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Chi Rho Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta Inductions Held

The Chi Rho chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society, held induction of new members on May 4 at the home of Vice President Debbie Gants. President William J. Rivers, III, presided and Dr. James Rex, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, delivered the keynote address.

New members of Chi Rho at Coastal are Tomm Hardee, W. Lee Harper, II, Corinne Lacey, Catrina Lewis, Charles Potter, and Beth Ann Rossica.

A covered dish dinner was held after the induction ceremony to welcome the new members and honor the graduating members.

Officers were elected for the 1988-89 school year and are as follows:

President:	Tomm Hardee
Vice President:	Beth Ann Rossica
Secretary-Treasurer:	Charles Potter
Historian:	Cindy Horton

Dr. Jacqueline L. Gmuca serves as the chapter advisor.

Activities for this past year included sponsoring a poetry reading on campus with poet Marie Gilbert, and breakfast meetings with distinguished professors in the English department in recognition of their contributions to Coastal.

In the fall, Chi Rho plans to present two audio tapes of works of literature to Kimbel Library to be added to their collection in the Media Center.

USC Coastal Carolina College Awarded \$56,000 Fulbright Grant

The School of Humanities and Fine Arts, headed by Dean John Durrell, and the International Studies Program of USC-Coastal have been awarded a \$56,000 Fulbright Hays Grant by the Center for International Education, U.S. Department of Education, to conduct a six-week cross-cultural project in India.

In announcing the first ever Fulbright project to India from Coastal, one of only six similar grants awarded each year, Chancellor Eaglin noted that the project exemplified the dynamic role of the college in the sphere of International Studies and productive and continuing inter-institutional

cooperation with other colleges and universities in the state. Furthermore, Eaglin said that Coastal wishes to encourage the exchange of ideas and skills between the U.S. and foreign countries, in the interest of improved understanding and communication, by providing an opportunity for professors and scholars to live and study abroad and so that the experience can contribute to the elimination of those misunderstandings which so frequently occur in contemporary international relations.

In congratulating Professor Robert Robinson, chair of philosophy and religion and director of the program, for securing the grant, Dr. Jim Rex indicated that the main objectives of the project are to strengthen and diversify the South Asian and Third World Studies component at Coastal and other schools belonging to the University of South Carolina system and in the state of South Carolina, to provide the much desired non-Western insight into the Oriental culture, to enhance the professional competence of participating professors and enable them to better relate to their students and citizens cultural values from a broader perspective.

According to Dr. Richard Moore, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and director of Grants and Sponsored Programs, who facilitated the grant, the program entitled, "Seminar on Religion, Philosophy and Society in India," will be an intensive six-week field and travel study project which will run from June 2 -July 11, 1988 and is expected to result in a mutual exchange of scholars and students, development of new curriculum in comparative and cross-cultural studies, and publication of monographs and professional papers.

During the course of their stay in India, members of the seminar team, consisting of an interdisciplinary group of 14 professors drawn from 10 institutions-Coastal Carolina College, USC-Spartanburg, Columbia College, Coker College, College of Charleston, Benedict College, Francis-Marion College, Clemson University, Medical University of South Carolina, and Furman University--, will focus on the interactions between religion and society in India, are expected to meet with the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, and will have several working sessions with a cross-section of educators and citizens from all walks of life.

The two-week academic phase of the seminar, consisting of an intensive series of lectures, conferences, meetings, and field trips, will be hosted by Madras Christian College, an autonomous college of the internationally known and one of the oldest institutions of higher education and research, Madras University, in South India.

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Besides conferences at centers of religion and philosophy, members of the visiting team will also undertake trips to rural and urban development projects, experience family living, observe native festivals, concerts, and ceremonies, tour cities and visit historic archaeological monuments.

To comprehend the diverse but unified culture of India, the group will visit the following sites which will be used as foci for further exploration: Delhi, Hyderabad, Madras, Mahabalipuram, Madurai, Bangalore, Bombay, Jaipur, Agra, Varanasi, and Kashmir.

Throughout the duration of the program, members of the team will divide into several study groups such as religion and modernization, religion and human values, religion and art, religion and state, and the impact of science and technology on religious values.

The Coastal Carolina College program is very timely due to the fact that contemporary geopolitical events are constantly being shaped by the impact of religion and religious fundamentalism on international affairs.

With a population approaching 800 million, India, one of the oldest civilizations in the world, is the home to several major religious groups including Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Zoroastrianism, and is therefore a living laboratory for studying and observing religion and modernization.

Although only a third the size of the United States, India has roughly three times the population and is the world's largest democracy. During the last decade, the country has emerged as a major world power with a continuous democratic tradition and is a leader among Third World countries with impressive achievements in the fields of agriculture, industry, and technological development.

June Birthdays

1	Bill Davis
5	Barbara Prevatte Darcy Carr
6	Michael Brown
7	Frank Johnson
8	Stella Cooper
11	Don Millus Faye Taylor
13	Sandra Mishoc Gerald Groves
14	Betsy Puskar
15	Dennis Roakes
16	Herbert Thompson
18	Chauncey Buchan Charles Wright
20	Grechen Mooningham
22	Linda Carmichael Smuriel Gerrald Carl Freeman
23	Thomas Reinisch
24	Audrey Garland Lutherene Bryant
27	Bobby Norris Roy Russell
28	Sheryl Shelley
29	Teresa Richardson

Coastal Carolina People

o **Dr. Randall A. Wells**, associate professor of English and speech, gave a workshop on May 23 concerning preserving history through writing to the sixth grade PELICAN students of Ms. Rose Hudson at Conway Middle School.

Wells also represented the Horry County Chapter of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) at a legislative thank-you breakfast and a statewide meeting on May 24, in Columbia.

o **Patricia W. Kirkland**, chairman of the department of nursing and health professions, was recently informed of her election as a member of the Board of Directors for the South Carolina League for Nursing for the term of office 1988-89. The first scheduled meeting for the newly elected Board of Directors is June 24.

Campus Calendar

May 30:

Blue Jays Baseball, Blue Jays vs. Asheville Tourists, 7:30 p.m., home.

May 31:

Blue Jays Baseball, Blue Jays vs. Asheville Tourists, 7:30 p.m., home.