Well my apologies to the Geographers. I referred to their organization as Gamma Tau Upsilon instead of the proper **Gamma Theta Upsilon** in the last issue of the Newsletter. These Greek letters, gamma, theta, upsilon are the initials of the Greek words, *ge, thalassa, and hypaithros* (or earth, sea, and atmosphere). You can see that the proper letters have significance. I do apologize for this mistake.

The Spring class schedule is now live. Tracy has worked very hard to make certain that all the courses are listed at the correct times and in the correct rooms. If you have any concerns about your courses, please log-on to Banner and check out your courses.

It is Fall and the temperatures have dropped from unbearable to delightful. This also means that it takes a bit more incentive to get students to study (both carrot and stick). Speaking of the weather, the heat and humidity of summer took its toll on plants in my yard (I refuse to water as much as I should). The heat and humidity also took its toll on the compressed air in the chemistry laboratories. I will spend some time seeing if we can improve the system. Unfortunately, the problems caused by heat and humidity are things that we have to learn to deal with when living in the South.

There are various things happening around campus - many of the items have been captured below. We also have three faculty members with applications for tenure. The application folders are in my office. You can view them at any time. If you plan to take them to your office, bring a cart along! Keep up the good work with teaching and research.

-- Lou

**Department News**

**Textbook Adoption Forms**

Are due at the bookstore, TODAY, 1 October. Please make certain that yours are submitted. Some changes in personnel at the bookstore might mean long delays if your request is not submitted on time. 😊

**Meeting of Tenured Faculty**

We will meet in the Joint Conference on Thursday, 7 October to discuss promotion applications. The meeting is scheduled to last from 11:30 until 1:15. If you cannot attend any or part of this meeting, please review the applications (available in my office) and feel free to send comments to be shared at the meeting. - Lou
A Reminder about Computer Passwords
The JSU Division of Information Technology will NEVER contact you via e-mail to ask you to respond with your password or personal account information. If you receive an e-mail that seemingly looks like it came from JSU that asks for you to verify your account or send your password, you may delete it or forward it to phishalert@jsu.edu.

American Chemical Society Blood Drive and Bake Sale
The American Chemical Society is having a blood drive by Martin Hall on Thursday, October 7 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The group will also have a bake sale along with the blood drive.

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JSU Drama to Present: Doubt, A Parable By John Patrick Shanley
At the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center, Mainstage, Jacksonville State University, Corner of Church and Eleventh on October 7, 8, 9 at 7:00 p.m. and October 10 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 Recommended - Call 256-782-5648

Safe and Secure Campus
Anytime there is a security/safety problem or potential problem (such as a suspicious person), UPD should be called immediately, allowing them an opportunity to investigate. This is especially important during early morning/late night hours when there are fewer people in the building. Should there be a problem, the person involved should file a report with UPD, preferably in Salls Hall (reports are completed on the computer). If this is not possible, a UPD officer can be scheduled to meet with the individual. Another option is the online reporting system: http://www.jsu.edu/police/reportacrime.html.

Employment Opportunities

Note: These are sent to the Head, and I am passing them as information. I do not want ANYONE to leave. However, these might be offer opportunities that are special or these might be appropriate for a friend or colleague or former student. (The increase in these offers is a good sign of economic recovery!)

NORTH DAKOTA, GRAND FORKS
The Department of Geography at the University of North Dakota invites applications for two positions. The first is for an urban geographer with a strong interest in cartography/GIS to fill a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning 16 August 2011. The second is for a broadly-trained geographer to fill a non-tenure-track, one-year appointment with the possibility of future multi-year contracts based on performance and budget at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning 16 August 2011. For more information email: bradley.rundquist@und.edu or visit the web site: http://www.und.edu/dept/Geog/mainpage.htm
Volunteer trail builders at Little River Canyon celebrating National Public Lands Day

Cooking up an Apple Cobbler and other desserts after trail building.

Fall Career Fair on Oct. 7 at Merrill Hall
You have your résumé ready. You’ve almost finished your degree. What next? You need to network to land that dream job, and the Career Fair can help you make those connections! All students are invited to bring their résumés, meet recruiters and pursue employment opportunities at the JSU Career Fair, sponsored by Career Services, on
October 7. The event will take place in the Merrill Hall atrium from 9 a.m. - noon. The fair is open to all students, and faculty, staff and employees are encouraged to attend and meet representatives from the business community, as well. For more information, please contact Becca Turner, Director of Career Services, at ext. 5485.

**AAG Marble-Boyle Undergraduate Achievement Awards**

recognize excellence in academic performance by undergraduate students who are putting forth a strong effort to bridge geographic science and computer science as well as to encourage other students to embark upon similar programs. Each of the Marble-Boyle Undergraduate Achievement Awards consists of a cash prize of $700, a $200 credit for books published by the ESRI Press and a certificate of recognition. All Marble-Boyle awardees will be eligible to compete for an additional research fellowship award that is being offered every two years by the MicroGIS Foundation for Spatial Analysis (MFSA). In addition to access to research facilities, the MFSA fellowship will cover all transportation and housing costs for up to four months of work with MFSA in Lausanne, Switzerland. For complete information about eligibility, criteria, and application procedures, please refer to the AAG webpage describing the award at [http://www.aag.org/cs/marble-boyle](http://www.aag.org/cs/marble-boyle).

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**Degenerate States**

**More in the Flavor of last Week**

How do you fit four elephants in a mini? 2 in the front and 2 in the back!

How do you know when there’s an elephant in your fridge? By the footprints in the jello!

How do you know when there’re four elephants in your fridge? The mini’s parked outside!

**I Didn’t Know That!**

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

There are only four words in English that end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

"Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.

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**Contact Details**

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