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On Campus

A Newsletter for Faculty and Staff of Coastal Carolina University

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Vrooman appointed new director of advisement and retention

Faculty member John F. Vrooman has been named as the university's director of academic advisement and retention.

Vrooman, who completed his 13th season as head baseball coach, has retired as coach but continues to teach in the department of history.

According to Provost John Idoux, the identification of an advisement and retention effort provides expanded services to students and addresses retention issues as an institutional priority.

In the role as director of academic advisement and retention, Vrooman will report to the vice president for enrollment management and coordinate and support the advisement programs of academic deans. Vrooman also will be responsible for the director of interdisciplinary studies

and the athletic academic adviser. He will be responsible for tutorial and testing centers, and all academic labs.

Vrooman joined the Coastal faculty in 1968 as an adjunct faculty member. In 1971, he became a full-time faculty member in the department of history. During his 27 years of service to the university, he has served in several capacities including academic dean, head baseball coach and interim athletic director. Prior to joining the Coastal faculty, he served as chief of military personnel and later director of personnel of the former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.

Vrooman received a master's degree in history from Rutgers University in 1966 and a bachelor's degree in history from Wesleyan University in 1965. ♦

Coastal's College Connection Program provides opportunities

Coastal Carolina University will host College Connection, a six-week residential and academic program for 20 rising high school seniors from Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg counties June 18 through July 29 on the university campus.

The purpose of the College Connection program is to provide rising high school seniors, who might not otherwise consider higher education, an opportunity to participate in college preparatory activities. The program is designed to provide participants with on-campus living experiences, life skills training and career exploration while engaging in academic studies.

Participants of the program include students who have had no previous contact with college life and may have deficiencies in academic and career development skills. Students were chosen based on recommendations by high school guidance counselors.

While on campus, students will take classes in

beginning algebra, English/reading, career planning, computer science and will attend weekly lectures on various topics. As part of the program, students will work in campus offices for five hours a week. The students also will visit Brookgreen Gardens, Conway Hospital, Charleston, local libraries and other places of interest.

To fund the program, Coastal's director of interdisciplinary studies Thomas Isekenegbe received a \$98,147 grant from the Waccamaw Regional Planning and Development Council, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor.

According to Isekenegbe, the goal of the program is not only to educate the students but also to expose them to the cultural and professional benefits of higher education. "The College Connection Program provides students with an excellent opportunity to experience college and campus life," he said. ♦

Talbert's latest book chronicles local law firm

Growing up in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina, Roy Talbert always knew of the Willcox law firm.

But it wasn't until 1991, after a colleague suggested that he consider documenting the history of the Florence firm, that Talbert determined the subject for his next book.

In *No Greater Legacy*, Talbert traces the development of the 100-year-old law firm from 1895 when Fred Willcox joined the law practice of his cousin, P.A. Willcox. The story begins with the young lawyers writing their pleadings in longhand and concludes with a computerized office.

Published in January 1995, the book was underwritten by Willcox, McLeod, Buyck and Williams, present members of the Willcox law firm. The book is not for sale to the public; the firm has donated copies to public and college libraries.

From their earliest days, the Willcoxes and their colleagues were corporate lawyers. Apart from the rapid success of the firm, its members were connected in one way or another with most major economic and social advancements of the region. From railroads, timber and tobacco to International Paper, the Florence Air Base and the Du Pont company, the Willcox lawyers always were involved.

In the book, Talbert writes of the firm's major law cases and association with notable attorneys such as D. Gordon Baker, who became Chief Justice of South Carolina, and famous "G-man" Melvin Purvis. Much of *No Greater Legacy* concerns the firm's work for the Florence community, the surrounding counties and the state.

Townsend named Summer Research Fellow

Kenneth W. Townsend has been named one of six Summer Research Fellows for 1995 by the University of South Carolina Institute for Southern Studies and the South Caroliniana Society in Columbia.

The research fellow positions are awarded to faculty members from South Carolina institutions of higher education who are engaged in serious research on a Southern topic. Townsend will use USC's libraries and archives, and other state and private repositories while conducting research on the topic, *The South Carolina*

Home Front in World War II. Townsend and other researchers will have opportunities to give public lectures based on their summer's work.

Townsend joined the Coastal faculty in 1989. He received a Ph.D. in 1991 and a master's degree in 1987, both in American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; a master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1975; and a bachelor's degree in history and political science from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1973. ♦

Coastal faculty receive grants

Several faculty received grants totaling \$219,802 during the spring 1995 semester.

- Constance C. Edwards and Katherine L. Taylor received a \$4,963 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to fund the development of an educator wetland science workshop integrating mathematics and environmental issues.

- Paul T. Gayes received a \$33,182 grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Carolina Marine Resources for an environmental monitoring study of the Myrtle Beach renourishment project. Gayes will use the grant to establish a side scan sonar to make a mosaic of the sea floor along the South Carolina coast. The sonar pictures will allow scientists to observe the shifting of newly replenished sand along the coast.

- Sharon Gilman received a \$1,500 grant from the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium for the Waccamaw and Atlantic Varied Education Program. The program, WAVE, is an educational outreach activity that provides community members a variety of short, informal, fun and informative courses on topics of local interest.

- Thomas Isekenegbe received a \$98,147 grant from the Waccamaw Regional Planning and Development Council, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor, to provide high school students, who might not consider college, with an opportunity to participate in college preparatory activities. The six-week program involves 20 rising high school seniors from Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg counties.

- Eric Koepfler received a \$48,560 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium for a salt marsh geomorphology and ecological development study of the influence upon habitat linkages within and across ecological boundaries. This is the second year continuation of the three-year project.

- Sarah Magann received a \$14,000 grant from the Georgetown County Higher Education Commission for Jump Start, a six-week program for Georgetown County high school graduates from the class of 1995 who wish to attend college but need to improve test scores.

- Sharon Thompson received a \$19,450 Pee Dee Regional Health Education Partnership Grant from the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the S.C. Department of Education. The grant funds improvements in the health curriculum for 18 school districts in the Pee Dee region. ♦

Partnership with Long Bay Symphonic Society provides artist-in-residence for Coastal

An agreement has been made between the Long Bay Symphonic Society and Coastal Carolina University that will secure the appointment of a music director and conductor for the society who also will be an artist-in-residence at the university.

"This partnership provides an environment for the Long Bay Symphony and Coastal Carolina to attract a quality musician to lead professional performance while providing expertise as a teaching faculty member for the university's music students," said President Ingle.

In June, the Long Bay Symphony will begin the 1995-1996 performance season in which candidates for the position will direct the group in five concerts which are scheduled through May 1996.

The university and the symphony board will independently develop job descriptions that are tailored to the needs of the music director/conductor and for the unique needs of the university environment.

The Long Bay Symphony is beginning its eighth season. The group seeks to provide classical performance opportunities for area musicians and audiences. This agreement is an example of the organization's commitment to better serve the community. ♦

Poetry Fellowship awarded to Rice by S.C. Arts Commission

Paul Rice has been awarded a \$7,500 poetry fellowship from the Artist Fellowship Program of the South Carolina Arts Commission.

The award provides an opportunity for individuals to pursue their careers as professional artists. The commission provides award recipients with publicity and assistance in marketing themselves and their work.

Rice's submission of 20 poems was chosen from 241 applications.

Rice has received numerous awards for his poetry including the 1988 Southern Literary Festival Poetry, 1988 Atlanta Writing Resource Center Chapbook Award, 1989 Arts Journal Poetry Prize, 1990 Kudzu Poetry Contest Award and the 1993 Amon Liner Award of the *Greensboro Review*.

He has read his poetry at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., the Spoleto Sundowner Poetry

Series Festival and for the National Science Foundation.

Rice specializes in contemporary British and American poetry, poetic theory and creative writing. He also is a country music songwriter and guitarist. His poems have been published in *Poetry*, *Kansas Quarterly*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Poet Lore*, *Bitterroot*, *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *The Georgia Review*, *Southern Humanities Review*, *National Forum*, *The Mother Earth News*, *The Chattahoochee Review*, *Negative Capability*, *Hawaii Review* and more.

Rice joined the Coastal faculty in 1987. He received a Ph.D. in English from The Catholic University of America in 1985, a master's degree in education from Western Carolina University in 1981, a master's degree in fine arts in creative writing from the University of Arkansas in 1976, and a bachelor's degree in English from Auburn University in 1973. ♦

Essence magazine selects Coastal's Gamble as contest finalist

Brian Gamble has been selected as one of 10 finalists in *Essence* magazine's What A Man! contest. The national publication received hundreds of applications before naming the finalists in its recent June issue.

Magazine readers will select one finalist by ballot; the finalist with the most ballots wins. The contest winner will be announced in the November issue of *Essence*.

The pool of finalists includes a scholar, military officer, mayor, physician, professional basketball player, architect, entrepreneur, photographer and body builder.

Those who nominated a man were asked to submit an essay of 50 words or less describing the nominee and a résumé including significant accomplishments.

A brief biographical statement of Gamble in *Essence* reads: "Gamble uses his master's in physics to instruct undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina

University in South Carolina. Throughout his academic career, he has tutored, researched and taught the sciences to high school students from the Upward Bound Youth Uplift program. Gamble received an Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina."

The winner and his nominator will split a gift from Preferred Stock Cologne including round trip transportation to New York City, hotel accommodations for two nights, \$1,000, a \$250 *Essence* by mail catalog gift certificate and a complimentary subscription to *Essence* magazine.

Gamble joined the Coastal faculty in 1992. He received a master's degree in physics from North Carolina State University in 1991 and a bachelor's degree in physics from The Citadel in 1987. ♦

Payroll options available for nine-month employees

Beginning with the Aug. 31, 1995 paycheck, nine-month faculty and staff may elect the same option which was available under the USC System, which is voluntary deduction of an amount specified by the employee from each paycheck. The amount deducted will then be paid to the employee during the summer 1996. The employee is required to sign an enrollment form in the Office of Payroll to specify the amount to be withheld.

An enrollment form will be mailed to all nine-month faculty and staff this week. Completed forms should be returned to the Office of Payroll by Aug. 1.

The university is in the process of learning the applicability of state regulations and the state auditor's opinion on the legality of paying nine-month employees in 24 equal payments from July 1 to June 30 of each fiscal year, therefore, this additional option is still pending.

The university continues to resolve questions and to implement appropriate programming on Coastal's administrative computer system to allow the greatest flexibility and services possible for all employees.

For more information, contact Pat West at extension 2009. ♦

Georgetown campus accepting scholarship applications

The Georgetown County Higher Education Commission is accepting scholarship applications for the 1995-1996 academic year.

Applicants must be Georgetown residents who intend to enroll in at least one class on Coastal's Georgetown campus and have a minimum cumulative

grade point average of 2.5.

Applications may be picked up at the Georgetown campus, located at 321 Cleland St.

For more information, call the Georgetown campus at 546-7523. ♦

Birthdays in June

5	Darcy Carr
6	Michael Brown
	Vicki Williams
7	Lill Heit
	James Kirtz
	Ray Moye
8	Stella Cooper
	Constance Edwards
11	Stephanie Freeman
	Benjoe Juliano
	Don Millus
	Faye Taylor
13	Sandy Mishoe
14	Betsy Puskar
	Mark Sikes
15	Lawrence Altman
	Dennis Roakes
16	Terri Brown
	Herbert Thompson Jr.
18	Charles Wright
20	John Beard
	Rebecca Gray
21	Jan Blakey
	Danielle Eiler
	Elizabeth Keller
22	Linda Carmichael
	Jody Davis
	Carl Freeman
23	Tina Davis
24	Audrey Garland
26	Rubin Hemingway

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On Campus will be published during the summer as follows:

Publication date:	Submission deadline:
Monday, June 26	Tuesday, June 20
Monday, July 17	Tuesday, July 11
Monday, August 14	Tuesday, August 8
Monday, August 28	Tuesday, August 22

Information should be submitted to the Office of Public Information in EMS 204.

Coastal Carolina is an affirmative action, equal opportunity, institution.

Credit Union extends hours for better service

The Carolina Collegiate Federal Credit Union is once again extending its hours of operation to better serve credit union members at Coastal Carolina University.

The new hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The office is located in EMS 223.

The Coastal office of the credit union will be closed on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 4
- Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4
- Monday, September 4

Coastal's Office of the Credit Union has the capability to accept deposits for immediate posting to a members account, as well as the ability to print checks and receipts, process loan applications, provide information and more.

For more information, contact Corinne Godshall at extension 2035 or call the Columbia office at 1-800-476-5861. ♦

Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board is a free service for faculty and staff who wish to advertise items or services for sale or needed. Ads may run no more than two consecutive times and are subject to space availability.

For sale: Mini-jogging trampoline — \$30 or best offer. For more information, contact Vicki Gardner at extension 2340.

Coastal Carolina People in the News

Items in the Coastal Carolina People section will appear in the "On Campus" issue following the presentation or event.

Sarah Magann and Linda Ford made a presentation, "It Is Never Too Late To Educate," at the National Conference on the Adult Learner held in San Antonio, Texas, May 28-31.

The presentation highlights a seminar they developed and conducted for individuals age 22 or older who are interested in either initial enrollment or returning to college. The seminar was held during Coastal's spring semester. ♦

Calendar . . .

June

5
Classes begin for Summer I and Summer eight-week sessions.

6
Pegasus Mail for DOS Workshop
2:30 to 4 p.m., WALL 109. Terri Brown
Last day to: late register, change schedule or drop with no record for Summer I classes

7
Pegasus Mail for Windows Workshop
2:30 to 4 p.m., WALL 109. Terri Brown

8
Basic Wetland Delineation course
8 a.m., campus; continues through June 9. John Steen

Last day to: late register, change schedule or drop with no record for Summer eight-week session

9
Basic Wetland Delineation course
8 a.m., campus. John Steen

12
Basketball Camp begins
continues through Thursday, June 15
Kimbel Gymnasium. Jeff Pardue

15
Basic Wetland Delineation course
8 a.m., campus; continues through June 16. John Steen
Last day to apply for Summer graduation

16
Basic Wetland Delineation course
8 a.m., campus. John Steen

21
Beginning Windows Workshop
2 to 4 p.m., WALL 109. Terri Brown