



# Staff Representative Group Newsletter

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## Staff Awards Celebration: A Day in the Country

On April 20, 2007, as College of Education staff, faculty and administration filed into Flinchum's Phoenix to celebrate the Annual Staff Awards for Excellence & Recognition For Years of Service Ceremony, they were greeted with sights, smells and sounds of "A Day in the Country." This much anticipated annual event, coordinated by SRG and sponsored by the dean's office, allowed the COE family to celebrate and recognize our staff's outstanding contributions, dedication and commitment to excellence.

After Magnolia's Catering served up a fabulous meal of country fixins', current SRG chair, Freita Strickland shared opening remarks and then allowed Jenny Penny Oliver, Academic Professional from Counseling and HDS to come to the podium to recognize and present plaques to employees for their years of service.

Employees recognized for 5 years of service were: Lisa Conley, Cathy Frosh, Nicholas Holt, Sheila Hudson, Cynthia Molloy, Karen Myers, Kim Norton, Nathaniel Parker, Laura Patrick, Dell Whitehead, and Michael Wisenbaker. 10 year recipients were: Ron Braxley, Kristi Leonard, Scott Pollack, and Grace Thornton. 15 year recipients included: Dianne Fields and Becky Hendren. Those with 20 years of service: Kate Character, Marty Davis, Valerie Kilpatrick and Laura Watson.

Bill Stauff, Assistant to the Dean, then came forward to recognize recent retirees. Linda Edwards, Academic Advisor I from Elementary and



Staff Awards winner Christy Glazer with Dean Castenell

Social Studies Education, Carolyn Howell, Program Coordinator II from Educational Field Experiences located in Student Services and Anita Miller, Administrative Associate I from Student Services.

Linda Edwards started working in the College of Education on August 1, 1987. The following comments from Elementary and Social Studies Education Profs. Denise Glynn and George Stanic were shared:

*"Linda came to us through the reorganization and fit right in from day one. She learned a difficult job quickly and would go out of her way to help us with anything we needed related to our graduate students. She always remembered all the deadlines and made sure, in a positive way that we did, too. She somehow remembered all details of all the paperwork required to get our students through their program. She was an extremely outgoing person, who always greeted us with a smile*

*and a willingness to help. She was a valuable colleague. Beyond the high level of competence Linda demonstrated in the work she did to support graduate students and faculty, she brought great cheer to our office every day she was in it. Linda always found ways to show how much she cared for each of us."*

Carolyn Howell started working in the College of Education on September 11, 1980. She shared a farewell message in the most recent Student Services newsletter:

*"At my official retirement on July 1, 2006, I had been working in the College of Education a total of 34.11 years. When I began, the College was located in Baldwin Hall on the North campus. When I moved back to Georgia after living out of state for ten years, the College had moved to its current location in Aderhold Hall.*

*In those years I had the pleasure of*

*working with some wonderful people. There are very few faces remaining in the College that go back to the 60's! The offices I have worked in are: Bureau of Educational Field Services, Dean's Office, Language Education, Dean's Business Office, and the Education Field Experiences Office (located within the School of Teacher Education and currently located in the Student Services Office). The changes that have occurred are too numerous to mention. However, I was in the Dean's Office in the early 80's when the College purchased its very first desktop computer. Now its hard to imagine how we would be able to function without them—but believe me—we did!*

*I have continued to work part-time since July and will continue through March 2007 training my replacement, Martha Kristin. I will be coordinating the COST 2007 annual conference which will be held at UGA in March. I look forward to my remaining months in the COE and thank all of you who have been so helpful to me over the years. I will hold pleasant memories of my years in the college."*

Anita Miller began work in the College of Education on May 31, 1973. From the same Student Services newsletter she reflects on the 34 years she worked at the college....

*"...a lot of fond memories come to mind. I began work before computers, fax machines and email. I began working in 1973 in the Curriculum and Supervision Department located in room 124 Aderhold. That department*



**Staff Award Nominees (l-r): David Avin, Christy Glazer, Elizabeth Platt, Karen Myers, Penny Rabon, Ann Seagraves, Marlee Stewart, Margaret Turner, and Laura Watson**

*merged with Education Leadership and became what is known today as Ed. Administration and Policy. For a period of time I worked for the Performance Assessment Lab, they were located in an office complex on the Atlanta Highway. This was a grant and when it was not re-funded, I transferred into Educational Field Experiences office located in Room 121 Aderhold. When the College reorganized into four schools, Educational Field Experiences became part of the School of Teacher Education which was located in room 315 Aderhold office complex. In 2002 the Educational Field Experiences office was relocated to the Student Services Office in room 122 Aderhold.*

*When I think of all the changes with the technology that we now have, to say that my 34 working years was a learning experience is putting it mildly. I have met a lot of wonderful people along my journey and have the memories to take with me as I retire on April 1, 2007.*

Next, June Smith, the 2006 Staff Award for Excellence Recipient announced the 2007 nominees:

David Avin, Accountant in Learning

and Performance Support Lab, 3 years in COE

Christy Glazer, Administrative Specialist in Faculty Services, 13 years in COE

Karen Myers, Administrative Associate II in Communication Sciences and Special Education, 5 years in COE

Elizabeth Platt, Accountant in Math and Science Education, 33 years in COE

Penny Rabon, Administrative Associate II in Occupational Research Group, 8 years in COE

Ann Seagraves, Accountant in Dean's Business Office, 18 years in COE

Marlee Stewart, Administrative Associate II in Kinesiology, 19 years in COE

Margaret Turner, Administrative Associate I in Educational Psychology and Instructional Tech, 28 years in COE

Laura Watson, Senior Accountant, Educational Psychology and Instructional Tech, 20 years in COE

Dr. Louis Castenell, Dean of the College of Education then pre-

sented awards to the top three finalists:

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up was Laura Watson, Senior Accountant in Educational Psychology and Instructional Tech. Comments from co-workers were shared:

*"This award is long overdue; it's easy to overlook someone that does her job so well that problems are prevented. During periodic staff shortages of the past, Laura would always arrive early, work late or return to the office on the weekend to finish her duties. I simply can not praise her enough for her hard work."*

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up was Elizabeth Platt, Accountant in Math and Science Education. Co-worker's comments were shared:

*"Elizabeth Platt's career at the University of Georgia spans 33 years all of it in the Mathematics Education Department and the new Department of Math and Science Education. Service to others is the heart of Elizabeth's mission in the department. She comes to work everyday willing to give 110% in order to make the work of others*

*more productive."*

The winner was Christy Glazer, Administrative Specialist in Faculty Services. Co-worker's comments included:

*"She presents an enthusiasm for the work she does that goes beyond what might be expected of someone in her role. Ms. Glazer's outgoing and friendly personality is also an important reason we believe that she is deserving of a staff award. She greets all people with a smile and an attitude of helpfulness. She informs without distressing faculty and staff with negative attitudes about necessary procedures and documents."*

At this point in the ceremony, June Smith passed the ceremonial baton to Christy Glazer. Congratulations, Christy, on a job well-done! SRG Vice-chair Caroline Wooten shared closing remarks and reminded staff about the importance of the upcoming SRG elections. Kudos to the 2007 SRG Staff Awards Committee, for putting together a wonderful event!

Marianne Roberts



## Safety Committee Update

The Staff Representative Group Safety Committee held safety training meetings with the COE Floor Safety Representatives in March. These meetings will be held at least once during fall and spring semesters. The meetings were attended by Steve Harris, Emergency Operations Manager for The Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Harris praised the work of the Safety Committee and provided valuable feedback and suggestions. He discussed the new University emergency notification system, UGA Alert, which is intended to simultaneously send a message to

registered cell phones, land lines, and email accounts in the event of an emergency. More information about the new University emergency notification initiative will be provided when the project moves from the testing phase to the operational stage. Please visit the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) website for information on tornado safety tips, Pandemic Influenza planning at UGA, and other safety and emergency planning tips at <http://www.osep.uga.edu/>.

Mike Gorman

## Have you seen this COE staff member lately?



Answer is at the bottom of page 4

## Ham & Cheddar in a Loaf



### INGREDIENTS NEEDED:

1 lb. frozen bread or pizza dough, thawed  
 1 pkg. (9 oz) Shaved Smoked Ham  
 1 cup Shredded Cheddar Cheese  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup Miracle Whip Dressing  
 1 egg, beaten  
 1 Tbsp. 100% Grated Parmesan Cheese

**PREHEAT** oven to 350°F. Place dough on lightly floured surface; flatten slightly with hands, then roll into 12 x 8-in. rectangle with rolling pin. (If dough is difficult to roll,

cover with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature for 30 min. before rolling out.)

**TOP** dough evenly with ham, overlapping slices slightly and leaving a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. border around all sides.

**MIX** cheddar cheese and dressing; spread evenly over ham.

**MOISTEN** edges of dough with water. Starting at one of the long sides of dough, fold 1/3 of the dough over the filling, then repeat with other long side of dough. Firmly pinch ends of dough together to seal. Place, seam side down, on lightly greased baking sheet.

**CUT** 3 diagonal slits in top of dough with kitchen scissors. Brush evenly with egg; sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 35 to 40 min. or until golden brown. Cool 10 min. before cutting into 6 slices to serve. Makes 6 servings, 1 slice each.

Karen Myers

## New Arrivals & Weddings



### New Arrivals



**Fisher Harrison Molloy**

April 2, 2007

Parents: Cindy (Spectrum) & Brian Molloy

**Mary Presley Robinson**

March 3, 2007

Parents: Barry (Sr. IT Mgr.) & Kathy Robinson

**Chloe Marie Hawkins**

December 7, 2006

Parents: Kim (OIT) & Andy Hawkins

**Kailyn Mackenzie Witcher**

November 28, 2006

Parents: Katie Patman (Dean's Office) & Alan Witcher



### Weddings



Mike Gorman (CHDS) & Cathy Skidmore  
 November 24, 2006



## More Scenes from "A Day in the Country"



Enjoying the food, the conversation,  
and the company



SRG Vice-Chair Caroline Wooten  
delivers the final remarks



Welcome! Please sign the guestbook...



Christy Glazer receiving the "Baton" from  
2006 Staff Award winner, June Smith



# Staff Survey Results

### Where do you typically go for lunch?

	Votes
Other	37
The Bone	5
Staff Lounge	2
Campus East Village Summit	1
Picnic tables	1
Georgia Center	0
<b>"Other" Top Votes:</b>	
DePalma's	5
Arby's	3
The Grit	2
My desk	2

### Favorite Recreational Activity

	Votes
Other	14
Shopping	9
Reading	8
Gardening	7
Hiking	4
Biking	2
<b>"Other" Top Votes</b>	
Swimming	2
Animal Rescue/Playing with Dogs	2
Walking	1
Softball	1
Baseball	1
Racquetball	1

### Favorite Bulldog Spectator Sport

	Votes
Football	27
Other	8
Baseball/Softball	4
Basketball	2
Gymnastics	2

### How far do you travel to work?

	Votes
1-10 miles	19
11-20 miles	15
21-30 miles	8
31+ miles	4

### How many years have you worked at the College of Education?

	Votes
6-10 years	13
2-5 years	9
less than 1 year	7
21+ years	7
11-15 years	5
16-20 years	5

### Job Satisfaction?

	Votes
Love it! 100% satisfied	23
It's a job, it pays the bills	20
My most favorite link is CareerBuilder	0

### Mac or PC?

	Votes
PC	35
Mac	9

### How many times have you transferred jobs while working at UGA?

	Votes
0	16
1	11
3	7
2	6
4	5
5+	1

### Using song titles below, how would your co-workers best describe you?

	Votes
Stayin' Alive	17
Free Bird	11
Born to Be Wild	9
Take This Job and Shove It	3
I Can't Get No Satisfaction	1
Bubba Shot the Jukebox	0

### Blake or Jordin?

	Votes
Jordin	24
Blake	7

**Goodbye, thank you, and good luck to our retirees!**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Communication Sciences & Special Ed	Judy Allison	12/31/06
Dean's Office - Student Services	Carolyn Howell	6/30/06
Dean's Office - Student Services	Anita Miller	3/31/07
Elementary & Social Studies Education	Linda Edwards	10/31/06

**Hello and welcome to our new staff hires!**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Communication Science & Special Education	Karen Moore	10/1/06
Communication Science & Special Education	Melissa Oliva	2/1/07
Communication Science & Special Education	Casey Monnier	8/14/06
Communication Science & Special Education	Melanie Smith	5/21/07
Dean's Office	Katie Patman	5/22/06
Dean's Office	Linda Thompson	1/3/06
Dean's Office - Associate Dean for Faculty and Administrative Services	Patricia McDonald	3/1/07
Dean's Office - Associate Dean for Research and External Affairs	Kimberly Wright	5/23/07
Dean's Office - Associate Dean for Research and External Affairs	Gabrielle Mason	2/19/07
Dean's Office - Associate Dean for Research and External Affairs	Paula Roberts	8/31/06
Dean's Office - Business Office	Keith Morgan	8/1/06
Dean's Office - Development	Siara Abdullah	4/5/07
Dean's Office - LPSL	Kathryn E. Kruskamp	1/2/07
Dean's Office - LPSL	Michelle Doster	1/3/06
Dean's Office - OIT	Hiram Abdullah	11/28/05
Dean's Office - OIT	Robert Brown	3/1/07
Dean's Office - OIT	Kyle Williams	1/2/07
Dean's Office - OIT	Peter Norris	10/24/06
Dean's Office - Student Services	Beth Giddens	3/8/07
Dean's Office - Student Services	Martha Kristin	12/4/06
Dean's Office - Student Services	Patricia Holly	4/23/07
Dean's Office - GCA	Kevin Raczynski	12/16/05
Dean's Office - GCA	Stacy Isbell	1/4/07
Dean's Office - GCA	Elisa Gutierrez	8/31/06
Dean's Office - GCA	Insuk Kim	5/9/07
Dean's Office - ORG	Scott Pollack	2/1/06
Educational Psychology & Instructional Technology	Sally McDonald	9/25/06
Educational Psychology & Instructional Technology	Angie Y. Morton	2/14/07
Educational Psychology & Instructional Technology	Katie A. Bullock	5/30/06
Educational Psychology & Instructional Technology	Monique Phears	1/2/07
Elementary & Social Studies Education	Cooper Allen	5/1/06
Elementary & Social Studies Education	Amanda Cole	11/6/06
Elementary & Social Studies Education	Linda Dunbar	11/6/06
Gwinnett University Center - IPTT	ShaRon Lovettozuem	7/17/06
Lifelong Education, Administration & Policy	Suzanne Hall	6/16/06
Mathematics & Science Education	Helen Rogers	6/14/06