



We have nearly hit mid-semester and the newsletter is full of things happening on campus. We will all look forward to the break at the end of the month. Please note the Department meeting on Monday, the deadlines for mid-term grades, sexual harassment prevention training the faculty research grants.

I will repeat that I will help to nominate our faculty members for the Faculty Awards. If you have any interest or just want to talk about the topic, stop by and see me.

March is supposed to come in a like a lion and go out like a lamb. The threat of snow flurries tonight is pretty "lion-like" weather for this part of Alabama. This bodes well for a warm Spring Break. (My students are going to hate that take-home test I am giving them over Spring Break!)

I attended a great piano concert last night. The pianist is on the Faculty of Auburn and he played a piece by Gyorgi Ligeti. I now know the source of the two-note piano music that accompanies much of Stanley Kubrick's movie, *Eyes Wide Shut*. Have a great week-end.

--Lou

## Department News

### **Department Meeting Monday at 12:30**

An important Department meeting will be held on Monday at 12:30 in 202 Martin Hall. We will be talking about Student Learning Outcomes and I will give you some background about the cryptic email from me.

### **Mid-Term Grades Due on 7 March**

Mid-term grades for all students with a D or an F in your classes are due on 7 March.

### **Sexual Harassment Prevention Training**

Everyone is required to have annual training to prevent sexual harassment. The training program is new this year. To access it, to go: <http://elearning.ue.org>  
You will need to register as a new user on the right-hand side of the page. The Institution Registration Code is: 1106-SC37-XY12

The session takes about 45 minutes and is, in my opinion, much better than the program we had in previous years. You are supposed have this completed by 15 March.



### **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](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.

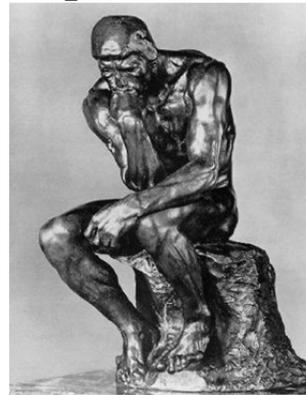
3. Please print the detailed line item budget, in the requested format, on its own page on white paper. Our office will copy this onto the requested colored paper.

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.

### **Thought for the Day**



Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing. -- **Wernher von Braun**

## **College and University News**

### **Faculty Awards Nominations Sought**

The Faculty Senate is pleased to announce that nominations are sought for the following faculty awards:

- Faculty Scholar Lecturer Award
- Outstanding Teacher Award
- Ringer Faculty Development Award
- Thomas Award for Outstanding Community Education/Service

All full-time faculty members are eligible. Nominations by self, students, colleagues or department heads are encouraged. Please refer to [Faculty Awards](#) for guidelines. The recipients will be recognized at the Faculty Awards Reception on May 14, 2013



### March 6 Wellness Wednesday- Fighting Chronic Fatigue

Are you battling chronic fatigue? Did you know that there are foods that can help you fight it? Come to Wellness Wednesday on March 6 and enjoy a fatigue-fighting, healthy lunch menu that won't break your calorie budget! The

meal is prepared by Family and Consumer Sciences majors and will be followed by a presentation by Exercise Science and Wellness majors. The meal will consist of spinach and mandarin orange salad, grilled beef kabobs and roasted squash and zucchini, and cubed angel food cake with blueberries. The lunch begins at noon in Room 118 of Mason Hall. The cost of the meal is \$7.



Please make your reservations by calling Lynn Steward at 256-782-5054.

Take out plates are available.

### JSU Drama Presents 'Brigadoon' thru Mar 3

Jacksonville State University department of Drama is proud to present "BRIGADOON," through March 3 at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center Theatre.

#### PERFORMANCE TIME AND DATES

- March 1-March 2 at 7 p.m.
- March 3 at 2 p.m.

#### TICKET PRICES

- \$10 for Students and Military
- \$12 for JSU Faculty/Staff and Senior Citizens
- \$15 for Adults

For reservations, please call (256)782-5648.



### Pulitzer Prize Winner Diane McWhorter to Speak at JSU

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Diane McWhorter will be visiting Jacksonville State University on March 14, 2013, to deliver the annual Ayers Lecture hosted by the JSU Department of Communication.

Ms. McWhorter will be speaking at 1:00 on the Fifth Floor of Stadium Towers. Admission is free and this event will be open to the general public. Doors will open at 12:40.

#### Contact Details

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](mailto:tscasey@jsu.edu) or phone (256) 782-5232.