Well, we are into July. In some respects it seems like it has been a long, hot summer. In other respects, the summer has flown by. Things continue to be relatively quiet during the summer. I do want to draw your attention to the final grade deadline (29 July as explained below).

I do hope that everyone takes some time out this summer to relax, maybe travel, maybe spend time with friends and family. The pace will pick up this fall (late August, to be exact) with a record number of students at JSU. We will all have very full teaching loads.

Next week I have a Department Heads’ workshop in St. Louis. The workshop is Wednesday through Friday. My family is in St. Louis, so I will drive up on Saturday and visit them for the 4th of July weekend and then attend the workshop before heading back to Jacksonville on 10 July. So, I will get my chance to see my family and relax a bit.

Enjoy the 4th of July weekend. Be safe with any fireworks.

-- Lou

**Department News**

**Summer Grade Due Dates**
The remaining final grades for the summer are due on July 29, 2011 at 1:15 PM. Please note this date on your calendars. We had several grades not turned in on the deadline this past Wednesday. That creates a lot more paperwork for you, for me and for many other across the campus.

**Freshman Enrollments are UP!**
The Dean met with several Department Heads (me included) about opening up new sections of first year courses for incoming freshmen. Many courses (like CY105 Chem I) were completely filled (two sections each with 90 students) BEFORE the first day of freshman orientation. Thus, enrollments for the intro-level courses will be up very significantly next year. We had to add a third section of CY105 so that incoming freshman could enroll in chemistry. Some teaching schedules will be shifted and we might have to further changes if other classes fill up.
Computer / Software Purchasing Deadlines
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 29, 2011. Purchase orders for these items should be faxed to vendors by Friday, August 5, 2011 so that receipt of the items will be within the current fiscal year. Purchases of University site-license software for this fiscal year must be requested through a Computer Service Request (CSR) by Friday, August 19, 2011.

Mileage Rate Changes 1July
Effective July 1, 2011, the mileage allowance for the use of a privately owned vehicle will change to 55.5 cents per mile.

JSU Board of Trustees to Meet July 11
The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 10 a.m. on the eleventh floor of the Houston Cole Library.

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant on Campus in 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: 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
Humour for Lexophiles (Lovers Of Words)
•I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
•Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
•The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
•To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
•When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
•The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
•A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.
•Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.
•When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
•The math professor went crazy with the blackboard. He did a number on it.
•The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
•The dead batteries were given out free of charge.
•If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.
•A will, is a dead giveaway.
•In a democracy it’s your vote that counts; in feudalism, it’s your Count that votes.
• If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
• Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
• When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
• The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
• A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France, resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.
• You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
• Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.
• He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
• A calendar's days are numbered.
• A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
• A boiled egg is hard to beat.
• He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
• A plateau is a high form of flattery.
• Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
• When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
• When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
• Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
• Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
• Acupuncture: a jab well done.

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