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UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

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

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Beard appointed interim dean of Humanities

John Beard, associate dean of Coastal's Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, has been named interim dean of the college. He



John Beard

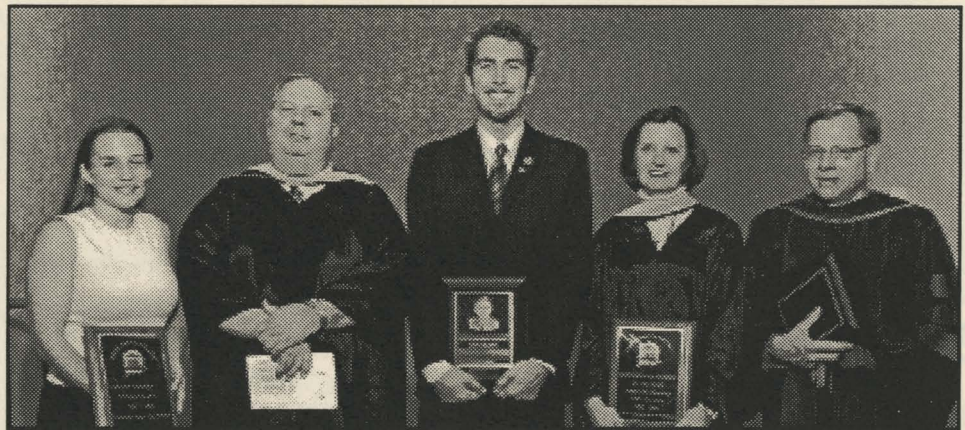
will replace Lynn Franken, who is leaving Coastal to assume the position of vice president for Academic Affairs at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis. A national search for a new dean is under way.

"John Beard has the background and experience to lead the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts in the coming months while we search for a new dean," said Peter Barr, provost and chief academic officer at Coastal. "I look forward to working with him during the interim period."

Beard joined the Coastal faculty in 1988. His responsibilities as associate dean include student academic matters, scheduling, curriculum, and budget coordination. Before becoming associate dean, he served as director of fresh-

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CCU honors top faculty, students



From left, Katie Copenhaver, Jim Eason, Jason Schipper, Debbie Stanley and Mike Gilbert received top awards at Coastal's annual Honors Convocation on April 26.

Coastal presented awards for student academic achievement at the annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 26 in Wheelwright Auditorium. Faculty recognition awards were also presented.

Kathryn Anne "Katie" Copenhaver, a senior biology and marine science major of Charleston, W. Va., received the 2004-2005 Faculty's Distinguished Excellence Award. She was also named the outstanding biology student this year. She was a mentor for two fourth-graders at Conway Elementary School

and was awarded a prestigious summer research fellowship funded by the National Science Foundation for a project at the Savannah River Ecology Lab.

Jason A. Schipper, a history major from Hudsonville, Mich., received the 2004-2005 Ronald D. Lackey Service Award. Named in honor of the late Coastal faculty member and university chaplain, the award is given annually to a senior on the basis of conspicuous service to the university through involvement and leadership in campus

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CCU Newsletter Publication Dates

Submission deadlines:
Monday, May 16
Monday, June 6

Publication dates:
Monday, May 23
Monday, June 13

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May 9-15

- Larry and Ginny Biddle on the Biddle Center for Teaching and Learning
- Steve Bailey and Sandy Smith on the International Contemporary Bass Competition
- Thom Penn on the Summer Arts Academy
- Alum profile: Mark Kiskunas

May 16-22

- Commencement 2005 highlights

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Beard takes over as COHFA dean

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man composition for six years. Prior to coming to Coastal, Beard was an instructor at Calhoun Community College in Alabama and a graduate teaching assistant at Florida State University and Middle Tennessee State University. Beard earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and a Ph.D. from Florida State University.

Departments within the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts are English and Journalism, Foreign Languages, History, Philosophy and Religion, Politics and Geography, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. The Waccamaw Center for Cultural and Historical Studies and the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values are also part of the College.

Beard will begin his duties on July 1, when Franken officially steps down.

Meeting room named for Dawsey

The conference room in the Edward M. Singleton Building at Coastal has been named for John W. Dawsey, a lifelong Horry County educator and longtime supporter of the university. His portrait now hangs in the room that will be called the John W. Dawsey Horry County Higher Education Commission Conference Room. Dawsey was also named chairman emeritus of the commission, the governmental body that determines the use of the tax millage allocated to Coastal.

"John Dawsey has devoted his life to providing better educational opportunities for the people of this region," said Coastal President Ronald R. Ingle. "It would be impossible to count the number of young people whose lives he has touched."

Dawsey was associated with Horry County Schools for 39 years. He served in many capacities, from high school math teacher to elementary school principal to district superintendent. Since 1970, he has helped shape the development of Coastal through his service on the Horry County Higher Education Commission, which he chaired from 1993 until 2004.

Julie Snowden and John Vaught,



John Dawsey with a resolution presented to him on April 29.

chair and vice-chair of the commission, presented Dawsey with a resolution from the commission honoring his accomplishments. He was also presented with a Founders' Society Plate and a framed print depicting Coastal's Atheneum in recognition of his services to Coastal.

A native of Horry County, Dawsey is a recipient of the state's highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto.

Dawsey will receive the honorary degree Doctor of Public Service at Coastal's upcoming commencement ceremony on May 7.

'Corridor of Shame' to air at CCU

"Corridor of Shame: The Neglect of South Carolina's Rural Schools" will be screened Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium. The film is free and open to the public.

The 58-minute documentary examines the critical needs of South Carolina's rural school districts. The film closely tracks the lawsuit filed by eight rural public school districts against the State of South Carolina to win greater funding for an adequate education for their students. "Adequacy lawsuits" have been filed in numerous states over funding deficiencies in rural

public schools.

Charles T. (Bud) Ferillo Jr. produced and directed the documentary. A Columbia public relations executive, Ferillo served as deputy lieutenant governor of South Carolina from 1982-1986 and chief of staff to the speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1974-1982. John S. Rainey was the executive producer.

The documentary will air on SC-ETV on Sunday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m. and Sunday, May 29 at 5 p.m. and is being screened on college and university campuses across the state.

Birthdays

May

8 Mark Mathews	16 Stephen Bush
Homer Schofield	Dennis Rauch
Edward Smith	
Richard Weldon	17 Neil Gielstra
9 Rosemary Brown	18 Lynne Brock
John Goodwin	Nelljean Rice
Frances Richmond	
	19 Edward Anderson
11 Susan Feliciano	
Jacqueline Grimes	20 Araleigh Grant
Joe Mazurkiewicz	James Harris
Kinjal Mehta	Nila Hutchinson
13 Natasha Ferguson-Dennison	22 Keith James
	Sarah Lockett
	David Parker
14 Scotty Edge	



Scholarship reception: Coastal has more than 60 endowed scholarships that are awarded to approximately 160 students each year. A first-ever reception was sponsored recently by the Office of University Advancement in the Welcome Center in University Hall; it was designed to give scholarship recipients the opportunity to meet with scholarship donors.

Coastal Notes

March of Dimes bucket contest

The Department of Math and Statistics raised \$631 and won a free day of labor from Coach David Bennet and members of the football team for a faculty or staff member in their department. The total amount collected was \$1,394.5.

Internet Conference is success

The first student Internet conference bringing together students from Russian State Social University in Moscow, Russia, and students from Coastal was a success, according to Dennis Wiseman. Despite the logistics of coordinating the technology and the time difference (10 a.m. South Carolina time and 6 p.m. Moscow time), the results of the conference in terms of the experience for CCU students and the university were "well worth the effort. We are hopeful that the conference is the first of many to come. Next year's conference will build on what we have learned this year. Through the exchange of ideas, we can take great strides in advancing our understanding of cultures around the world and, indeed, our own cul-

ture," said Wiseman. The theme of the conference, "Social Responsibility of Youth in the Modern World," is one that bridges and connects institutions, countries and continents.

Women in Philanthropy awards five scholarships

Coastal has awarded five scholarships through its Women in Philanthropy (WIP) program. Established in 2003, WIP is a group of women from the community and the university whose gifts are used to promote higher education through the awarding of scholarships to qualified Coastal students.

Recipients of the 2005-2006 scholarship awards are Bianca Cabit, Myranda Goff, Huyen Nguyen, Janet Shokal and Michelle Seminara.

Small Business Center sponsors free workshop for business owners

Coastal's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is sponsoring a free 8(a) Business Development workshop for small business owners on Tuesday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The workshop will be held at Coastal's Higher Education Center at Myrtle Square Mall. The seminar will be led by Theresa Singleton, deputy district director of the Small Business Administration (SBA).

The event is free but reservations are required. Call the SBDC at 349-4010.

Coastal calendar

Saturday, May 7

- Commencement, 8:30 a.m., Brooks Stadium
- Baseball vs. Charleston Southern, 2 p.m., Charles Watson Stadium-Vrooman Field

Sunday, May 8

- Baseball vs. Charleston Southern, 1 p.m., Charles Watson Stadium-Vrooman Field
- Softball vs. Winthrop, 2 p.m., CCU Softball Field

Monday, May 9

- May Semester begins
- Summer working hours start for some departments

Top honors awarded to Coastal students and faculty

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organizations. Schipper is a member of and has held office in the Honors program, Phi Eta Sigma honor society, Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Humanities Student Advisory Council.

He has worked on the Dorm Recycling Project to get recycling bins and a Salvation Army truck at the dorms at the end of the semester, and he presented three papers at regional and national conventions. He worked on *Tempo* student magazine and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

James F. Eason received the Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award. Sponsored by HTC, Inc., this award was initiated in 1996 to recognize faculty members who distinguish themselves as teachers, scholars and communicators. During the fall, the recipient delivers a public lecture drawn from his or her area of expertise. A professor of business administration, Eason has been at Coastal for nearly 40 years – first as a student and later returning as a faculty member in 1977. He is an associate professor of accounting and management and former associate dean of the Wall College. Eason, who has a lengthy listing of publications and presentations, was called “a gifted teacher” and “the most compassionate and concerned faculty member” by Dean David DeCenzo.

Michael Gilbert was presented the Student Affairs Division Award, which honors faculty who make significant contributions to the quality of student life through participation and leadership in the co-curricular activities of the university. An associate professor of foreign languages, he was instrumental in developing Coastal’s German study abroad program. He is a founding member of the Freshman Success Seminar program and has mentored and advised first-year and undeclared

students. Gilbert has worked on the Celebration of Inquiry conferences and has served on the Student Life Committee, the Campus Judicial Board and has been an officer on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.

Debbie H. Stanley was named the Distinguished Teacher of the Year, an annual honor presented by Coastal’s Student Government Association to faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching. Stanley, a professor of education, joined the Spadoni College of Education in 1992 following experiences in public schools. She was adviser for the Education Club for four years and was recognized for her enthusiasm in the classroom and her contribution to student success. Her scholarship focuses on the use of technology in the classroom.

Department awards were presented to 45 students in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments and contributions to the academic quality of their respective departments.

The following awards were presented:

E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration:

- Accounting – Mariana Levi of Myrtle Beach
- Finance – Matthew S. Miller of Huntersville, N.C.
- Management – Jeffrey T. Ungurean of Myrtle Beach
- Marketing – Janaé Mitchell of Mount Pleasant

Spadoni College of Education:

- Early Childhood Education – Kathleen E. Grey of Winchester, Ill.
- Elementary Education – Andrea Goff of Conway
- Health Promotion – Daniel J. Bailey of Conway
 - Interdisciplinary Studies – Ceil Long of Myrtle Beach
- Master of Arts in Teaching – Linda Witherspoon
- Physical Education – Jessica Matthews

of Myrtle Beach

- Recreation and Sports Management – Kelly Moore of Conway

Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts:

- Art Studio – Tina Cavalieri of Surfside Beach
- English – Randy L. Hughes of Myrtle Beach
- Foreign Languages – Brandy Cox of Conway
- History – Mica Pruitt of Surfside Beach
- Music – Jaclyn D. Pigate of Myrtle Beach
- Musical Theater – Diane Fabiano of Red Bank, N.J.
- Philosophy and Religion – Amanda M. Stepp of Myrtle Beach
- Politics and Geography – Jeff R. Burke of Myrtle Beach
- Theater – Jennifer L. Menzer of Surfside Beach

College of Natural and Applied Sciences:

- Biology – Kathryn A. Copenhaver of Charleston, W.Va.
- Chemistry – Emily Tarsis of Barberton, Ohio
- Computer Science – Prakash
- Marine Science – Jeremy E. Saeger of Chesapeake, Va.
- Mathematics – Shana L. McCracken of Galivants Ferry
- Psychology – Christian A. Smith of Nottinghamshire, England
- Sociology – Tina M. Shuppy of Surfside Beach

Medallions were presented to students who successfully completed the requirements of the Honors Program. The 394 members of Coastal’s 16 honor societies and the 41 students listed in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities” were also acknowledged, as well as 116 students who made presentations of papers at various academic conferences.

Coastal People

Christopher Hill and undergraduates **Kathryn Copenhaver**, **Rebecca Gangler** and **Jason Whalen** recently had an article accepted for publication in *The Chat*, the state ornithological journal for the Carolinas. The article, "Does light intensity influence song output by northern mockingbirds?," describes a successful in-class research project by the three students in Hill's spring 2004 ornithology class. The article will appear in the spring 2005 issue of *The Chat*.

James R. Perkins, a junior in computer science, presented a poster titled "A Numerical Study of Atmospheric Gravity Wave to Help Improve Climate Models and Observations" for members of Congress at the annual Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) "Poster on the Hill" in Washington, D. C. recently. He was one of 60 science students selected from a nationwide pool and the only undergraduate from a South Carolina institution. The presentation highlighted his ongoing study of gravity waves with his research adviser, **Varavut Limpasuvan**. For this work, Perkins received research funding for his senior year from the NASA/South Carolina Space Grant and was recently awarded a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship by the California Institute of Technology to continue his research in the coming summer at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., with his adviser.

Danny Nicholson, vice president for university advancement, has been elected to serve on the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District III Board of Directors for 2005-2007. CASE is



U.S. Congressman Henry E. Brown Jr. (center) with James R. Perkins (left) and Varavut Limpasuvan at the annual Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) "Poster on the Hill" conference in Washington, D.C.

the professional organization for advancement professionals at all levels who work in alumni relations, communications and development.

On April 16 four senior history majors traveled to the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference at Campbell University to present research papers. They were: **Andrew Kavanaugh**, "The Annexation of Texas: Calhoun versus Clay"; **Justin Brown**, "The American Pursuit of the China Trade, 1784-1884"; **Jessica Dulaney**, "The Formation of the American Colonization Society and its Free Black Colony, Liberia"; **Tony Wagner**, "Ludwig Martens: The First Soviet Ambassador to the United States." Wagner and Kavanaugh both won awards for presenting the best papers at their sessions.

Colleen Lohr recently served on the Reaffirmation Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that visited the Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers, Fla. She reviewed the focus and assessment areas of the university's Quality Enhancement Plan and compliance requirements in the area educational

programs and faculty. Lohr is associate provost for Administration and Academic Services.

Jim Luken and Tim Seastedt of the University of Colorado recently published a paper in the journal *Weed Technology*. The paper was titled "Management of Plant Invasions: The Conflict of Perspective."

Chris Gerteis has received a one-year postdoctoral appointment to the Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University. Also, two grants that he wrote have been funded: a Library Support Grant for \$5,000 and a two-year Japan Outreach Initiative Grant that will bring a Japanese individual to CCU for the next two years to interact with the campus community and to conduct outreach programming for K-12 and civic organizations.

Jo-Ann Morgan and CCU students taking Art History 499 (Community Projects in Art History) marked the completion of a semester long after-school project with children at Loris Elementary School. Community Projects in Art History is a new course developed as part of a campuswide effort to promote high school graduation rates in Horry County. The program offers CCU students a service learning experience.

Coastal hosted the 2005 South Carolina Leadership Forum for Women in Higher Education recently at the Waccamaw Higher Education Center. **Sally Horner** was a speaker, and **Charmaine Tomczyk** served on the Forum Planning Committee, assisted with arrangements and facilitated post plenary session discussion. She is a member of the executive board.

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