It seems that a lot of this news was in last week's newsletter. However, there are some important items, like parking decals (no hangtags this year), and benefits open season (and increased co-pays with increased deductions from our pay checks). A number of people are traveling, so I thought it was prudent to repeat some of this info.

We appear to be in good shape for the start of the new academic year. I look forward to seeing all of you next week.

-- Lou

**Department News**

**Annual Faculty Meeting and Departmental Meeting**

Monday, 23 August at 8:00 A.M. in Leone Cole Auditorium (with coffee and pastries at 7:30 in the foyer). We are not certain what we will be told. We already know there are no raises. 😞 We will have a departmental meeting in 201 Martin Hall following the Annual Faculty Meeting (starting around 10:00 AM).

**MESC (Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium) Meeting**

I’d like to call a meeting on Aug 24th at 11:00 am (in the Joint Conference Room) for those interested in working together on projects involving the $5 million initiatives set forth by the BP grant to MESC. We need to know who will be attending the workshops in September and what projects we can work upon. Thanks, Frank Romano.

**Meeting News**

**AAG Annual Meeting – Call for Papers**

The Association of American Geographers are calling for papers (abstracts due by 20 October) for the annual meeting, 12-16 April 2011 in Seattle, Washington. More information is on their website: [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org).

**ACS Local Sections – Tuskegee University Joint Meeting**

The local sections of the American Chemical Society in Alabama have partnered with Tuskegee University's Chemistry Department to host a joint meeting with the current ACS President on the campus of Tuskegee University. Student Chapters of the ACS (formerly known as SAACS) are encouraged to display a poster during the Student Chapter sponsored poster session. Please contact Dr. Michael Curry at [Currym@tuskegee.edu](mailto:Currym@tuskegee.edu) for poster size requirements and award details. I look forward to your department's presence and participation on September 14-15.
Grant News

NSF: National Science Foundation
Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences (OEDG) Grant
http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=56606

Student News

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY at the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION
There are two openings for temporary ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN positions in the Board of Registrars Office. Work involves data entry, scanning and some GIS related duties for voter registration. Work is performed according to specific guidelines and is directed and reviewed by the Department Head. Essential qualifications:

• Full-time student currently enrolled in an undergraduate curriculum with sophomore, junior or senior status
• 2.0 GPA, majoring in Political Science, Communication, Management, Public or Business Administration, Geography or GIS
• Experience using MS Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint
• Knowledge of and/or experience using GIS software

The candidates in these positions must be able to enter and scan voter registration applications in a timely and efficiently manner. They must have the ability to assist GIS mappers with street files, projects and any map related issue. Also, the interns hired to fill these positions will be required to work long hours, holidays and weekends in order to assist with successfully completing all pre and post election activities.

This Administrative Intern positions will assist with all voter registration activities in the Board of Registrars Office. The positions require working up to 40 hours per week for all pre and post election activities. If necessary, overtime, holidays and weekends will be required. The salary for this position is $11.82 per hour.

Applications are available in the Human Resources Department, Jefferson County Courthouse, 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N., Room A-670, beginning Thursday, August 5, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will remain available until the vacancies are filled.

University News

2010-2011 Academic Year Holidays
Dr. Meehan has authorized the following official holidays for the 2010-11 school year:

Monday, September 6, 2010- Labor Day (1 Day)
Wednesday-Friday, November 24 - 26, 2010 - Thanksgiving (3 Days)
Thursday-Friday, December 23, 2010 - January 1, 2011- Christmas & New Year’s Day (7 Days) (Return to work Monday, January 3 , 2011)
Monday, January 17, 2011- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (1 Day)
March 14 - March 18, 2011 Mon - Fri Spring Holidays (5 Days)
Monday, May 30, 2011- Memorial Day (1 Day)
Monday July 4, 2011- Independence Day (1 Day)
PEEHIP, Humana/CompBenefits Open Enrollment Reminder
The last day to enroll and/or submit, on campus, changes to your PEEHIP Insurance, as well as the Humana/Compbenefits Vision plan is Tuesday, August 31, 2010. All forms mailed to PEEHIP must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2010. Members will be allowed to enroll and/or make changes to their PEEHIP Insurance plan ONLINE ONLY through SEPTEMBER 10 (assuming you have the on-line PIN number!)

Time to get your new Parking Decal
Beginning August 4, 2010 the University Police Department will begin the registration process for purchasing parking decals for the 2010-2011 terms. The cost for faculty, staff, students, and non-JSU personnel to purchase a parking decal is $25. After registering, decals should be picked up at UPD between 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday. Please bring your driver's license, vehicle registration (tag receipt), and a print out of your confirmation page, if applicable, to avoid unnecessary delays. UPD has updated the parking rules and regulations. These updates can be viewed online at http://www.jsu.edu/police/traffic.html. Persons parking on Campus should also ensure they are parking in the correct zone. A parking map is available online http://www.jsu.edu/police/docs/map.pdf. Please contact UPD at (256) 782-5050 for any questions.

Best Practices in College Teaching
Please join us for the following webinar, sponsored by the Division of Academic and Student Affairs and presented by Innovative Educators: Creating an Active Learning Environment, on Wednesday, August 25 and Tuesday, October 19 at 12:00-1:30 in 208 Self Hall. Webinar Description: Research has shown that knowledge retention can be significantly increased by creating a welcoming environment and incorporating active learning strategies into your teaching. Participants in this session will learn teaching strategies and techniques they can immediately implement in their classes to create a learning environment that actively engages their learners and ultimately improves student retention and success. Participants will receive a resource page of active learning strategies. For more information about this webinar, including learning objectives and speaker credentials, please visit: http://www.innovativeeducators.org/product_p/617.htm or contact the Office of Distance Education at dlhelp@jsu.edu.

Other News

Quilt Exhibition
The Piecemakers quilting group at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville is presenting a quilt exhibition on Saturday, August 28 from 10AM to 4 PM. The exhibition is a celebration of 10 years of quilting fellowship. It will feature work by current members and a display of heirloom pieces from their families. It will be held at St. Luke's, located one block southeast of the Square on Church St. Admission is free, but monetary donations will be accepted to benefit Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center. (My wife, Sue Ann, is a member of the group - hence the free publicity. ☺ - Lou)
Famous Quotes (and to recognize the introduction of Science Entrepreneurship to JSU)

• "A cookie store is a bad idea. Besides, the market research reports say America likes crispy cookies, not soft and chewy cookies like you make." Response to Debbi Fields’ idea of starting Mrs. Fields’ Cookies.

• "We don’t like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." Decca Recording Co., 1962.

• "Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible." Lord Kelvin, 1895.

• "If I had thought about it, I wouldn’t have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can’t do this." Spencer Silver on work that led Post-It notepads.

• "So we went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we’ve got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us? Or we’ll give it to you. We just want to do it. Pay our salary: we’ll come work for you.' And they said, 'No.' So then we went to Hewlett-Packard, and they said, 'Hey, we don’t need you. You haven’t got through college yet.'" Steve Jobs.

• "Professor Goddard does not know the relation between action and reaction and the need to have something better than a vacuum against which to react. He seems to lack the basic knowledge ladled out daily in high schools." New York Times editorial, 1921.

• "Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try and find oil? You’re crazy." Drillers who Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist 1859.

• "Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." Irving Fisher, 1929.

• "Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." Marechal Foch, Ecole Superieure de Guerre.

• "Everything that can be invented has been invented." Charles H. Ducl

• "Louis Pasteur’s theory of germs is ridiculous fiction." Pierre Pachet, 1872.

• "The abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon." Sir John Eric Ericksen, 1873.

• "640K ought to be enough for anybody." Bill Gates, 1981.

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