

## *Beck Named New Calhoun President, To Begin Work in January*

During its regular monthly meeting in November, the Alabama State Board of Education approved the selection of Dr. Marilyn C. Beck as the new president for Calhoun Community College. The unanimous vote by the Board for Beck's appointment came following a recommendation by Postsecondary Chancellor Dr. Roy Johnson of Beck for the position.

An Alabama native, Beck currently serves as president of Lord Fairfax Community College in Winchester, VA, a position she has held since 1988. Prior to becoming president of Lord Fairfax, she served as dean of academic affairs at Lurleen B. Wallace State Community College in Andalusia, AL, and as a math professor at Auburn and Troy State universities. Beck holds a bachelor's degree from Troy State and master's and doctorate degrees from Auburn.

As president of Lord Fairfax, Beck has been credited with leading the successful growth of the institution. During her tenure,

the college has added a second campus and is one of few schools in the country to start a Work Keys program, an American College Testing (ACT) program that assesses business needs and identifies needed work skills for high school students and displaced workers. Calhoun began a similar program several years ago. Beck also has a strong background in fundraising, having played a major role in raising \$15 million for construction of a performing arts center at Lord Fairfax.

The search for a permanent president for Calhoun began several months ago when former President Richard Carpenter stepped down in April to become president of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

Plans are for Beck to begin work at Calhoun on January 27, 2003. She will be presented at the December 12, 2002, state board meeting.



## *State Board Approves Funding, Renovation Project for Tech Park's Phase III*

During its November meeting, the Alabama State Board of Education unanimously approved a bond issue for \$5.3 million for the renovation/construction project for Phase III of Calhoun's Aerospace and Advanced Technology Park. Phase III, the Information and Visualization Technology Center, will be located in space consisting of renovation and a 17,130 square foot expansion to the Noble Russell Building on the College's Decatur campus.

The construction/renovation project, scheduled to begin in spring 2003, will complete Calhoun's three-building Tech

Park. Phase I, the Aerospace Training Center, officially opened in December 2000, and Phase II, the Advanced Manufacturing Processes Lab is nearing final completion and will offer a full slate of courses in the Advanced Electronics Manufacturing program starting spring semester 2003. Phase III will become home to the College's computer information program, graphics and design and cosmetology and barbering programs. Plans are for the new space to also house programs in networking, web design, automation and a virtual reality theater.

### What's Inside:

- Alumni Association Formed; Seeking Members
- HVACR Program Granted National Certification
- Foundation Plans Storytelling Festival

## College's 1st Annual Writers' Workshop a Success

Calhoun's First Annual Writers' Workshop, hosted by the College and the Calhoun Foundation, was held Saturday, October 26, 2002, in the Aerospace Training Center on the Decatur Campus. According to comments from the workshop's 60 participants, the event was a success for all involved.

The day-long event included three tracks of six sessions, optional one-on-one critique sessions and a writing contest. Hands-on sessions with publishing professionals such as Beth Thames, Jim Murphy, Dr. Jimmy Carl Harris, Carroll Dale Short, Dr. Hans Watford, Ruth Cook, Donna Holt, Marianne Moates, Martha Krieger, Susan Murphy, Bonnie Gardner, Peggy Webb, Dianne Hamilton, Carol Mader and Darren Butler were included on the agenda.

According to workshop organizer Terri Hildreth of the Calhoun Public Relations office, sessions covered several aspects of writing such

as beginning a novel; journalism/feature writing; the truth about E-publishing, using POV (point-of-view) to identify your characters; writing & publishing poetry; plotting; writing humor; turning a novel into a screenplay; writing narrative history and biographies; writing for the Christian market; and writing for children and young adults.

Comments from those in attendance included such remarks as: "Lots of good choices, couldn't get to all the ones that I wanted because they were at the same time"; "...well organized and very enjoyable, need longer breaks or wrap-up social hour to speak with



Above: Terri Hildreth welcomes the crowd to the first annual Writers' Workshop.



Left: Terri with writer Jim Murphy.

speakers and each other — making contacts is a primary reason for attending."; "I like being with other aspiring writers"; "Good workshop. As helpful as the Alabama Conclave"; "This was a great re-charge. Thank-you"; "The workshop was incredible, it was really a gust of wind in my sails...or more appropriately, 'fresh ink for one's pen'; and "My husband was dragged here, but came away loving it!"



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2003

- 6 College-wide Professional Development
- 7 Spring semester registration, Huntsville campus  
2:00 -6:00 p.m.  
Web registration opens for spring semester at 10:00 a.m. at [www.calhoun.edu](http://www.calhoun.edu) (web registration closes on January 9, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.)
- 8 Professional Development
- 9 Spring semester registration, Decatur campus  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Chasteen Student Center
- 10 Weekend classes begin for Spring semester 2003
- 13 First class day for Spring Semester 2003
- 20 Holiday - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance (college closed)



*Calhoun Alumni Association Now Active*

The College recently launched an Alumni Association formed to provide opportunities for current and former students, faculty and friends of Calhoun to actively participate in the development of college programs and activities. The Alumni Association's Board met on November 7, 2002, and elected officers for the 2002-2003 year. Officers are Gayla Ashford, president; Jarrod Taylor, vice president; and Debi Garrison, secretary/treasurer.

Membership in the Calhoun Alumni Association is open to all college alumni, current students, faculty, staff and friends and supporters of Calhoun. Annual dues are \$25 for everyone, with the exception of students, whose dues are \$10 per year. Anyone interested in membership or finding out more about the Association should contact any member of the board or Belinda Lane in the Office of Grants and Governmental Relations at 256/306-2582. In addition to the officers, Alumni Association board members are Beth Butler, Devon Draine, Donna Pressnell, Dawn Gillespie, Kelly Bacchus, Tammy Loyd, Linda Newman, Jimmy Scott, Lisa Shelton, and Deborah Miller.

CALHOON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alumni Status:**

- Current Student                       Graduate (year graduated \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Employee (current or former)     Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Attended:  Decatur     Huntsville     Redstone     LCF

Have you obtained degrees or certificates from other institutions? If so, please list below.

<u>Degree or Certificate</u>	<u>College/Institution</u>	<u>Year</u>
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**Employment:**

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in serving on an Alumni Association Committee?  Yes  No

Would you be interested in serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors?  Yes  No

Comments, suggestions or ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual Dues (\$25)     Annual Dues - Current Student (\$10)     Lifetime Membership (\$250)

Please send completed application and dues to:  
 Ms. Debi Garrison, Treasurer  
 Calhoun Community College Alumni Association  
 P.O. Box 2216 • Decatur, AL 35609-2216

*HVACR Program Granted National Certification*

The Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) program at Calhoun was recently granted national certification by HVAC Excellence, the national certifying organization for HVAC programs.

According to Bill Allred, HVAC Excellence executive director, the national certification granted to Calhoun's program distinguishes it as one of the nation's top HVACR training programs. The College's program will be featured on the HVAC Excellence website as a national standard. Ben Parton serves as director of Calhoun's program.



*Calhoun Students Honored*

Six current and former Calhoun Community College students have been named to the 2002-2003 TALENT ROSTER of OUTSTANDING TRANSFER STUDENTS FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGES by The College Board. The Calhoun students named are Daphne Fletcher and Jeanine Woodruff (Decatur); Nicholas Preuitt (Hartselle); Jennifer Laxson (Florence); James Day (Tanner); and Lorene Olive (Madison).

The TALENT ROSTER program is designed to provide national recognition for exceptionally talented community college transfer students. Students are nominated by their community college based on a 3.0 or better GPA and the expressed intent to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Recipient's names are listed in a publication distributed to colleges and universities throughout the country who are encouraged to seek out these talented students as potential candidates for admission.

Founded in 1900, The College Board is a nonprofit membership association of schools, colleges, and other educational organizations from across the country. The College Board's mission is to prepare, inspire, and connect students to college and opportunity, with a commitment to excellence and equity. For more information on The College Board or the TALENT ROSTER program, please contact Joe Beckvermit, TRCC Program Manager at 703-464-8410.

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*Daphne Fletcher*



*Jeanine Woodruff*



*Nicholas Preuitt*



*Jennifer Laxson*



*James Day*



*Lorene Olive*



## Foundation Plans First Storytelling Festival as Major Fundraising Event

The First Annual Storytelling Festival, sponsored by the Calhoun Foundation, is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2003. With the designation, "Dumplin' Days", the festival will showcase the telling of traditional stories, local legends and tall tales and will highlight local personalities as well as recognized experts. Music, dance, theatre productions and puppeteer presentations are also being planned for the program. Scheduled headliner for the day-long event is Grand Ole Opry performer Mike Snider, a musician and storyteller.

The objectives of the festival include the following:

- to create an annual, signature fundraising event for Calhoun Community College;
- to emphasize the academic and artistic elements of the College's students, faculty and staff;
- to promote and enhance community awareness of humanities and cultures;
- to increase awareness of educational opportunities at Calhoun; and
- to strengthen the relationship between the College and the community.

*Persons interested in finding out more about the "Dumpling Days" Storytelling Festival should contact the Calhoun Foundation Office at 256/306-2583.*

## MAJOR GIFTS RECEIVED

- ◆ The Foundation extends our heartfelt appreciation to the following businesses and individuals that have recently contributed a major gift towards our Annual Fund: The Boeing Company, Cook's Pest Control, Engelhard, First American Bank, Drs. George and Cathy Hansberry, Huntsville Direct Communications, Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sparks, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Templeton.
- ◆ Thank you to Domino's Pizza for supporting our students and sponsoring BACCHUS/SADD again this year. We are grateful for your loyal support.
- ◆ The Foundation sincerely appreciates Representative Sue Schmitz's recent major gift to the Center for the Study of Southern Political Culture.
- ◆ These businesses and individuals continue their pledges of support for the construction of Phase III of Technology Park: Athens Broadcasting Company, Cargill, Dr. and Mrs. J. Felton Davenport, Fite Building Company, Honorable Mayor Lynn Fowler, Goss Electric Company, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Knight, Dr. and Mrs. Paul P. McCain, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Moss, The PAR Group LLC, and Dr. and Mrs. Mike Ridner. Thank you for your investments in workforce development.
- ◆ The following companies and individuals have enhanced Calhoun programs and academics through recent in-kind donations of equipment and supplies: James Edwards, Machine Technologies, Mrs. Rosa Montgomery, Soldering Technology International, Jeff Wise, and William Wynn. We appreciate your support!
- ◆ The following clubs, churches, businesses, and individuals recently made generous gifts to our scholarship program: Tennessee Valley Chapter 335 of the Airforce Association, The Boeing Company, Mrs. Teresa J. Flowers, Hunter Horton & Associates, Dr. Rhoda L. Hutchinson, MEWS, Sid's Tailoring, Bobby Terry Company, Mrs. Betty Thrasher, United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wallace. Your contributions are making a difference in the lives of our students.

*Calhoun Community  
College departments and  
divisions have made out their  
wish lists for academic year  
2002-2003.*

*Pick a project to support and  
send your contribution to the  
Foundation at the address  
listed below.*



*Every gift can  
make a  
difference!*

## *Creative Ways to Give*

*Clear the waters by purchasing a Water Quality Education Kit (\$380) or 2 water baths (\$305 each) for the Natural Science Department.*

*Fill the screen. Buy a video camera imaging presenter (\$343) for the Computer Graphics/Art Department, or a multimedia LCD projector (\$1,800) for Cummings Research Park, or 3 overhead projectors and carts (\$400 each) for the Social Sciences Department.*

*Picture this! Provide a digital camera (\$700) or 3 Adobe Photoshop 7.0 software packages (\$295 each) for the Photography and Film Communications Department.*

*Ssssh! Purchase a classroom sound system (\$250) for the Nursing Department or update the audio and video library (\$2,000) for the Language Arts Department.*

*Look it up. Help students find the answers by purchasing these reference books for the Library: Scientific and Technical Acronyms, Symbols and Abbreviations (\$250) or The Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health (\$850).*

*Seeing is believing. Supply a cordless laser pointer (\$200) or literary visual aids (\$170) for the Language Arts Department.*

*Have a seat? Furnish the Library Instruction Room with 25 ergonomic chairs (\$325 each).*

*Keep it rolling by buying a multimedia cart (\$700) for Cummings Research Park and a utility cart (\$200) for the Language Arts Department.*

*It's a small world, but it keeps changing. Cummings Research Park instructors would like a set of current world maps (\$300).*

*We've got it covered! Give the Art Gallery a more professional look by furnishing new carpet for the floor and walls (\$3,370) or replace the worn carpet in the Business Center reception area (\$1,200).*

*Please send your contributions to:*

*Calhoun Community College Foundation  
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## FACULTY/STAFF NOTES

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◆ Huntsville/Research Park campus staffer **Anthony Hillard** has been selected as a recipient of a 2002 Urban and Community Tree Assistance Program grant, awarded by the Alabama Power Foundation, Inc. The grant will be used for a site beautification project at the Huntsville campus.

◆ The most recent issue of the *Old Tennessee Valley Magazine and Mercantile Advertiser* features an article written by **Terri Hildreth**, a member of Calhoun's Public Relations staff. The article, titled "War is Hell, Sure Enough," details historical information on Christopher Columbus "Col" Harris, the great-grandfather of Terri's husband, John. During his life, "Col" Harris wore many hats, including soldier for the Confederate army, banker, lawyer, land developer, and U.S. Congressman.



◆ **Brenda P. Sibley**, a librarian at the College, has published a book entitled, *Waiting Until Morning*. The book is an account of the time Brenda spent caring for her mother, who died from Alzheimer's disease in 1996.



◆ A scholarly article, written by Calhoun adjunct instructor **Augusta Gooch**, entitled "Consciousness: Edith Stein Against the Materialist," has recently been published in a philosophy anthology, *Knowledge, Power, Gender*.

◆ **Elise D. Adams**, a member of Calhoun's associate degree nursing faculty, co-authored *Maternal-Newborn and Child Nursing: Family-Centered Care Instructor's Resource Manual* and *Pediatric Nursing: Caring for Children Instructor's Resource Manual*, published by Prentice Hall. The content includes lecture outlines, discussion questions, suggestions for clinical experiences and NCLEX test questions.



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