Money is tight. I thank everyone for their list of wants and needs. The Dean gave us a relatively small sum of money and specified the priorities – different from what I suggested. So, most of you will not see what you put onto your wish list—sorry. I am keeping this list in the event that some money frees up from another source. (Hope springs eternal!)

However, for those of you who read in the newspaper that JSU is considering selling beer at the football games, you should realize that finances are extremely tight. The idea that JSU is willing to take on some of the large churches in Jacksonville and sell alcohol is something that I never expected to see. Don’t get me wrong, I am not opposed to drinking alcohol – I love my wine. I just realize the magnitude of the opposition. This is a big deal. The Anniston Star, in their editorial, said the proposed sale of beer at football games is a consequence of the State of Alabama refusing to properly fund education. That might be part of the problem. However, it is a major problem that is going to take a long time and more than beer at the football games to fix.

-- Lou

**Department News**

**Summer Grade Due Dates**
The remaining final grades for the summer are due on June 29, 2011 at 1:15 PM and July 29, 2011 at 1:15 PM.

**NMR Update**
The new NMR is up and running. The chemists are trying to learn how to use the software—it is not “user-friendly” software. The magnet is also going through some of its early-life adjustments. That means you can spend three days getting all the “shims” set correctly and come in the next day and find that something moved and you have start again to set the shims. Still, there have been some important spectra obtained from the new machine. We are looking for a formal training session in August.
Lockdown Practice and Drill
Today (Friday) at 10:00 AM there will be a practice lockdown of Martin and McGee Halls. Then on next Wednesday, at some undisclosed time there will be a lock down drill. We are supposed to get all the doors to the buildings locked in a few, very short minutes. Your help to lock the doors will be appreciated.

University News

JSU Presents Southern Playwright Winner 'Southbridge'
The JSU Drama Department will perform Reginald Edmund’s Southbridge June 23-26. Southbridge is the 2010 winner of the Southern Playwright’s Competition. June 23-25 7 PM and June 26 2 PM at the Ernest Stone Center of the Performing Arts.

What would you do if your visions came true? How would you handle being able to “see” into someone’s soul? Christopher Davis has this gift—or is it a curse? There is one person he cannot see. Will this be his downfall? It’s the fall of 1881 and Christopher Davis has just been arrested—is he really guilty, or is he wrongfully accused? Southbridge is the 2008-09 National Runner-up for both the Kennedy Center’s Lorraine Hansberry Playwriting Award and Rosa Parks Playwriting Award.

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant on Campus in June, July
Setting up a long-term financial plan can be a complicated task. It involves evaluating your potential income sources, and then factoring in the impact of taxes, inflation and the larger economic picture. Meeting with a TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant can help you sort things out and make informed decisions. Paul Cimino, a TIAA-CREF Senior Individual Consultant will be at JSU to conduct individual counseling sessions on the following days:
June 29th, 30th, July 25th, 26th, and August 16th in Bibb Graves Hall Rm. # 323
If you are interested in signing up for a counseling session, please call TIAA-CREF at 800-732-8353.

Degenerate States

Double Glazing
Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with expensive, double-glazed windows. Yesterday, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the windows had been installed a year ago and I had not paid for them yet. Hellloooo? I’m not stupid. I told him just exactly what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year -- namely, that in just one year these windows would pay for themselves! Helllooooo? "It’s been a year!" I told him.....

There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I just hung up. He hasn’t called back. Probably embarrassed about forgetting the guarantee they made.
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 Thursdays at: tscasey@jsu.edu or phone (256) 782-5232.