Well, Tracy has been on vacation this week. That has left me with little to do. In keeping with that theme, this will be a short newsletter. I did attend an emergency procedure training session along with Dean Wade, Associate Dean Williams and the Head of Biology, Frank Romano. JSU is getting serious about emergency procedures. This includes everything from fires to tornadoes all the way through a campus shooting. There will be trial runs this summer to see how long it takes to lock down every building on campus (no trial shootings!). This all fits in nicely with our increased security measures for the building, because there is a major thrust on campus to repair doors that do not lock, and we will be instructed how to lock all the doors to this building. On the down side, increased security is more closed doors, less social interactions, less air circulation and increased stagnation. With a positive attitude, we will work our way through all these issues and be the better for it.

--- Lou

**Department News**

**Our sympathy**
David Steffy's wife, Pauline, passed away on Monday. Visitation is on Friday at 10:00 with the funeral at 10:30 at Thompson's Funeral Home in Piedmont (next to the high school).

**Merit applications due at the Dean's office by 30 June**
While there is no merit pay, these applications are used by the Dean to decide the various college awards made each year.

**Updated CV's due to Tracy by 30 June**
Please send Tracy a soft copy of your CV by 30 June. These are required for SACS accreditation. Any format is acceptable this year. We will all probably have to reformat our CV's next year to match some standard format. Consider yourself warned.

**FAR Memorandums Due back to Head**
A few of the Faculty have not yet returned your Faculty Annual Review (FAR) memorandums back to the Head. Please make any comments that you wish and sign and return the memorandums as soon as possible.

**IDEA evaluations in Summer Term**
Although IDEA is not used for the May term courses, the evaluation system is used for June and July courses. If you have a June course, the last day for students to fill in the evaluations is Tuesday, 29 June. Please remind your students.
**University News**

**JSU Drama Presents Relatively Speaking, June 24-27**

*Relatively Speaking*, A Farce by Alan Ayckbourn will be presented at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on June 24, 25, and 26 at 7:00 p.m. and June 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Adults: $10.00; Sr. Citizen & JSU Personnel $8.00; Students, Military, and youth $5.00. MasterCard, Visa, and Discover accepted, as well as personal checks and cash. Reservations are recommended - Please call 256-782-5648

We also note, the direction is Dr. Wayne Claeren. This will be Dr. Claeren's final production to direct as a member of JSU Drama's faculty. He will be retiring at the end of the summer.

**Deadline for Computer Purchases for this Fiscal Year**

The deadline for requesting quotes from the Division of Information Technology for computer, laptop, peripheral, and non-site license software purchases during this fiscal year is Friday, July 30, 2010. This deadline also applies to existing quotes that need updating. Purchase orders for these items should be faxed to vendors by Friday, August 6, 2010 so that receipt of the items will be within the current fiscal year. While receipt of any order cannot be guaranteed, it is imperative that this deadline be followed.

**Degenerate States**

**Norma's Birthday**

Henry forgot his wife's birthday and she was furious. She told him that, next week, there had better be something in the driveway that goes from zero to 100 in less than 5 seconds. A week later, Norman was sleeping late. His wife got up and saw, in the driveway, a shiny new bathroom scale! Norman is currently being treated at the local hospital.

**Contact Details**

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