Shannon
Lisa Gore	23 Dan Abel
18 John Hutchens Jr.	Lynn Franken
Sarah Rabon	24 Andy Hendrick
19 Patricia Harrington	Vicky Rabon
Paul Peterson	25 Thomas Howard

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, March 12

- Classes begin for Spring II

Friday, March 14

- Residence halls and dining halls close for Spring Break

Monday March 17 through Friday, March 21

- Spring Break

Wednesday, March 26

- African-American Poetry Reading 6:30 p.m., Student Center 208
- Eyes on Biology series: "Don't let them 'bug' you: Using bugs to save our rivers" 7 p.m., Wall Auditorium

Athletic Events

Wednesday, March 12

- Baseball hosts George Mason, 3 p.m.
- Softball hosts Mississippi State, (DH) 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

- Baseball at Pepperdine, 5 p.m.
- Softball vs. St. Bonaventure (at Virginia Tech Tournament - Salem, Va), 3 p.m.
- Women's indoor track at NCAA Indoor Championships (Fayetteville, Ark), noon

Saturday, March 15

- Baseball at Pepperdine, 4 p.m.
- Men's Golf at Birkdale Collegiate (Huntersville, N.C.), all day
- Softball vs. North Carolina 2 p.m., vs. Texas Tech 4 p.m. (Virginia Tech Tournament - Salem, Va)
- Outdoor Men's and Women's track hosts Shamrock Invitational
- Women's Tennis hosts High Point, 1 p.m.
- Men's Tennis hosts High Point, 1 p.m.
- Women's indoor track at NCAA Indoor Championships (Fayetteville, Ark), 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 16

- Baseball at Pepperdine, 4 p.m.
- Men's Golf at Birkdale Collegiate (Huntersville, N.C.), all day
- Softball vs. Georgia State (Virginia Tech Tournament - Salem, Va), noon

Monday, March 17

- Women's Tennis vs. Stony Brook (at Charleston, S.C.), 2 p.m.
- Men's Tennis vs. Stony Brook (at Charleston, S.C.) 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18

- Baseball at Hawaii, 11:05 p.m. (EST)

Wednesday, March 19

- Softball hosts Georgia Southern (DH), noon
- Baseball at Hawaii, 11:05 p.m. (EST)

Thursday, March 20

- Outdoor Men's and Women's Track host Coastal Carolina Multi-Festival, 10 a.m.

Friday, March 21

- Outdoor Men's and Women's Track hosts Coastal Carolina Multi-Festival, 10 a.m.
- Men's Golf at Furman Invitational (Greenville, S.C.), all day

Saturday, March 22

- Outdoor Men's and Women's Track host Coastal Carolina Multi-Festival, 10 a.m.
- Men's Golf at Furman Invitational (Greenville, S.C.), all day
- Women's Tennis at Western Carolina, noon

Sunday, March 23

- Men's Golf at Furman Invitational (Greenville, S.C.), all day
- Women's Tennis at UNC Asheville, 11 a.m.
- Men's Tennis at UNC Asheville, 11 a.m.

Monday, March 24

- Women's Golf at UNCW Lady Seahawk Invitational (Wilmington, N.C.), all day

Tuesday, March 25

- Baseball hosts Brown, 6 p.m.
- Softball hosts Birmingham Southern (DH), 4 p.m.
- Men's Tennis hosts Ohio State, 2 p.m.

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- *Ingle receives Grace Palmer Award*
- *College of Education hosts Spring Festival*
- *"The Physics of Golf" presentation*

Coastal Carolina University presents Eyes on Biology

DON'T LET THEM "BUG" YOU: USING BUGS TO SAVE OUR RIVERS

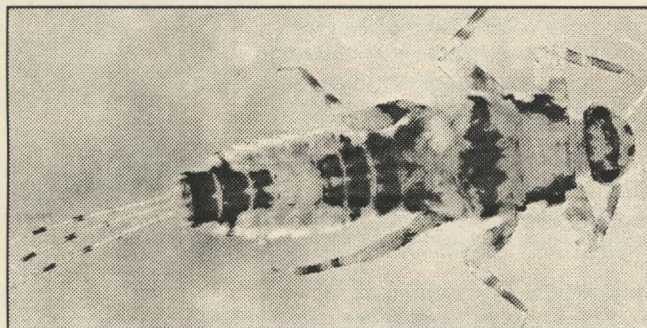
Speaker: John Hutchens, Ph.D.

Speaker John Hutchens is a new member of the Coastal biology faculty. His research focuses on the structure and function of stream ecosystems, and he is particularly interested in understanding how human activity impacts stream organisms. He is beginning a new project studying streams draining into the Waccamaw River this spring.

Hutchens earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from Virginia Tech, and his doctorate in ecology from the University of Georgia. He did post-doctoral research in Minnesota with the Natural Resources Research Institute and in Ohio with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Information: 349-2238

Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.
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