

Bainbridge College Early County Site

Tech Studies Professor Emeritus Heads New Site

A retired Bainbridge College (BC) division head, who has been honored by the Board of Regents with emeritus status, has been tapped to serve as acting director of Bainbridge College Early County Site (BC EC), formerly Albany Technical College campus in Blakely.



Dr. Bob Coker, who served BC from 1975-2001, will assume his new duties July 5, said BC President Dr. Tom Wilkerson.

“I am pleased to share with you the good news that Dr. Bob Coker will serve as acting director of the Blakely Site while we determine the best way to handle the management of the operation there,” Dr. Wilkerson told BC faculty and staff.

“Dr. Coker is richly experienced in higher education, especially in technical studies. His excellent service as the BC Technical Studies Division chair and his deep understanding of DTAE (Department of Technical and Adult Education) operations uniquely qualify him for this work.

“We welcome Bob back to the active BC family. I know that he will do an excellent job for us in Blakely,” Wilkerson said of Coker who was recognized in Fall 2005 as Division Chair of Technical Studies Emeritus and Professor of Technical Studies Emeritus, honors bestowed by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

Dr. Coker received his doctorate in community college administration and vocational education from Ohio State University. He earned a master’s degree in distributive education and educational administration at the University of Tennessee, and his bachelor of arts in sociology from Georgetown College in Kentucky. In addition to several years of business experience, Dr. Coker taught at the University of Tennessee and in Morristown, TN, city schools, before coming to southwest Georgia from his native Tennessee.

Dr. Bob Coker (at right) reacts with a chuckle as Bainbridge College President Dr. Tom Wilkerson introduces him as Acting Director of BC’s Early County Site during the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Open House July 11.

