



Well, Kelly Gregg, is predicting a phantom earthquake to strike Jacksonville. We had a phantom snowstorm that caused a delayed start to local schools. Then we had a phantom ice storm that delayed schools and a CORE conference on campus. This week we had a phantom tornado that crowded everyone into the hallway on the first floor. As long as the disasters are "phantom," I will not complain.

Below are the most important of the various activities happening around campus. I am looking forward to the Chili cook-off. To the many new folks in the Department, I encourage you to participate. It is a lot of fun. There are always a full range of chili's to taste. Please consider adding you favorite chili to the friendly competition.

Have a great week-end. We finally get a day off from work for Groundhog Day! ☺

--Lou

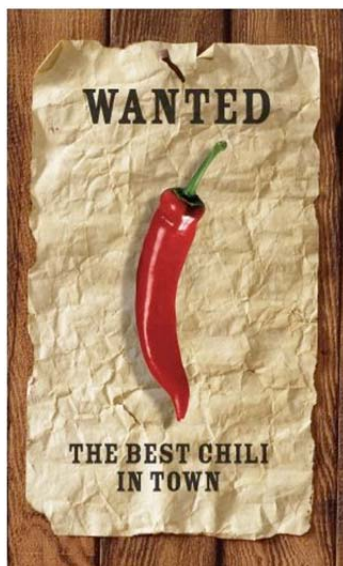
Department News

FINAL NOTICE: Travel and Self-improvement Grants

The guidelines and application are also available at

http://www.jsu.edu/academicaffairs/travel_grant.html.

Applications are due to the Dean's office by February 5, 2013.



Annual Chili Cook-off

Mark your calendars for Wednesday 20 February from 11:45 to 1:00 PM for the annual chili cook-off. Sign ups are being accepted on the mail-room door. We are looking for some new "blood" (or capsicum) in the contest this year. This is always a great event. Be certain to spread the word. The more chili and the more tasters we have, the better the event. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Faculty Research Grants

I hope you will apply for the JSU Faculty Research Grants. The deadline for receipt of these in the **Associate Dean's** office (246 Martin Hall) is **Monday, March 18**, to provide time for review prior to the University deadline. Faculty should follow these instructions in preparing an application:

1. Please go to the Academic Affairs website for information on the Guidelines for Research Proposal Format.

http://www.jsu.edu/academicaffairs/research_grant.html

2. Submit the original signed copy of the submission form, using the current form available online at the above address. Please do not use old forms! Also, please do not send multiple copies of the application; our office will get the Dean's signature, make the Faculty Research Committee's requested ten copies, and deliver them to the committee chair, Dr. Jimmy Griffin.

3. Please print the detailed line item budget, in the requested format, on its own page on white paper. Our office will copy this onto the requested colored paper.

4. If you received a faculty research grant in 2012-2013, please attach the progress report for that grant to the back of the 2013-2014 proposal submission. These progress reports are also due to Dr. Griffin by March 1.

5. Please include a current CV for each researcher.

6. Note that a faculty member is limited to the submission of one proposal as a principal investigator per year.

iPad News

iPad Users Group Meeting

We will have our next iPad Users Group meeting on Wednesday, 6 February at 12:30 -1:30 in 202 Martin Hall. This will be another low-key meeting to answer questions and share ideas. You are most welcome to attend. Bring your iPad. We will discuss printing from the iPad.

Thought for the Day



"I'm going to need a Margin of Error or I can't publish your prediction of six more weeks of winter."

College and University News

Sara Beth Drake is Miss JSU 2013

A 19-year-old pre-engineering student and Marching Ballerina from Cullman has been crowned Miss JSU 2013. Sara Beth Drake, a sophomore whose platform is "Improving Literacy in Your Community," was crowned on January 18 in Leone Cole Auditorium.



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