I have had several conversations with the Dean since he returned from China. As a Department, we have a lot of support from the Dean. You can see below that he has contributed to our new NMR spectrometer. We also nearly have an endowed professorship in geography (LeAnn is working for the Dean). Also, I just learned that we would be getting new computers for our physics labs. I will miss the students laughing at the old computers when they first walk into the lab. Many snicker and comment that they have never seen such an old computer in their entire life. If you see the Dean, you can always say Hi and “thanks.”

I note that we need help for Preview Day.
-- Lou

**Department News**

**Preview Day on 13 November**
**IT IS AT A NEW TIME: 12:00 until 2:30 on Saturday.** We NEED volunteers to help!

**Endowed Professorship in Geography**
LeAnn Crowe (who occupies the office next to Tracy) has been busy. She has raised nearly enough funds (more than 90% of the funds) to endow the Leon and Mary Moore McCluer Professorship in Geography. Professor Leon McCluer (b 1 Oct 1893, d 2 Oct 1983) was a well-liked geography professor at JSU. His son, Retired Col. Woody McCluer, lives in Jacksonville. The McCluer Chapel on campus is also named in memory of Professor McCluer. If you or anyone you know would like to contribute to this exciting new named professorship, send the contributions to:
JSU Foundation
Leon & Mary Moore McCluer Professorship
700 Pelham Road NE
Jacksonville, AL 36365
We will work on trying to get some of our Alumni to also contribute to this fund.

**NMR Spectrometer Update**
The bids are in and with the NMR Spectrometer has been purchased with a combination of funds from the Department of Education and JSU. The Dean and Dr. Turner were very generous in allowing us to purchase a state-of-the-art spectrometer. We anticipate delivery and commissioning of the superconducting magnets in early April 2011.
On-line Open Lectures
Office of Distance Education invites faculty to participate in the JSU Open Lecture Project, which is designed to exhibit the knowledge and expertise of JSU’s faculty. Our goal is to facilitate the free distribution of knowledge via iTunes U and support the lifelong learning of our students, staff, faculty, alumni and the greater learning community. Interested faculty from all disciplines and skill levels are encouraged to submit proposals. Prior podcasting experience is NOT required.

Each proposal should be for a "collection" of audio/video podcasts covering a single topic or series of related topics. Each collection should consist of 8 to 15 lectures, with each lecture lasting 3 to 10 minutes. Proposals should include a brief abstract (approximately 350 characters) and a summary of the topic(s) to be covered (no more than 1000 characters). Note: Proposals for multiple collections will be accepted, but should be submitted separately. Proposals must be submitted by 12:00 p.m., November 2, 2010. Selections will be announced via email by the Office of Distance Education on November 11, 2010.

University News

Celebrate Autumn at Canyon Fest 2010
Celebrate Autumn at Canyon Fest 2010, a celebration of art and nature at the Little River Canyon Center, on Saturday, November 6, 2010, 10:00 – 3:00...Arts, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Hikes, Children's Activities, Music, Great Food and More!!

Employment Opportunities

Book Review Editor Sought for Annals of the AAG
The Association of American Geographers seeks applications and nominations for the Book Review editor for the Annals of the Association of American Geographers. A letter of application should be accompanied by a complete curriculum vitae. Nominations and applications should be submitted by January 20, 2011. Please e-mail applications or letters of nomination to Journals Managing Editor Robin Maier at rmaier@aag.org.

Nature and Society Section Editor Sought for Annals of the AAG
The Association of American Geographers seeks applications and nominations for the Nature and Society section editor for the Annals of the Association of American Geographers. A letter of application that addresses both qualifications and a vision for the Nature and Society section should be accompanied by a complete curriculum vitae. Nominations and applications should be submitted by January 20, 2011. Please e-mail applications or letters of nomination to Journals Managing Editor Robin Maier at rmaier@aag.org.

Meeting News

ACS Meeting Abstract Deadline
Deadline for sending abstracts for the ACS meeting is Nov. 1st, 2010. This is much earlier than last year!!!! (Jan Gryko)

AAG Extends Deadline for Abstracts to Nov. 10
AAG Annual Meeting · April 12-16, 2011 · Seattle, Washington
Degenerate States

The Little Old Lady
A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. When he stopped, she stopped. And she kept staring at him. Finally, she overtook him at the checkout and turned saying "I hope I haven’t made you feel ill at ease but you look so much like my late son." He answered, "That’s okay." She added, "I know it’s silly, but if you’d call out 'Goodbye, Mom' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy." She then went through the checkout and as she left the store the man called out, "Goodbye, Mom." The little old lady waved, smiled and went on her way. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into her day, he checked through his groceries. "That comes to $121.85," said the clerk. "How much!" said the man, "I only bought 5 items!" "Yeah" replied the clerk, "but your Mother said you’d be paying for her things too."

Contact Details

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