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Groundbreaking Officially Kicks-Off AATP Construction Project

The July 7 groundbreaking ceremony for Calhoun Community College's new Aerospace and Advanced Technology Park (AATP) marked the official kick-off for construction of the \$40 million, three-phase project, said to be the largest single construction project in the school's history.

Over 200 business leaders, community leaders, and elected officials attended the ceremony, held at the col-

lege's Decatur campus on the future site of the AATP. The Park will be comprised of the Aerospace Training Center, the Advanced Manufacturing/Information Technologies Center, and the Advanced Manufacturing Process Center.

The first phase of the AATP, the 38,000 square foot, \$28 million Aerospace Training facility, will be used to train Boeing's Decatur plant employees, part of the incentive package used by the state to encourage Boeing to build its Delta IV rocket plant in Decatur.

During the groundbreaking event, Calhoun President Richard Carpenter announced that Dunn Construction of Birmingham had been selected as low bidder for the construction project. PH&J Architects of Montgomery designed the Park.

While construction is a few months behind the original start date, Carpenter commented that the delay is only minor. "We expect to be using some portions of the building by February 2000," he said. College officials have indicated completion of the Aerospace Training building is scheduled for late next year. Currently, Boeing employees are being trained in renovated space at the college.

"Once it is completed, this building will not look like a typical education facility. It will look more like a production facility, with high-bay areas for machinery, overhead cranes and other production-type equipment," Carpenter added. In addition to serving as the site for training of Boeing workers, the Aerospace



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Center will house several technology programs offered by the College and will become home to the college's two-year associate's degree in Aerospace Technology. The building will also include classrooms, a 220-seat auditorium, food court and office space.

"The Aerospace Training Center represents a true partnership between education and industry," commented Carpenter. "We'd like to think we're creating a new model of cooperation."



Dr. Carpenter explains construction schedule for the AATP.



**Dr. Mary Jane Caylor
Alabama State Board of Education**



Dunn Construction of Birmingham submitted the low bid for the AATP. Site preparation began in July. The first phase of the project, the Aerospace Training Center, is scheduled for completion late next year.



**Scott Strode, General Manager
Delta IV Plant-Decatur Operations**

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Pictured left to right: Ren Jones, PH&J Architects; Dusty Brown, AIDT; Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, State Board of Education, District 8; Scott Strode, Boeing; Dewayne Freeman, ADECA; Don Viger, Dunn Construction Company; and Dr. Richard Carpenter, Calhoun Community College. (Photo compliments of The News Courier)

FOUNDATION NEWS

Calhoun Student Receives National Award for Heroism

Matthew Nolan, a Theatre major at Calhoun, and his father, Ray Nolan Sr., recently were awarded VITA Samaritan Awards by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. The Nolans were honored for awakening a couple and alerting them that their house was on fire. The couple and their infant son escaped unharmed while Matthew used his cellular phone to dial 911. He stayed on the phone to guide firefighters to the house while fighting the fire with a hose from the back yard.

A recipient of the Betsy Cantrell

Leadership Memorial Scholarship and a performing arts academic scholarship, Matthew is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is active in all aspects of Calhoun Theatre. He also volunteers for the Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and the Diabetes Association; is a Family Case Manager for Juvenile Delinquents; and has served on the Health Advisory Committee for Head Start in Huntsville, Madison County, and Limestone County.

"I've been real impressed with Calhoun and the Theatre Department," commented Matthew. "The department



is the best around and rivals any university theatre program. The instructors give you a lot more individual attention. I hate to leave!"

Matthew will graduate in May and plans to pursue an acting career in New York City and continue his education to obtain a degree in Social Sciences.

Lanes to Host Sixth Annual Ranch Party

Calhoun Community College Foundation Board Member Vernon Lane and his wife Lola will once again host the Fall Family Ranch Party on October 26, 1999. For the past five years, the Lanes have hosted this party as a "thank you" to Calhoun employees and other supporters of the Foundation. Last year, over 250 faculty, staff and community friends enjoyed Brunswick stew, hot dogs and fried pies at the Lanes' City View Farms.

Each year, the party gets bigger and better according to participants. A high-

light is the Lanes' famous Brunswick stew, which is cooked outdoors in a huge iron pot. Children especially enjoy this ranch experience, which always includes pumpkin decorating, and everyone looks forward to performances by the Calhoun Jazz Band and Connection singers.

Please join us this year from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, at City View Farms, Old Moulton Road in Decatur. Call 256/306-2579 to make reservations or for more information.



Barrett Shelton, Dr. Richard Carpenter and Jackie Gooch oversee the creation of pumpkin masterpieces.

We are building for the future - one brick at a time.

The Calhoun Community College Foundation encourages you to help build the new Commemorative Walkway, a beautifully landscaped area to be developed near Kelley Gymnasium on the Decatur campus. The Commemorative Walkway recognizes service to the college by our alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends. Proceeds beyond construction costs will fund programs that support leadership and career development among students.

Make a visible show of support for Calhoun Community College with your gift of \$100 (4" x 8" brick), \$500 (8" x 8" brick) or \$1,000 (12" x 12" limestone brick). Please complete the information below and mail to Calhoun Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 2216, Decatur, AL 35609-2216.



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 Credit Card No. _____
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Former Warhawks Continue to Excel On and Off the Court

Several members of the 1967-68 Warhawk Basketball team have had outstanding careers in education since leaving Calhoun. Former Calhoun Men's Basketball Coach Bob Shuttleworth spoke fondly of the team, saying, "They were my first recruiting class and the chemistry was great between the sophomores and incoming freshmen. They melded together, liked each other, and were outstanding kids. Their behavior spoke well for the way they were raised."

According to Shuttleworth, at that time Calhoun had no gym, so the team was bused to Belle Mina every morning. That only allowed them an hour and five minutes on the floor compared with the two to three hour practices of today. Shuttleworth reminisced, "The gym was so small that the over-and-back line (mid court line) was the opposite foul line for a team on offense. Due to the small size of the court and short practice time, we had to use shortcuts for conditioning. The boys wore half-pound lead weights in their shoes and wore a harness over their shoulders so they ran against resistive pressure. We had no home floor. Our games were played wherever we could find a gym - at Decatur, Priceville, Tanner and Athens. But even through all this, it was still a breakthrough year for Calhoun's basketball program."

Team members have lived up to their coach's expectations since graduation, with seven of the twelve Warhawks following in his footsteps. Larry Sinyard has taught Physical Education for 27 years and has an exemplary record as girl's basketball coach at Lauderdale County High School. Sinyard retired from coaching this year with a record of 477 wins and 89 losses. His teams won 5 state championships and placed second in the state two years. They went to the Final Four 10 times and were county champions 13 seasons. Former Lady Warhawk standout Sonya Romine nominated Sinyard for the "Second Mile Award," given annually by Calhoun to

a teacher who has touched the life of a student. Sonya said of her former coach, "Coach Sinyard has meant so much to his players and students over the years. He has always been and still is there to help us out, talk to us, and just be a friend. We all knew that he cared about us and wanted to know what was going on in our lives."

Ronnie Lee also became a head basketball coach after playing for Calhoun. He coached basketball and baseball for 17 years in Morgan County and Lauderdale County before becoming an administrator five years ago. Lee is now assistant principal at Lauderdale County High School. In addition to playing ball, he also served as SGA president while at Calhoun. Lee's fondest memories of the College are of the people, both instructors and fellow students. He credits Coach Shuttleworth and SGA sponsor Lewis Tew with having important influences on his career.

John Wayne King coached basketball at Clements High School before becoming principal at Johnson

Junior High School in Limestone County. King has been Associate Dean of Students at Athens State University since 1976 and recently was elected to the Limestone County Board of Education. He is married to Myra King, chair of the Physical Education Department and Athletic Director at Calhoun.

Other former Warhawks who have had successful careers in education include James Hobbs, who became assistant basketball and golf coach at Jacksonville State University, and Roger Mathis, whose Hartselle High School varsity and B-teams both won county championships. Former Trainer David Gurley, now deceased, was a librarian with the Morgan County school system and assisted with several girls' basketball teams within the system.

Lester Smith was another player on the team. Lester just retired as girls' basketball coach at Elkmont. Johnny Long, the team's trainer and long-time trainer/teacher at UNA, was recently inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.



1967-68 WARHAWKS

Standing, left to right: Coach Shuttleworth, Ronnie Lee, Lester Smith, John King, Tommy Davis, Thomas Fowler, James Hobbs, Larry Sinyard, Wayne Gooden, Roger Mathis, Royce Evans, Doug Campbell, Jack Rose. Kneeling, left to right: Johnny Long, Ross Jankins, Jerry Prince, David Gurley.

Pilot Program Provides Area Students "Hands-On" Technology Training

A pilot program which kicked off in August is providing a group of area high school students "hands on", state-of-the-art training while allowing them to get a head start on their college courses.

The Technology Career High Tech High School is a collaborative effort among Calhoun Community College; the Decatur City, Hartselle City, and Morgan County school systems; and nine area businesses.

Currently, 15 students are enrolled in the program's inaugural class. According to Bill Tepper, coordinator of the program, students will receive dual credit for courses they take during the morning at Calhoun. Those students completing the program can earn up to a full semester of college coursework upon graduation from high school.

The students are enrolled in environmental science, economics and government classes this semester, and augment their classroom work with indus-



try-related activities and field trips to area businesses.

Cost for the program is \$2,177 per student for the entire academic year. Of that cost, one quarter, or \$545, is paid by the student; one quarter by the school board; and the remaining one-half, or \$1090, is paid by the sponsoring industries.

The program will accept up to 25 students. To be eligible for admittance, students must be high school seniors; have a record of good attendance; have a demonstrated interest in a high tech career; have passed all parts of the Graduation Exit Exam; and have at least a 2.5 grade point average in core courses.

For more information, contact Laura Hall at 256/306-2620.

Fall Semester Enrollment Figures Released

Dr. Richard G. Carpenter, president of Calhoun Community College, has announced that with a total of 7417 students enrolled to date for the 1999 fall semester, the college has exceeded its enrollment for this time last year.

The 7417 enrollment figure represents an increase just shy of 100 students over last fall's enrollment of 7347. Of the students taking classes at Calhoun this fall, 4283 are enrolled at the Decatur campus; 2222 are taking evening and weekend classes at the college's Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus; 583 are in classes taught at the Redstone Arsenal extension; and 329 inmates are enrolled in certificate/vocational courses provided through the college's program at Limestone Correctional Facility.

"While we experienced a slight increase in enrollment this fall, we remain encouraged by the numbers," said Carpenter. "Many colleges across the state and the southeast have seen enrollment declines; however, Calhoun's enrollment continues to see a steady increase," Carpenter added.

"As the largest of the state's 32 two-year colleges, Calhoun continues to offer a quality education to our students at an affordable cost, which is indicated through our continued enrollment increases," said Carpenter. "Calhoun remains dedicated to providing the level of educational and training opportunities which the community demands and is proud to be an active partner in the North Alabama area."

College Receives Awards for Outstanding Public Relations

For the eighth consecutive year, the marketing and public relations program at Calhoun Community College has been recognized for its outstanding efforts by the Alabama College System Public Relations Association (ACSPRA).

During the annual conference for ACSPRA, the Public Relations Office at Calhoun was awarded five awards in the organization's yearly Pyramid Awards

competition. According to Calhoun Public Relations Director Janet Kincherlow-Martin, a past president of ACSPRA, the college picked up two first place or Pyramid Awards and three third place or Awards of Merit.

Calhoun received first place Pyramid Awards in the Annual Report category for its 1998-99 Annual Report, *Planning in Progress* and in the Newsletter Category for its quarterly newsletter, the *Calhoun Communiqué*.

The College was presented third place Awards of Merit in the Electronic Publications category for the Calhoun website; a third place award in the Newswriting category; and a third place award in the Brochure, Full Color category for its "Did You Know...?" brochure.



NEWSBRIEFS

College Hosts Summer Computer Camps

This summer, the college hosted two one-week 3D Modeling and Animation computer camps for sixth-twelfth grade students. The camps were sponsored by the North Alabama Regional Center for Visualization Technology (NARCVT) and were held at the college's Decatur and Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campuses.

Chad Tillman of Nichimen Graphics instructed the campers in 3D modeling and animation. Tillman is recognized worldwide as one of the top five 3D modelers. His work was featured in the movie, *Independence Day* (the alien plans were his creations).

Campers also worked on a variety of high tech equipment, including Intergraph workstations, SGI workstations, a digital camera and a movie camera.



Chad Tillman, computer camp instructor, demonstrates 3D modeling design.

FACULTY/STAFF NOTES

Green Honored as Outstanding Leader

Dr. Gary Green, executive vice president for Calhoun, is one of three Decatur leaders honored recently by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), formerly the National Council of Christian and Jews, for promoting understanding and respect among races, religions and cultures.

Green, along with Rev. Dr. Wylheme H. Ragland, pastor of King's Memorial United Methodist Church and Tom Wright, executive editor of *The Decatur Daily*, was recognized during the Sixth Annual Decatur Brotherhood and Sisterhood Awards dinner. Proceeds from the dinner go toward fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America.

Green's community and civic involvement includes serving as a delegate to the Presidents' Summit for

America's Future in 1997 and the National Leadership forum of America's Promise and chairing the Steering Committee for Decatur's Promise and the Decatur Community of Excellence Goals Conference. Green is a member of Decatur Rotary and serves on the board of directors of the Morgan County Volunteer Center, the United Way of Morgan County, the Junior Achievement, and the North Alabama Science Center.

Past NCCJ honorees include U.S. Senator Howell Heflin, former Gov. Albert Brewer, Jimmy Smith, Barrett C. Shelton, Jr., Gary Redus, and Dr. Cathy Hansberry.



HR Staffer Honored as First "Support Employee of the Month"

Joyce Green, secretary in the college's Human Resources office, was recently honored as the college's first "Support Employee of the Month."

An employee of the college for 15 years, Joyce's primary duties include preparing vacancy notices and reports and handling new employee paperwork, employees files and data entry.

According to Support Personnel Advisory Board President Jackie Gooch, support employees at the college will nominate and vote each month on the recipient of the award.



Joyce Green, left, and Jackie Gooch

STUDENT NEWS

Calhoun's Breeding Honored as Athlete of the Year

The Alabama Sports Writers Association (ASWA) has recognized Stacey Breeding, a member of the national slow-pitch softball championship Lady Warhawk team, as the Junior College Athlete of the Year.

Each year the ASWA recognizes outstanding professional and collegiate athletes during its annual awards banquet.

Selected Most Valuable Player during the national tournament, Stacey also was named team and region MVP. In addition to her .636 batting average, she was recognized earlier this year as one of Calhoun's "Top Ten" students, earning a 3.81 grade point average in pre-pharmacy.



Stacey Breeding with her parents.

College Employees Receive Service Awards

Each fall during In-service, the college recognizes those employees with 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service to the institution. Each of the employees was presented with a specially-designed certificate highlighting his or her years of service.

Calhoun employees honored this year are as follows:

30 years of service

Dorothy Johnson, Social Sciences

25 years of service

Cathy Mansell, Admissions
Gayla Ashford, Business Administration

Harry Moore, English

Bill Forbes, Business and Industry Services

Jennetta Hampton, Business and Industry Services

20 years of service

Carl Ratcliffe, Redstone Arsenal extension

Cathy Hansberry, Foundation

Jim Hughes, Drafting

Peggy Atkins, Student Activities

Ben Currin, Chemistry

Karen Fite, Nursing

Mattie Burks, Student Affairs

Buster Williamson, Horticulture (LCF)

Marilyn Darwin, Student Financial Services

15 years of service

Joyce Green, Human Resources

Jan Armstrong, Nursing

Jerry Armor, Criminal Justice

Jackie Gooch, Dean of Instruction's Office

Maxie Carwile, English

Nancy Street, Business and Industry Services

Nancy Keenum, Physical Education

Keith Hallmark, Business

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 15 SGA Induction Breakfast
Country Inn & Suites
7:00 p.m.
- 16 GED Testing
Decatur Campus, Chasteen Student Ctr.
7:30 a.m.
- Warhawk Tryouts
Chasteen Student Ctr., SGA Conference Room
1:00 p.m.
- 17-18 SGA Leadership Conference
Guntersville

OCTOBER

- 2 MCSAN Red Ribbon Youth March
Gordon Bibb School
9:30 a.m.
(Sponsored by BACCHUS/SADD)
- 3 BACCHUS/SADD Halloween Pumpkin Sale Begins
- 9 Native American Club's Hike at Kinlock Falls
- 12 SGA/BACCHUS Comedy Club
- 19 SGA/Warhawks Red Cross Blood Drive
Huntsville/Cummings Research Park Campus
3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 21 SGA/Warhawks Red Cross Blood Drive
Decatur Campus - Chasteen Student Center
8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 22 Black Student Association Costume Ball
Chasteen Student Center
8:00 p.m.
- 23 Phi Theta Kappa Fall Induction
Decatur Campus - Kelley Gym
7:00 p.m.
- 26 Foundation Annual Fall Family Cookout
City View Farms
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 27 BACCHUS/SADD "Way to be Drug Free"
University of Alabama - Birmingham
1:00 p.m.



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