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From the Dean



It is with great Bronco pride that I write my first welcome for the Fayetteville State University, School of Education's newsletter, *The Facilitator*. I started my tenure here at FSU on July 23, 2007. I bring to this institution the passion and pride associated with the training and accomplishments I earned at a Historically Black College and University. I bring a love for working with students and children. I understand the struggle that higher education can be for some students and I strive to meet their needs and to travel with them as they move in the direction of achieving their academic goals. Here at FSU, we are committed, dedicated, and passionate about moving our school and those we serve on campus and in the community forward.

Our strategic plan outlines our goals, objectives, and strategies. As we move toward our goals, one of which is to increase our graduation numbers, we do so with a commitment toward deliberate recruitment, continuous advisement, and collaboration with all academic constituents involved in the professional development and training of educators. We will strengthen our collaboration with campus and community initiatives to produce educators who show evidence of knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions necessary to facilitate achievement for PK-12 students. We are proud to have faculty members who bring differentiated, standards-based, and student-centered quality instruction to guide our candidates in their endeavors to become successful professionals.

We take great pride in bringing *The Facilitator* back to the School of Education at a very important time in its history. The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has reaffirmed the high quality programs offered by the School. This issue highlights the accomplishments of our dedicated faculty and students.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve this noble institution and I envision a successful academic year!

Leontye Lewis, Ed. D.

WELCOME

New Faculty and Staff

Dr. Vikki M. Armstrong,
Assistant Professor;
Department of Health Physical
Education and Human
Services

Dr. Juanita Ashby Bey,
Assistant Professor;
Department of Elementary
Education

Dr. Kelly J. Charles,
Instructor; Department of
Middle Grades, Secondary and
Special Education

Dr. Beverlyn Cooke Cain,
Associate Professor;
Department of Elementary
Education

Mr. Derwin Sheppard,
Lecturer; Department of
Health, Physical Education
and Human Services

Dr. Sue D. Ward; Associate
Professor; Department of
Health, Physical Education
and Human Services

Mrs. Dianna Wesley, Office
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Educational Leadership

Ms. Chandrika Johnson,
Health Educator, Department
of Health, Physical Education
and Human Services

Elementary Education Alumna Visits for Homecoming 2007

Marion Gillis-Olion



Mrs. Daisy Stroud, a 1941 graduate of FSU's Elementary Education Program, lunched with Dr. Saundra Shorter, Department Chair, and Dr. Marion Gillis-Olion during Homecoming and told what it was like to be in teacher education in the late thirties and early forties. It appears that diversity was as much an issue for her as it is for today's teacher candidates. "We had to learn to teach all kinds of children. At the Newbold Training School on campus, we had the hand picked children of professionals with everything we needed to teach them. Half of the student teaching semester was spent teaching in the county where we had to start the fire in a pot belly stove. After we [college students] rode the bus to the county school, some of us walked to pick up the children," reflected Mrs. Stroud.

A native of Charlotte, NC, Daisy chose to come to Fayetteville State because "it had a reputation for really teaching people how to teach. When I got my first job I knew how to teach so some of my co-workers would come to me for help. I met people at Fayetteville State University that have become life-long friends." Daisy Stroud, a life-long friend of FSU, is leaving part of her estate to the Department of Elementary Education through planned giving. We thank you, Mrs. Stroud, for your generosity toward future FSU elementary education majors!



School of Education Receives NCATE Accreditation

Charlotte Boger

FSU family, we did it! The SOE received official confirmation that the unit has been granted continuing accreditation at the initial and the advanced levels until its next accrediting cycle in 2014. We appreciate the hard work and commitment throughout this process from our FSU faculty, administrators, students, alumni, school partners and the community. FSU family, school partners, and community, you're the best!

The letter stated: "I am pleased to inform you of the Unit Accreditation Board's decision to continue the accreditation of the School of Education at FSU at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you and your professional education unit for displaying the high quality necessary to be granted national accreditation."

NCATE is the leading higher education accrediting agency for teacher education programs in this country. Receiving the seal of approval from NCATE signifies that our programs and students underwent rigorous external review by professionals and that the performance of the teacher candidate in the program has been thoroughly assessed before he or she is recommended for licensure, and that programs meet standards set by the teaching profession at large (NCATE website).

The NCATE standards require programs to demonstrate that a teacher candidate knows his or her subject matter and can teach it effectively in a real classroom. Accreditation from the state of North Carolina is contingent upon the unit receiving NCATE accreditation. We anticipate receiving the decision from NCDPI in January 2008.

The university, established in 1867, was founded as a teacher preparation college and continues that legacy today. FSU was first accredited by NCATE in 1954. We look forward to many more years of preparing competent PK-12 teachers and administrators.



School of Education

Teacher of the Year

2007-2008

Dr. Linda Wilson-Jones is best described as enthusiastic, goal-oriented and hard-working. Coming to FSU in 2003, she set her goals for excellence in teaching, research and service. Dr. Wilson-Jones has a research agenda that focuses on the academic achievement of African American children, especially males. A graduate of Mississippi State University and Jackson State University, she attributes her dedication to education to her mother and grandmother who were both educators. Often referencing the teaching of her grandmother, she always give credit for her success and future endeavors to her belief in the power of prayer and by accepting the steps ordered by God.

Dr. Wilson-Jones is Director of the Doctoral Program and Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership. She recently served on a panel in Alexandria, Virginia at the University Council for Educational Administration, Inc. on "*Connecting Dispositions and Administrator Appraisal at Historically Black Colleges and Universities*".

Faculty and Student Research Collaboration

Linda Wilson-Jones

Dr. Terence Hicks and Liwei Tang co-authored a research study entitled, "Life Styles, Stressors and Health Status: Differences among On-Campus and Off-Campus College Students". The authors indicated that the major purpose of the study was to conduct a baseline investigation of life-style, student life stressors, and health status characteristics among on-campus and off-campus college students. The study used a Health Behaviors, Self-Rated Health and Quality of Life (QOL) questionnaire, which was administered to 552 students attending a college in North Carolina. Dr. Hicks notes that the results from the study determined that there were significant differences among life-styles, student life stressors, and health statuses among on-campus and off-campus college students.

Most importantly, this study documented compelling information regarding the risk for alcohol consumption, drug usage, student life stressors, physical and psychological problems, and sexual behaviors among college students. The study is due to be published in the Fall 2007 edition of the *Journal of Higher Education Excellence*. Dr. Hicks is Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Liwei Tang is an international doctoral student here at FSU.



Doctoral Student Wins Fellowship

Gennifer Bell

Fannie Ratliff, a doctoral student in the Department of Educational Leadership received a \$3,000.00 fellowship from the National Association of University Women (NAUW) in the 2006-2007 academic year. Mrs. Ratliff received this award based on her dissertation research proposal that will focus on North Carolina's school administrators and counselors perceptions of the impact the Freshmen Academy have on the academic achievement of African American ninth grade students.

Fannie is a member of doctoral Cohort 11 and is currently writing her dissertation. She is presently employed as a Guidance Director for Anson County Schools in North Carolina.



**Dr. Charletta H. Barringer-Brown Featured
in
Who's Who of Emerging Leaders**



Dr. Charletta H. Barringer-Brown was selected for inclusion in a biographical directory published by Marquis Who's Who®, the leading biographical reference publisher of the highest achievers and contributors from across the country and around the world. Dr. Barringer-Brown was profiled in the first edition of *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders* in January 2007 which features over 25,000 of the most accomplished individuals under the age of 40 from across the globe. Dr. Charletta Barringer-Brown is Program Coordinator for Middle Grades and Secondary Education and Assistant Professor in the Department of Middle Grades, Secondary and Special Education.

She recently presented her research on the topic of Student Assessment of Learning Gains (SALG): A Case Study of Using Data to Inform Faculty Course-Evaluation Revision at the 77th Annual South Eastern Technology Education Conference (SETEC) at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina and the International Conference on Electronic Commerce, Administration, Society, and Education (e-CASE2007) in Hong Kong, China.

Dr. Barringer-Brown was selected to participate in the 2007 BRIDGES Leadership for Women: Transformational Leadership (Cohort XV) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Regional Teacher of the Year
Joins SOE Committee**

Hattie Bazemore

The Teacher Education Committee (TEC) is pleased to welcome Ms. Bridget Johnson, the 2007-08 Sandhills/South Central Region's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Johnson is a 5th grade teacher at Vass-Lakeview Elementary School in Moore County where she has taught for seven years.

The process to become Teacher of the Year starts at the school level where one is nominated by one's peers. Following the school selection, an interview process is conducted at the county level; the selected candidates, through another interview process, are selected to represent their respective regions as regional finalist in the state competition for State Teacher of the Year.

As a Regional Teacher of the Year, Ms. Johnson is supported by the state to serve on committees, work with beginning teachers, and present workshops to teachers statewide.

Ms. Johnson describes her experience as, "the experience of a lifetime." However she feels the greatest honor was to have been chosen by her peers at Vass-Lakeview Elementary School.

The School of Education looks forward to the contributions of Ms. Johnson on the TEC and to the overall education program at Fayetteville State University this year.

News from Elementary Education

☛ The Department of Elementary Educations welcomes Mrs. Gena Mattocks as the Department Graduate Assistant. Gena is a full time student working on her Masters of Education Degree in Reading Education. She is originally from Chicago, Illinois and the proud mother of an 18 - month old son.

☛ Dr. Priscilla Manarino-Leggett from the Department of Elementary Education and Dr. Shirley Chao from the Department of Biology have submitted a \$75,000 grant to the United Way for a proposed literacy project, Community Approach to Reading Effectiveness (C.A.R.E.). The overall goal of the project is to provide early intervention in reading for at-risk students.

☛ Dr. Priscilla Manarino-Leggett from the Department of Elementary Education was recognized for her participation in the Celebrity Read-In at Hillsboro Street Elementary.

Department of Health, Physical Education and Human Services (HPEHS)

Peggy Green

Health and Wellness Service Learning Project

Dr. Vikki M. Armstrong, Assistant Professor, organized a service learning project to aid a needy South Harnett family, whose home was destroyed by fire. Students enrolled in the Fall 2007 Health and Wellness classes along with faculty and staff collaborated to collect donations of food, clothing, and money. After which, students were asked to write a reflective paper about the experience of giving. The personal donations were made to meet the needs of four children ranging from age five to eleven years old and their parents. Special thanks to Ms. Brandy LeQuire, social worker, for her assistance in this project.

Faculty and Students Present at the 60TH Annual “Best Practices” Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina

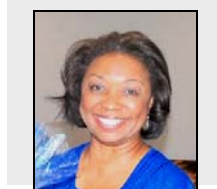
Dr. Gloria Elliott and twenty students made a presentation on Friday November 9, 2007 on “*High School Musical/FSU Student Major Style*”. This was a two part dance session designed to train future teachers to integrate kinesthetic strategies into the PK-12 learning environment.

Additionally, Dr. Elliott presented “*International Student Teaching: North Carolina to Japan*”. The presentation provided a colorful view of Okinawa, Japan as seen through the eyes of a physical educator. Miss Joy Hughes, a co- presenter and FSU Teacher Education graduate provided essential information as a result of her student teaching experience in Japan.

HPEHS Extras

- **Fall Thanksgiving Project 2007**
Drs. Elliott, Armstrong and Sue Ward along with students organized thirty-one Thanksgiving meals for needy families.
- **Body Worlds Exhibit: Discovery Place, Charlotte, North Carolina**
With grant funds from the Spring Lake Wal-Mart, faculty and students traveled to the Body Works Exhibit in Charlotte, North Carolina on November 30, 2007.
- **M.O.T.I.O.N.: Majors Organized To Instruct Others Nationwide**
On October 23, 2007, three members of *M.O.T.I.O.N.* served as host to the CIAA-SAAC Action Academy hosted by the Fayetteville State Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (FSU-SAAC).

Professional Development Schools



The Professional Development Schools Partnership (PDS) has extended its educational agreement with the Cumberland County Schools for another three-year period. The successes of the PDS Partnership have fueled its expansion to include middle and secondary schools as well as elementary schools. Along with the current ten (10) elementary schools that have been partners with FSU for the past ten years, the PDS partnership has added five (5) middle schools and ten (10) high schools. According to Dr. Beatrice P. Carroll, Director of the PDS Partnership, the current plans for the initiative with the Cumberland County School System is to continue (a) the clinical preparation for new and pre-service teachers, (b) the support of research directed toward the improvement of teaching and learning, and (c) the support for research-based and innovative strategies that will result in student success.

Interdisciplinary Fair at Ferguson Easley Elementary

Juanita Ashby Bey

The faculty in the Department of Elementary Education work diligently to prepare future teachers who are able to plan and implement effective, interactive, content based instruction across the curriculum. To assist in these efforts, on November 30, 2007, Dr. Colleen Walker, in collaboration with Mrs. Mellotta Hill, Principal of Ferguson Easley Elementary School planned and organized the Semi-Annual Interdisciplinary Fair.

The students who were enrolled in the elementary education methods courses during the Fall 2007 semester, planned learning activities for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. All learning activities were planned using the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, which helped to reinforce student knowledge of the solar system, telling time, counting money, precipitation, condensation, geography, and poetry.

The children at Ferguson Easley enjoyed the activities planned by the methods students and the methods students learned a great deal about the impact of effective planning on student learning and motivation.

School of Education Assessment Initiative: Continuous Improvement

Kelly Jackson Charles

In the age of accountability and transparency in higher education, many schools and colleges are looking for evidence-based assessment tools which speak to direct and indirect measurement of knowledge, skills and attitudes. Fayetteville State University (FSU) has embarked upon a campus-wide effort to identify performance outcomes of each academic program. Additionally, assessment coordinators were appointed to assist in the selection and/or development of measurement tools which will evaluate the effectiveness of undergraduate and graduate programs. In alignment with the aforementioned, the FSU School of Education (SOE) has established an initiative to redesign our assessment plan and to develop a more efficient and effective assessment system.

The first steps in the SOE assessment process was to form an assessment committee whose charge was to facilitate a faculty-led assessment analysis based on each program's student learning outcomes. Based on the analysis, a decision was made to create opportunities to engage students in assessment activities that are a logical, fundamental part of their education. These assessment activities were embedded within the curriculum and plotted on course matrices. The next step in the SOE assessment process was to select quality course assignments and evaluation tools which measure student attainment against clearly stated national, state and institutional standards. The data to be gathered with such tools will demonstrate evidence that FSU School of Education candidates possess the knowledge, skills and dispositions that provide "value-added" contributions to the public schools of North Carolina and the global community.

The School of Education has embarked upon an assessment initiative with the goal to advance the analysis and to understand the trends in performance of our students as they move through transition phases established within the curriculum. Such an analysis is intended to aid both curriculum and instruction within the school and to show evidence of student competencies.

National American Education Week Events

Zakkiyah Madyun



Dr. Shorter receives First Place
Award from Dr. Munn

The School of Education engaged in several activities during the week of November 12-16, 2007 in celebration of National American Education Week. American Education Week Activities went as followed:

- Monday, each department entered into a Bulletin Board contest focusing on the theme "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." The Department of Elementary Education won first place.
- Tuesday, the School of Education hosted a Gallery Walk which consisted of student organization posters with information about their respective missions, membership and projects.
- Wednesday, a celebration program was held in the G. L. Butler Theatre. The College Lakes Learning Lions Choir performed and entertained the audience with several musical selections under the direction of Ms. Beth Bill. Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley gave the keynote address and challenged educators to reach all students regardless of their social economic status and ethnic backgrounds.
- Thursday, PDS Coordinator, Dr. Beatrice Carroll sponsored an Open House that allowed current students majoring in education to meet with local school administrators.
- Friday, we concluded all activities with an "Educational Support Professional Luncheon," in appreciation for the entire School of Education support staff. Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Juliette Bell gave the address.



College Lakes Learning Lions Choir Performing

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Bachelors Degree Programs

- Birth-Kindergarten (B-K)
Elementary Education (K-6)
Middle Grades Education (6-8)
- Language Arts/Social Studies
 - Mathematics/Science
- Secondary Education (9-12)
- English
 - Mathematics
 - Biology
 - Social Studies
 - Business Education
 - Marketing Education
- Special Subjects (K-12)
- Health Education
 - Physical Education
 - Music Education
 - Spanish Education
 - Art Education

Licensure-Only Programs

- All above program areas
- Reading
- Special Education

Alternative Licensure Programs

- Lateral Entry
- PATH (Teacher Assistants)
- NC TEACH

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Master of Education (M.Ed.)

Concentration Areas

- Biology Education, 9-12
- Elementary Education, K-6
- English Education, 9-12
- History Education, 9-12
- Mathematics Education, 9-12
- Middle Grades Language Arts, 6-9
- Middle Grades Mathematics, 6-9
- Middle Grades Science, 6-9
- Middle Grades Social Studies, 6-9
- Political Science Education, 9-12
- Reading, K-12
- Sociology Education, 9-12
- Special Education, Behaviorally Emotionally Disabled, K-12
- Special Education, Learning Disabilities, K-12
- Special Education, Mentally Disabled, K-12

Masters of School Administration (MSA)

Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)

- K-12 Concentration
- Higher Education Concentration

Services

- Graduate Studies Research Lab

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION CEREMONY

BUTLER LITTLE THEATER
DECEMBER 7, 2007 AT 7 PM

COMMENCEMENT

CROWN COLISEUM
DECEMBER 15, 2007

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE
JANUARY 3, 2008 (CAPEL ARENA)

SPRING CLASSES BEGIN
JANUARY 9, 2008

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