

Staff Representative Group

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Please join the College of Education Staff Representative Group in welcoming

Mr. Bill Stauff!



Bill Stauff, the new Assistant to the Dean for Finance, joined the College of Education on Monday, June 16. He will oversee the Business Office Accounting Staff and all fiscal functions of the College. In addition to his many other responsibilities, he will be responsible for maintaining the security and safety of Aderhold Hall and for the reorganization of the budget to accommodate centralization of funds.

He comes to the University of Georgia from Erskine College and Seminary in Due West, South Carolina, where he had been the Vice President for Operations and Finance since July 2000. Before Erskine, Bill worked for the Billy Graham

Evangelistic Association—International Ministries, the University of Virginia, and Harvard University.

His office is in G2 Aderhold Hall, and you can reach him at 583-8281. *Welcome to the College of Education, Bill!*

Congrats to Betty!

In recognition of the significant contributions to efficient housekeeping and providing exceptional support to the University of Georgia's teaching and research functions, **Betty Pittman** has been named Employee of the Quarter for the months of January, February, and March 2003.

Farewells:

Congratulations to **Dr. George Hynd** and **Connie Morse** on their retirements from the College of Education as well as the University of Georgia. Dr. Hynd has been named dean of Purdue University's School of Education. Connie will be returning part-time to the College of Education. We wish them both the best!

Best wishes to **Kirk Oliver** with his future endeavors. Kirk has served the College for 9 years.

COE Reorganization Recap

The COE Reorganization Committee held an open forum on June 12 at River's Crossing. Faculty and staff from Aderhold, Ramsey and River's Crossing were in attendance. The meeting began with opening comments from **Dr. Kirk Cureton**, Chair of the Reorganization Committee. The forum was then opened to representatives from all departments beginning with the School of Leadership and Lifelong Learning and followed by the Schools of Health and Human Performance, Professional Studies and Teacher Education. Representing the staff were **Sandy Smith** and **Glenda Eades**. **Clarice Thompson** also voiced some staff concerns to the Committee. The forum was concluded with a brief statement from **Dean Louis Castenell**.

Eleven vacant staff positions were posted internally in the College of Education on June 11. All COE staff were encouraged to apply by submitting a letter of interest and a current resume. The time frame for submitting applications was 5 days from the posting (excluding the weekend). All letters and resumes were to be submitted to **Dr. Jeri Benson**.

The Reorganization Committee will conclude on June 30 with the submission of a final report which will include models for the COE reorganization to Dean Castenell. Following the dissolution of this Committee, a transitional team for the reorganization will be appointed. This team will be headed by **Dr. Kent Gustafson** (Instructional Technology retired faculty member). A request to have staff representation on this team has been made.

I encourage staff to forward any questions and/or concerns regarding the reorganization to me or directly to Dr. Benson or Dean Castenell. I will do my best to keep you abreast. Hang in there fellow staff buddies!

Rene' Hammond, SRG Chair

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See answer on back.

Million-Dollar Man

Congratulations to **Dave Wynne** and his marathon team, "Team in Training" (TNT). TNT Society uses endurance races to raise money for patient care and research for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Recently, the team participated in the Rock and Roll Marathon in San Diego. This is the largest attended marathon for TNT. The Georgia team was part of the national team which sent 3,900 participants to complete the marathon, 26.2 miles. Twelve million dollars was raised for patient care and research.

Dave has coached the Augusta team and supported the Athens team at the race. The Georgia team consisted of people from Atlanta, Athens, Augusta, and Savannah. They raised over \$400,000. This was the first marathon for most of the Georgia team. Dave has been with TNT for 5 years and has been coaching their triathlon and marathon teams for the past 3 years. *Way to go, Dave!*



Your Departmental Staff Representatives: Rene' Hammond, Chair

College-Wide: Representatives - Cindy Molloy, Julie Sartor; Alternates - Janice Cieslak, Clarice Thompson

Health & Human Performance: Representative - Betty Blum; Alternate - Ann Seagraves

Leadership & Lifelong Learning: Representative - Cindy Williams; Alternate - Denise Collins

Professional Studies: Representatives - Heidi Sartain, Sandy Smith; Alternates - Teresa Melton, Jacquee Rosummy

Teacher Education: Representatives - Etta Roberts, Jennifer Guyton; Alternates - Valerie Kilpatrick, Jeanine Meeler

Check out the SRG web site at: www.coe.uga.edu/srg

SRG Tidbit: By quorum, the SRG has voted to postpone the election of officers/representatives until September 2003 due to the COE reorganization.

RELAY FOR LIFE -----



The staff of COE were proudly represented at the 2003 Clarke-Oconee Relay For Life Walk sponsored by the American Cancer Society held on May 16 - 17. This year's team worked hard to raise money for the cause. The team featured a Mardi Gras theme titled, "The Good Time Gang." Members of the team included **Betsy Arrington-Tsao, Tiffany Bowman, Janice Cieslak, Joy Fulmer, Rene' Hammond, Cindy Molloy, Karen Myers, Laura Patrick, Jacquee Rosumny, Heidi Sartain, Julie Sartor, Sandy Smith, Joan Taylor, Kathy Thompson** and a last minute member from the COE faculty, **Dr. John Campbell**.

The total amount raised by the team was \$1500.86. Lots of creativity and fun went into the fundraising this year. In addition to the Tuesday pizza sales, the team also came up with some special events that not only raised money, but also were a great encouragement to the supporters. A Valentine's social was held in Aderhold for staff, faculty, students and custodial staff of the College. Many stopped by to enjoy the delicious variety of desserts/snacks that were available as well as the great door prizes and relaxing time spent among friends. One highlight of the event was getting hugs from Pooh-Bear (aka **Jacquee Rosumny**). The team also hosted the very successful Pot O' Gold Soup Kitchen (in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day). This was a sell-out event enjoyed by many supporters in the College. Many came by for homemade soup/breads. Kudos to the chefs among our staff!

The actual night of Relay For Life was an amazing time of camaraderie and excitement. Most members of the team were first-time participants who agree that in subsequent years they would be eager to help again. The ceremonies included the opening lap of survivors of cancer and their families, the Miss Relay For Life contest (where prominent men of Athens dressed up as women for the contest raising thousands of dollars for the cause), the Athens' version of "American Idol" and many other entertaining and special activities. Rene' Hammond said, "It was a positive experience in that it educated me as to what Relay For Life really is." All in all it was a wonderful experience for all participants. They encourage anyone who has never participated to get involved for next year's event.



Above: College of Education Relay For Life Team Members, Joan Taylor, Rene' Hammond, Heidi Sartain, Laura Patrick, Janice Cieslak and Kathy Thompson, posing with Miss Relay for Life 2003, Jay Stain.

Left: Father and son mask-making to help "The Good Time Gang" raise money.

2003 STAFF AWARDS -----

The 9th Annual Staff Award for Excellence Ceremony was held on May 2 at River's Crossing. The afternoon was a smash hit beginning with the delicious food catered by Magnolia's Bake Shop and accompanied by the great fellowship and camaraderie of all who attended. The ceremony ended with encouraging and inspiring speakers and the presentation of awards. This year's event hosted one of the largest turnouts in years with over 130 staff and faculty attending, including **Dean Louis Castenell** and **Dr. Jeri Benson**. Faculty attendance for this year's ceremony was at an all-time high. **Dr. Charles Connor** was recognized for his years of service with the staff awards and made a short speech in regards to his time with the College of Education. Speakers for the ceremony were **Dr. George Hynd** (Years of Service Awards) and **Bob Hart** (Staff Award for Excellence). Both added much humor and joy to the event making it an even more special occasion for staff.

The COE Years of Service awards were given to the following staff: **Jennifer Guyton, DeAnna Palmer** - 5 years; **Shirley Anderson** - 15 years; **Martha Williams** - 30 years. Nominees for the Staff Award for Excellence were **Brenda Arnold, Betty Blum, Donna Bodi-ford, Barbara Boggs, Kate Character, Rene' Hammond, Elizabeth Platt, Etta Roberts, Carolyn Taylor, Freida Thornton, Margaret Turner** and **Dave Wynne**. The winner for the 2003 Staff Award for Excellence was **Kate Character** (Student Services). First runner-up was **Elizabeth Platt** (Math Education), and second runner-up was **Freida Thornton** (Elementary Education). Upon receiving her award, Kate said that the job she does everyday is a result of her father's teachings. Kate is congratulated by all for her continued hard work and dedication to the College. All in all, the event was a huge success. Many thanks go out to everyone on the SRG committee for their efforts!



Staff Award for Excellence 2003 Nominees



2003 Staff Award for Excellence Recipients: Elizabeth Platt, 1st Runner-up; Kate Character, winner; and Freida Thornton, 2nd Runner-up