The new academic year has started without any major problems. However, the Dean has been very pro-active in his request for information from the Department Heads. This has kept me busy and the number of emails from me to the faculty has also increased. I appreciate your understanding and your help.

The new scholarship policy has angered many departments. While I agree that the stated timetable needs a bit of adjustment, the single application policy is an advantage to the student. However, what seems to be at the heart of the problem in JSU’s idea that scholarships "should not put money into the pockets of the students." It is not clear to me how crediting scholarship money to tuition, fees, books or dorms is so different and better than giving the money to the students and have them pay for these items. Do we really think that our best students, students we are willing to invest hundreds if not thousands of dollars into their university education, are not capable of handling money? I can see the fingers pointing to the sports scholarships as you read this. Is this the tail wagging the dog? Or, are they trying to fix other problems with how they hand out scholarship money? I hope not.

I hope you all get a chance to try the shuttle busses. My experience has seen crowded busses. There are also more students walking. I find it nice to see students walking on campus - something that seemed to be strangely missing when I first arrived here.

Enjoy the long week-end. You can catch some nice jazz at Little River Canyon - see the details below.

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Department News

Department Meeting – 12:30 PM on Friday 11 September
We will have a Department meeting next week in the Joint Conference Room (no slide show). We have a number of important issues. These include:

- Electing a new representative to Faculty Council
- Selecting someone to head up Preview Day on 14 November
- Nomination of additional GO advisors
- Discussions on the organization of Science Olympiad
- Finalizing the courses that are exempt from Credit by Challenge
- Discussion of what to do with obviously ill students in your classroom
- Further discussion of the University scholarship process
- JSU Affirmative action policy
- Heart walk
- Credit hour production

Since several positions will be determined at this meeting, it is one that you do not want to miss! 😊

Re-registration Information
Please check your class roster to be sure that everyone attending class is enrolled in the class. As of 2 September, all students who had not paid tuition had their registration voided. If a student attending your class is not on your class roster, the likely reason is that the student’s registration was voided due to non-payment of tuition. All students in this situation have been sent an e-mail.

Please check your roster and help us work with the students by following these steps:
1. Inform the student that he or she is not registered and a re-registration form is available in the Registrar’s Office or online.
2. Offer to sign the re-registration form for the student, if the student has been attending class.

If students register late you are not credited as having taught that student.

University News

Call for Promotion and Tenure
Eligible faculty members are invited to submit portfolios and documentation of their accomplishments for promotion and/or tenure consideration. Application and guidelines are available on the Academic Affairs website. [If you are planning on Promotion and/or Tenure next year, you might find it helpful to check the website to see what is required.]
**Art Department Displays Works by McElroy and Wedler**
The Jacksonville State University Department of Art is pleased to announce the opening of EquiLOBErium: a state of balance between opposing forms of abstraction and representation. This exhibit features the works from our two newest faculty members, Allison McElroy and Anne Wedler. Their works are on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through Wednesday, September 30. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. As always, all exhibits are free and open to the public.

**Cool Weather, Full Moon and Jazz at the Canyon**
Organizers of the Smithsonian’s traveling *New Harmonies* exhibit wanted to provide the widest variety of music during its ongoing series of events. In doing so they are hoping that the community will come out to the canyon this Friday night to experience a “T.A.D. of Jazz”.
Unlike many bands, this group consists of music faculty and educators who love to teach and provide jazz for all ages. Their repertoire ranges from the music of John Coltrane, Herbie Hancock, and Duke Ellington all the way to the more current sounds of Stevie Wonder, Beyonce, The Roots and everything in between.
Included in the group will be Mr. Tyson Hall playing trumpet, Mr. Kerwin Allen playing bass and lead guitar, Mr. Dewayne Dye playing keyboards, and Mr. Courtney Jones on drums.

**What:** Canyon Center Jazz Concert  
**When:** Friday, September 4th, 2009 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** JSU Canyon Center, 472 Hwy 35  
**Cost:** $10 adults and FREE for students

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**Student News**

**Research Experience for Undergraduates at the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CITO in Chile)**
Applications are due by 9 October 2009 for 10 weeks of undergraduate research at CTIO (January through March—southern hemisphere summer!). Students earn $540 a week and round trip travel to La Serena, Chile is included. For more information check out the website: [http://www.ctio.noao.edu/REU/reu.html](http://www.ctio.noao.edu/REU/reu.html)
Actual Notes from Hospital Charts:
1. The patient refused autopsy.
2. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
3. Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
4. Patient here recovering from forehead cut. Patient became very angry when given an enema by mistake.
5. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
6. On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
7. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
8. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
10. Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.
11. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
12. She is numb from her toes down.
13. While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
14. The skin was moist and dry.
15. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
16. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
17. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
18. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
19. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
20. Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.
21. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
22. Skin: somewhat pale but present
23. Patient has two teenage children but no other abnormalities.

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.