

Hartsell Named Calhoun Interim President



During a college-wide meeting of Calhoun faculty and staff in April, Department of Postsecondary Education Chancellor Fred Gainous announced and introduced the college's Interim President.

Dr. Ed Hartsell, immediate past president of Pensacola Junior College (Florida), assumed the position on Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Hartsell was appointed to replace Richard Carpenter, who recently left Calhoun to assume the position of President of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

In introducing Hartsell, Gainous said, "Dr. Hartsell is committed to students, faculty, teaching and learning, and business and industry." Gainous also noted Hartsell's extensive background and experience in higher education, specifically his work in the community college arena.

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im President of Daytona Beach Community College, from August 1998 to July 1999. In addition to serving as president of Pensacola Junior College, a position he held for 18 years until his retirement in 1998, Hartsell also served as founding president for six years of East Arkansas Community College. He has held the position of Dean of Instruction at Broward Community College as well as Campus Provost. Hartsell held positions at Florida Atlantic University and has experience as a classroom teacher at the middle school, high school, and college levels. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Marine Aerologist.

A native of Louisiana, Hartsell received a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida, a master's degree from Florida Atlantic University, and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Auburn University. Hartsell, and his wife Joyce, currently reside near Minor Hill, Tennessee, approximately 30 miles from Calhoun. They are the parents of six children.

Carpenter Leaves Calhoun to Lead Wisconsin Technical College System

Dr. Richard Carpenter, former Calhoun president, recently left the College to assume the position of President/Executive Director of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

President of Calhoun, the state's largest two-year college, since 1992, Carpenter assumes leadership of a system comprised of 16 colleges with 47 campuses across the state of Wisconsin. The system serves over 440,000 students each year and offers more than 300 programs.

"I have a host of reasons for leaving," said Carpenter of his departure. "Some are personal, but primarily this is a

career move, a major career step. It certainly is not anything at Calhoun that would make me want to go. It's the best place I've ever worked, without exception. I will harbor very fond memories of my years at Calhoun for the rest of my life," Carpenter added.



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Nursing Department Hosts Second Annual "Let's Pretend Hospital" for Area First Graders

For the second consecutive year, the Calhoun Nursing Department, in partnership with Decatur General Hospital and the Calhoun Foundation, hosted "Let's Pretend Hospital", a mock hospital for area first graders.

According to Jan Peek, chair-



person of the Nursing Department, "Let's Pretend Hospital" is a project to provide first graders with 'friendly' information about what actually happens when someone is admitted to the hospital, has surgery, etc. "All the information presented in this mock hospital setting was done so on a non-threatening, first grade level," said Ms. Peek.

Over 1000 first graders from Decatur City, Morgan County, and several local private schools participated in this activity, touring the various areas of the mock hospital. The hospital, which was set up throughout the College's Shelton Health Building, included an admissions

office, ER, hospital room, operating room, and discharge area. Calhoun Nursing students and Nursing faculty assembled the "hospital".

"This project was a great opportunity for Calhoun's Nursing Department to partner with one of our largest nursing employers, Decatur General," commented Ms. Peek. "It also provided an opportunity for our associate degree nursing students to participate in health teaching and be actively involved in a community pediatric experience," she added.



Calhoun's Bradas, Johnson Honored Among State's Top Two-Year College Students

The Alabama College System recently honored 53 two-year college students for their selection to the All-Alabama Academic Team. A banquet at Birmingham's Wynfrey Hotel was the setting for recognizing these outstanding students for their selection to either the First Team or Second Team.

Recent Calhoun graduates Kristen Marie Bradas and Christopher Johnson were among the students recognized as the state's top two-year college students. Kristen, Calhoun's First Team Member, graduated with a major in communications. While at Calhoun, she was a member of Sigma Kappa Delta, Phi Theta Kappa, and served as a Calhoun Warhawk. She was selected as 2001 Most Outstanding English Student and was named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Kristen was awarded a Presidential Scholarship to the University of Montevallo and graduated from Calhoun with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Calhoun's Second Team Member, Christopher, graduated with a major in Music Industry. At Calhoun, he was a member of the Student Government Association, Baptist Campus Ministries, and the Calhoun Warhawks. Christopher was the recipient of the Betsy Cantrell Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Leadership, the recipient of the National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award, and was named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Christopher graduated with a grade point average of 3.93.

Dr. Fred Gainous, outgoing chancellor of The Alabama College System, members of the State Board of Education, respective college presidents, and Rep. Betty Carol Graham, a member of the All-Alabama Academic Team board of directors, presented each student with a medallion and a cash scholarship to any accredited institution of higher education in Alabama. The 27 First Team honorees received a \$600 scholarship. The 26 Second Team

honorees received a \$300 scholarship.

The Alabama College System's All-Alabama Academic Team Recognition Program was established in 1995 as an enhancement to the All-USA National Academic Team Recognition Program, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the American Association of Community Colleges, and *USA Today*. In recent years, six students from Calhoun have been recognized on the All-USA first or second teams. Honorees must possess a minimum grade point average of 3.25, be involved in campus activities, and have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours.



Christopher Johnson



Kristin Marie Bradas

Calhoun Selected as National Headquarters for English Honor Society

The Board of Directors for the Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society has selected Calhoun Community



College as the official site for the Society's national headquarters. In addition, Calhoun English Instructor Dr. Sheila Byrd was named the Society's national Executive Director.

Sigma Kappa Delta is the national English honor Society for two-year colleges and has the following purposes: 1) to recognize and reward outstanding achievement in English and literature; 2) to provide cultural stimulation and promote interest in English on two-year college campuses and in the communities they serve; 3) to foster English in all its aspects; 4) to promote good professional interaction among its members; and 5) to exhibit high standards of academic achievement.

Membership is extended to all two-year college English faculty and to students enrolled in a college with a Sigma Kappa Delta chapter; have completed one college English or literature course with a "B" or better grade; completed at least 12 semester hours or the equivalent quarter hours; and rank in the highest 30 percent of their class.

Surgical/Operating Technology Program Receives Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Applied Health Education Programs has announced that the College's Surgical/Operating Room (SOR) Technology program has been granted initial accreditation for the period January 2002 - January 2005.

The State Board of Education granted approval for the creation of Calhoun's Surgical/Operating Room program in 2000, with the initial class of students being admitted in the fall of 2000. The college's Surgical/Operating Room Technology program is one of several programs included in Calhoun's Allied Health division.

The 12-month certificate degree program is designed to prepare graduates for employment and careers in the rapidly growing field of Surgical Technology. Surgical Technologists are integral members of the

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*Grant Wilson
Program Coordinator*



surgical team who work closely with surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses, and other surgical personnel in delivering patient care.

"Accreditation of our SOR program is an extremely important step for us, from both the standpoint of our curriculum and just as importantly for our students," commented Program Coordinator Grant Wilson. "Accreditation of the program means that our graduates are now able to sit for the national certification exam," added Wilson.

Because class size is limited, entrance into the SOR program at Calhoun is by selection. Currently, there are 18 students enrolled in the program.



New Program Targets Out-of-School Youth

A \$549,435 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Out-of-School Youth grant awarded to Calhoun is providing funding to the College and a consortium of area agencies, Chambers of Commerce, employment services, and local businesses to provide assistance to local out-of-school youth.

The WIA Out-of-School Youth program targets out-of-school youth ages 14-21 to provide education and skills training and employment opportunities. To be eligible for the program, youth must be low-income and/or have a disability and either have graduated from high school but need some assistance or unable to graduate for some reason. According to Program Director Bruce Pieper, the program is designed to assist at least 350 youth in Morgan, Limestone and Lawrence counties. Youthful offenders may use this program as an option to their sentencing.

The grant will fund classroom,

occupational and life lessons and provide support services such as transportation, childcare and rehabilitation. "It is important that youth participating know that this is not just another 'program,'" commented Pieper. "This represents an 'opportunity' for our youth; not just a job, but a career," he added.

Occupational training will be included with the educational opportunities. Individuals may receive up to \$12,500 for two years of college or advanced education. And, while the grant can provide assistance in obtaining a GED, "we do not encourage dropping out of school," Pieper said.

Participating youth start with a career assessment to determine aptitudes and abilities. After the assessment, participants can decide which career path to take. "Our 'one-stop' approach can provide youth with any service necessary for them to receive training or a two-year degree," said Felisha Tay-

lor, program coordinator.

Partnering agencies in the program include Chambers of Commerce in Morgan, Limestone and Lawrence counties as well as Hartselle; PACT (Parents and Children Together); SOS (System of Services); ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs); the Department of Industrial Relations; the Department of Rehabilitation Services; the Department of Education/Adult Education; the Department of Human Resources; the Department of Post-secondary Education; and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Interested youth should contact the WIA Out-of-School Youth program office at 256/306-2674 or visit their website at www.calhoun.edu/outofschool for more information.



*2002
Top Ten
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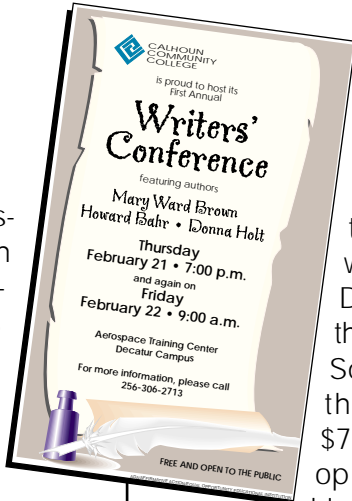
2002 Top Ten, l-r: Andrew "Andy" John King; Daphne Fletcher; Kristen Marie Bradas; Mark Christopher; Nicholas "Nick" Preuitt; Christopher Johnson; Jeanine Woodruff; Lorene "Lori" Olive; Jennifer Laxson; James Christopher Day.

Calhoun English Department Hosts Successful Writers' Conference

During the spring semester, the College's English Department hosted a Writers' Conference at Calhoun's Decatur campus. Coordinators of the conference, which featured authors Mary Ward Brown, Howard Bahr, and Donna Holt, were English faculty members Drs. Sheila Byrd and Randy Cross.

Mrs. Brown's first book, *Tongues of Flame*, received the PEN Hemingway Award and the Lillian Smith Award. Her new collection of stories, *It Wasn't All Dancing*, was the focus of Decatur's "Same Book, Same Time" project. Bahr's first novel, *The Black Flower*, won the Vursell award for distinguished prose from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the Best Military Book award from the Naval War college and the Library of Congress. His second novel, *The Year of Jubilo*, received the Best Novel of the Year award from the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters. Ms. Holt is an award-winning author whose story "Rose" received the first place award from the Southern Literary Festival, and her story "Fruit" appears in *Alabama Bound*, a collection of stories from around the state.

Over 500 persons attended the two-day event. "The response from people attending was more than we expected," commented Cross. "It wasn't all students here, either. There were many people from the general public who attended, too," Cross added.



College's Child Development Center Awarded State Grant

Calhoun's Child Development Center has received word from Governor Don Siegelman and the Alabama Office of School Readiness of the awarding of a \$75,000 grant to develop and operate a pre-kindergarten FACE

Program for the coming year.

FACE (Four Year-olds Accelerating Through Creative Experiences) is specifically designed to enhance the educational experiences of children who are four years old by September 1, 2002. The grant monies will be used to hire teachers, purchase equipment and curriculum supplies, ensure healthy meals and snacks during the school day, provide health screenings (physical, vision, hearing and dental exams), and enrichment activities for the children enrolled in the program. Qualified children will attend classes 6.5 hours per day for 175 days during the grant period. In addition, parenting workshops will be arranged for participants.

According to Lucy Cohen, director of Child Development Pro-



grams at Calhoun, this program will add 18 additional spaces to the College's existing Child Development Lab that already has over 20 children on the waiting list. For more information about the FACE program, contact Lucy Cohen at 256-306-2752.



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Outstanding Faculty and Staff Honored

During the 2002 Honors Day program at Calhoun Community College, awards were presented for the College's Outstanding Full and Part-time Faculty and Outstanding Service Award for College Staff. Individuals to be considered for the awards were nominated by students, faculty and staff at the college.

Recipients of the 2002 awards were Dr. Jerry Armor, chairperson of the College's Social Science Division, winner of the Carlton W. Kelley Teaching Excellence Award for Full-time Faculty; John Davis, an adjunct faculty member in the Fine Arts Division, recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award for Part-time Faculty; and Jackie Gooch, secretary for the Dean of Instruction, recipient of the Outstanding Service Award.

- Lucinda M. Beddow, head librarian, has been named chair of the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) Council. She succeeds Dr. Stella Bentley, dean of Auburn University libraries. The AVL Council is made up of representatives of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (four-year colleges and universities), the Alabama College System (two-year colleges), the State Department of Education (K-12), Alabama public libraries, and the Alabama Super-computer Authority.
- During the spring semester, Music Instructor Holly Powe completed an European tour with the *Moses Hogan Singers*, featuring soprano Barbara Hendrick. The nationally-auditioned group of 30 singers records and performs arrangements of spirituals and original works of world-renowned composer, Moses Hogan. Holly has been a member of the group for three years. *The Moses Hogan Singers* have toured Europe, Australia, and the United States, and

the choir's five albums are available through MGH Records.

- Calhoun Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Kermit Carter was recognized with the *John Abbott Award for Outstanding Loaned Executive of the Year* from the United Way of Morgan County for his leadership in nearly tripling the participation of Calhoun faculty, staff and administrators in this year's United Way campaign.
- Jody Upchurch, assistant dean for Business and Finance, recently graduated from the Alabama Community Leadership Academy, sponsored by the University of Alabama for two-year college administrators in the state.
- English faculty member Dr. Sheila Byrd will serve as the national chairperson of the Sigma Kappa Delta National English Honor Society. (see related article on page 3)
- Karen Wilksman, adjunct English instructor at the College's Redstone Arsenal extension, has been nominated to *Who's Who for American Teachers* for the sixth time. The next volume of the listing is expected to be published in late summer or early fall of this year.
- Humanities Division chair Dr. Harry Moore was honored by the Association of College English Teachers of Alabama (ACETA) with the *Sam Lizette Mitchell Service Award* for distinguished service to the organization. From 1992 to 2002, Dr. Moore served on ACETA's Steering Committee as a member-at-large, vice president, president, and past pres-



ident. Dr. Moore has also been elected to a three-year term on the Regional Executive Committee of the Two-Year College English Association—Southeast, which draws from community college English faculty in ten southeastern states. Dr. Moore will serve as membership chair.

- **Sandy Caudle**, Natural Sciences department chair and president of the local chapter of the Alabama Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Sorority of Women, recently attended the ADK state convention in Birmingham. During the convention, the Tau Chapter was recognized for achievement in several areas. *The Tau Times* newsletter (written by Ms. Caudle) was one of ten receiving The President's Award for Excellence in Communication. Tau was one of only four chapters in the state to be honored with the Athena Award for member participation, attendance, and timely reporting. In addition, the chapter was one of seven recognized with the Cornucopia Award for altruistic activities and the five Calhoun student scholarships awarded during the biennium. Ms. Caudle also was recognized for her leadership of the Tau Chapter by the state ADK president, Edwina Aaron. ADK members include current and retired teachers in Athens and Limestone County. There are 71 chapters in Alabama and chapters in the remaining 49 states as well as several countries.

Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 17 Refund Period Ends for Summer semester
- 27 On-line (web) registration begins for Fall 2002 semester
(continues through August 6, 2002)

JULY

- 1 Withdrawal period ends for Summer semester
- 4 College closed for July 4 holiday
- 8 Registration begins in Advising Centers for Fall 2002 semester
(continues through August 5, 2002)
- 24 Last class day for Summer semester Eight-week classes
- 25 & 29 Finals for Summer semester Eight-week classes

AUGUST

- 1 Last class day for Summer semester 10-week evening classes
- 5, 6, 7 Finals for Summer semester 10-week classes
- 5 Final day for Advising Centers registration for Fall 2002 classes;
- 6 Final day for Web registration for Fall 2002 classes
Tuition/Fees due for Fall 2002 semester
- 15 Fall 2002 Regular registration (Huntsville campus)
- 19 Fall 2002 Regular registration (Decatur campus)
- 20 Official First Day of classes for Fall 2002 Semester
- 20-22 Drop/Add for Fall 2002 Semester
(excluding Redstone Arsenal Extension on August 22)



Seated, l-r: Suzanne Turner; Roz McGinnis; Terri Hildreth. Standing, l-r: Carla Larry; Jackie Hawkins; Kermit Carter; Nancy Keenum.

Foundation Advisory Board Named

The Foundation recently established an Advisory Board comprised of Calhoun faculty, staff and administrators. The Advisory Board will serve as a liaison between the Foundation and employees, thereby helping the Foundation find additional ways to serve campus departments, organizations and sites. New members include

Mike Blizzard, Machine Tool Technology Instructor
Dr. Kermit Carter, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
Jackie Hawkins, President's Office Secretary
Terri Hildreth, Public Relations Secretary
Nancy Keenum, Health and Physical Education Instructor

Carla Larry, Business Office Secretary/Scholarships
Roz McGinnis, Director Government Relations and Grants Administration
Suzanne Turner, English Instructor

MINI-GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

The Foundation has announced the funding of the first Foundation mini-grants. The Foundation Board of Directors and Advisory Board believe that these are all worthy projects and will benefit Calhoun students and the community as a whole. These proposals represent a wide variety of departments and programs.

In order to receive funding, departments or student groups must send a formal proposal including a brief description of the project, the number of students to be served, a detailed budget, and whether or not matching funds are available. The proposals are reviewed by the Advisory Board and may be sent back with a request for clarification or additional information. Advisory Board members then prepare comments and a recommendation either for or against funding. Results are tallied on a point system and grants are funded in priority order.

Mini-grant recipients submit an evaluation upon completion of the project documenting how the funding was used and the outcome of the project. The Foundation will fund additional proposals as unrestricted funds become available. Following is a list of mini-grants awarded during this first funding cycle.



Let's Pretend Hospital

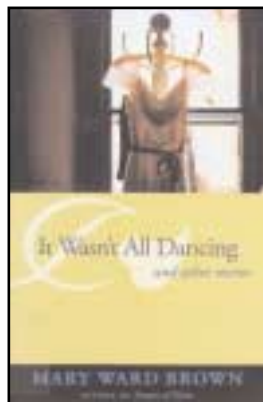
Submitted by: Nursing Department

The purpose of Let's Pretend Hospital, held March 11 – 15, 2002, was to provide first graders with friendly information about what happens when a child is admitted to the hospital. Approximately 180 Associate Degree nursing students participated in this project to transform the Shelton Health building into a mock hospital. Over 1,000 first graders from the Morgan County and Decatur City School systems had the opportunity to learn first-hand what happens when a child is admitted to the hospital. Decatur General Hospital and the Nursing Department partnered to present this project and help serve the education needs of the community.

Writers' Conference

Submitted by: Language Arts Department

The Language Arts department hosted a writer's conference at the Aerospace Training Center on February 21-22, 2002. The conference was the main event of the "Same Book, Same Time Project" and was co-sponsored by the Friends of the Wheeler Basin Public Library, the City of Decatur, and the College's Brewer Library. The conference brought two prominent writers, Mary Ward Brown and Howard Bahr, to Calhoun to participate as guest lecturers and readers. Prize-winning author Deanna Holt, a Calhoun graduate, opened the conference by reading her poetry. The Calhoun English department, local high schools, and the citywide reading project included Brown's and Bahr's books in their spring curriculum. The conference gave students the opportunity to meet these authors first-hand. All events were free and open to the public.



purchased from outside vendors, will be grown on site.

Calhoun alumnus Lee Vought of Vought Landscape and Design in Decatur donated his time and expertise to supervise construction. Science faculty and students furnished labor to install the pond and landscape the area. The Natural Science Department contributed matching funds and the Horticulture program furnished plant and animal life to stock the pond.



Approximately 1,300 students are enrolled each semester in BIO 103, BIO 104, and PHS 120 and will benefit from the water garden through laboratory and lecture, while a smaller number will benefit from participating in the installation and landscaping of the garden. In addition, students at Limestone Correctional Facility will gain a marketable skill by learning plant propagation principles and water garden construction. Ultimately, all Calhoun students, staff and faculty will benefit since the project will enhance the overall campus environment.

Wildlife Habitat/Water Garden

Submitted by: Natural Science Department and Horticulture Program

A wildlife habitat area and water garden has been constructed in front of the Rice Science building. This three-phase project proposes to construct a water garden and bog community, a stream and a header pool with waterfall on site that will serve as an educational resource for classes in biology and environmental science and will enhance campus beautification. Phase I, which this proposal addressed, resulted in a 22 x 16-foot pond. BIO 103 and BIO 104 students will have access for pond water sampling (required laboratory activities), and students in biology and environmental science classes will have lectures on site concerning freshwater pond communities and ecosystems. Plants and organisms used in laboratory studies, now



