

HAPPENINGS

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Operation Updraft Kicks Off in Decatur County

You'll find Project Updraft Coordinator Becca Martin working quietly in Jerrie Perry's old office in the Administration Building, but the results of her efforts are far from subtle. Since she started in December, Updraft launched and completed its first classes at Bainbridge High School and Bainbridge College, held an orientation, addressed the Kiwanis Club, and developed a brochure informing the community of the Project's benefits.

Project Updraft is a unique partnership developed to enhance economic development, improve worker readiness, and facilitate industrial recruitment.

"Our clients and students come from various backgrounds," Becca commented. They range from high school students, to non-traditional learners, to high school graduates, to GED graduates, to the illiterate."

"We ask local employers to give interviews to our students now and then and encourage education among all their employees."

High school and college educators instruct the classes.

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BC Updraft Coordinator Becca Martin (right foreground) addresses students and visitors at a Project Updraft orientation session at Bainbridge High School. Students were given an overview of how the work readiness program functions and the tasks and responsibilities they would encounter throughout the year.

Architect Selected for Proposed River Regional Center



BC President Clifford Brock (left) points out a probable site for the proposed River Regional Center to architect Scott O'Brien of Goode, Van Slyke Architecture of Atlanta. O'Brien's firm was chosen from twenty-five proposals to develop the preliminary program for the \$6.25 million 26,000 square foot building which would house a 4-600 seat auditorium, dining and catering facilities, classrooms, computer labs, and the offices of Continuing Education and the BC Foundation. The program, funded by a \$50,000 planning grant from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, includes space analysis, site selection, and diagrammatic floor plans. The new building proposal will then go to the Governor, the Board of Regents, and the General Assembly for approval. BC raised \$1.3 million in 2000 toward the cost of the proposed building. If approved, the building would be the first new structure on campus since 1980.

On The Go

Professor of Chemistry Dr. Eldon Eckard has been cited as a reviewer for "Physics," a new text by James S. Walker and the seventh edition of the textbook "Chemistry" by Raymond Chang.

Counselor Joan Fryer addressed the residents of the Decatur County Adult Day Center on stress and depression.

Professor of Biology Dr. Nancy Goodyear took part in a statewide team to develop an eCore course on environmental science.

New Connections/WIA Program Coordinator Marilyn Melton was recently appointed to the Food and Energy Committee of the Southwest Georgia Community Action Board and the United Way Board. She is a member of the senior choir at Greater Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Tech Prep Coordinator Joe Miller judged the Grace Christian School science fair.

President Clifford Brock attended the 81st Annual American Association of Community Colleges Convention in Chicago.

President Clifford Brock, Professor of Chemistry Dr. Eldon Eckard, Educational Technology Coordinator Neil Griffin, and Instructor of Secretarial Science Shirley Beck attended the USG Teaching and Learning with Advanced Technologies Conference in Athens. Dr. Brock also presented a session entitled "Instructional Technologies & Facilities Task Force" where he gave a status report on the task force established to develop Instructional Technology Facilities Guidelines for the USG.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

- 4/9 Welcome Back Pizza Party
1 p.m. Student Center
- 4/10 Staff/Fac. vs. Students
Volleyball Game
3-6 p.m.
- 4/12 Make Your Own Video
1 p.m.-until Student Center
- 4/13 SGA Luau
5 p.m. BC Pool
- Phi Theta Kappa Initiation
6 p.m. Student Center
- 4/18 15th Annual BC Essay
Competition
- Work Ethics Reception
10:30 a.m. Tech Studies
- 4/19 Honor's Night
6 p.m. Charter House
- 4/30 Last Day of Classes
- 5/4 Graduation
7 p.m. Coliseum
- 6/4 First Day of Summer Term
- 6/18 Midterm: A Term
- 7/2 Midterm: Regular Term
- 7/3 First Day of Summer B Term
- 7/4 College Closed
- 7/17 Midterm: B Term
- 7/30 Last Day of Classes

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Partners with the college in this endeavor include the Department of Family and Children Services, the Department of Labor, the Department of Technical and Adult Education, the public schools, local business and industry, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Development Authority.

For more information on this program, please call Becca at 243-6439 or stop by 120 Administration Building.

Correction: The photo on the front cover of the February issue of Happenings was shot by Tech Prep Coordinator Joe Miller.

BC Welcomes

Kathy Thomas
Research Analyst I

Appointments

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Dr. David Byrd to interim Chairman of Arts and Sciences.

Interim Financial Aid Director Linda Casey to Director of Financial Aid.

Academic Affairs Senior Secretary Helen Catt to Financial Aid Assistant.

Farewell

Director of Institutional Research and Development Dr. Marjean Boyd retired on February 28.

Division of Arts and Sciences Chair Dr. Ray Chambers retired on April 1.

Appointed to a committee? Graduated? Recently married or had a baby? Let the campus know! E-mail your good news to vbeynon by the 15th of the previous month and look for it in an upcoming issue. This newsletter is published bi-monthly by the Office of College Relations.

Valerie Beynon, APR Editor and Publisher