Well, things should be winding down for the summer. However the combination of teaching PHS201 and PHS203 together with a guest lecture for Vasi and her class, FAR meetings, a Departmental meeting and lecturing for Entrepreneurship, I am barely keeping my head above water. Praise the US Congress for having the sense to make "Monday Holidays!" We have had Monday holidays long enough, so they seem reasonable and normal. However, having just been in a country where they still celebrate holidays on given day (and when that day falls on a week-end, you do NOT get a day off), I can see that Monday holidays are really great.

There are a number if important notices below. I do want to highlight the Grant Writing Workshop. I have found this kind of workshop to be very helpful. I hope you will take advantage of it if you schedule permits.

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Department News

JSU Offers Grant Writing and Fundraising Workshops
Jacksonville State University will offer "Grant Writing Basics" on May 27, 2009, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Anniston Meeting Center. This workshop is offered in partnership with the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission. Laura McCullars, well known for her grant writing expertise, will be the presenter.
For one participant, the cost is $15.00; for two or more from the same organization, the fee is $10.00 each. There is an additional $5.00 fee for each continuing education certificate. The PES Department will reimburse you for these fees, please give your receipts to Tracy.
For additional information, or to register by phone, contact:
Phone: (256) 782-5918 or (800) 634-7199
E-mail: ConEd.Help@jsu.edu
You can now register and pay online at www.coned.jsu.edu.
Road Trip! Take 2
We have rescheduled the trip to Little River Canyon Field School for 10:30'ish AM on Friday, 29 May. We will take a van up—with a few individuals driving their cars. Lunch will be provided. Dress for the weather—and if this weather continues plan on muddy feet.

Hot Air (Balloon not provided)
It was suggested that the Department Head should make a guest talk to classes about the breadth of the Department and the wisdom of adding some of that breadth to your transcripts. I have prepared such a talk and would be happy to speak to your classes. For this summer I will ask you to tell me when it is convenient for you. The presentation is about 15-20 minutes and it can be shortened or lengthened, as needed. Please send me an email with a date, time, place and class title, and I will add it to my schedule.

University News

JSU on YouTube
JSU has a 30 second, catchy advert on YouTube. Check it out at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWSTF62ShG0

Iolanthe (pronounced eye-o-lan-thee)
Performances of Gilbert and Sullivan’s Iolanthe run May 21-24 and May 28-30 in the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on Jacksonville State University's campus. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday Matinee on May 2 begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling 256-782-5876. Groups are welcome. There will be a special dinner and opera event available on Saturday nights, May 23 and May 30, featuring a lecture on the opera and dinner at Classic on Noble. For more information, please check out our website at http://music.jsu.edu/OPERA.

NEW Website Format for JSU
You can get a preview of the NEW JSU Website format at: http://www.jsunews.com/

OIRA Wants Your Feedback
To better serve you, the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment is conducting a study of who is using the Office’s products and services, how you are using them, and your views of the Office’s products and services you received. You can play a vital role in this process by responding to a short questionnaire. The questionnaire can be accessed on-line at http://vovici.com/HS/3511q28ca4
The last day to participate is Sunday, May 24, 2009. Your input will be completely anonymous and greatly appreciated.

Degenerate States

Southern Hospitality
One day in a small southern town the local florist goes to the single barber in the town for a haircut. After the cut the florist asked about his bill and the barber replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber goes to open his shop the next morning there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a town sheriff comes in for his regular haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The sheriff is happy and leaves the shop.

The next morning when the barber goes to open up there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Later that day, a college professor from the university in the town comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The professor is very happy and leaves the shop.

The next morning when the barber opens his shop, there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen different books, such as 'How to Improve Your Business' and 'Becoming More Successful.'

Then, a State Congressional Representative who is in the town pressing flesh and looking for votes, comes in for a haircut, and when he goes to pay his bill the barber again replies,

'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The State Representative is very happy and leaves the shop.

The next morning when the barber goes to open up, there are a dozen State Representatives lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the Government.
Contact Details

If you have items of news or interest that you would like included in the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences newsletter, then contact Tracy Casey before noon on Thursday at; tscasey@jsu.edu or phone (256) 782-5232.