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Dr. Johnson Reflects on Journey to South Africa

It's been more than a month since *Alberta Johnson*, assistant professor of Psychology and Education, and *Jo Anne Starnes*, professor of English, accompanied 19 other faculty members from across the state on a faculty development seminar to South Africa. Now, after returning from the 14-day sojourn and getting through the start of fall quarter classes, Dr. Johnson shares her reflections on this "tremendously educational and bonding experience."

And indeed the experiences were vast and varied. The group visited the University of the North, located at Turfloop, near Pietersburg, which was a "hotbed of resistance" to the Apartheid movement. Today it is a residential university, serving 14,500 students, with President Nelson Mandela serving as Chancellor. While there the group attended a lecture on South Africa Land Rights, and met with faculty members to discuss collaboration and linkages with Georgia colleges.

They also visited the University of Venda where they met with deans and faculty members, the Kruger National Park where their "awesome" experience included a "bush dinner" and the view of the constellations of the Southern Hemisphere, and a "game drive" where they spotted wildlife roaming the countryside. Other stops included Johannesburg, Aloe Ridge, site of a reproduced Zulu village, Soweto, and Cape Town where they visited the Mayibuye Centre of the University of Western Cape (a facility dedicated to the documentation of the history of the resistance movement against the Apartheid government).

Dr. Johnson said the trip "remains an enormously emotional learning experience. There is much that we as educators and as American citizens can do to help South Africans adjust to and learn how to deal with democracy after so many decades of oppression and blatant, inhumane discrimination."

The trip was funded by the Council for International Education of the University System of Georgia, the Regent's Advisory Council for Africa, Savannah State University, the University of the North and the University of Venda.

NEWS BRIEFS

Work progresses on the conversion of the old Waco Elementary School for use as our *Haralson Center*. The county is expected to pave the parking lot in the coming weeks, plant operations personnel are currently wiring the building for computers and educational technology, and painting the building. The college plans to be in the new facility by Winter Quarter.

Main campus has now been wired for the new *ACCESS1 cards* and as soon as some interfacing with the Banner System is completed the cards will be operational.

The *Institutional Self-Study* is complete and will be mailed to our SACS visiting team members this week. Countdown to the SACS visit is three weeks!

When you get a chance, stop by and see the newly converted classrooms for use in *instructional technology intensive courses* (courses which use laptop computers as an integral part of instruction). They are located at F-129, W-200 and W-202. This quarter's ITI classes are Geology, English and Political Science.

Folks

Nursing student **Donna B. Baird** has been awarded the first Wesley C. Walraven, Sr. Academic Scholarship. The scholarship, named for Floyd College's first Dean and Vice President (1970-1992), recognizes outstanding academic achievement of Pepperell High School graduates.

When the Georgia Association of two-year Colleges meets at Darton College November 1 & 2, Floyd College will be well represented. **President Lynn Cundiff** will be the speaker for the General Session, and will make a presentation with Clayton State College President Rick Skinner titled "Shifting Paradigms in the Teaching/Learning Process." **Carla Patterson**, director of *Extended Learning*, will make present "College by Cable: FCTV's Experiences with Live Telecourse Delivery, and **Catherine King**, assistant professor of *Physical Education*, will discuss the "Comparison of Student Achievements in Health Education via Traditional Delivery vs. Distance Learning."

Carolyn Parks, director, *Cartersville Center*, conducted a workshop for the senior high youth group of Heritage Baptist Church on September 27, on the subject of the prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Shirley Whitworth, adjunct instructor in *Deaf Education*, received the Mary B. Huckaby Meritorious Service Award presented by the Rome-Floyd Disability/Employment Committee on October 8. **Melvin Perry**, assistant Professor of *Political Science*, served as Master of Ceremonies for the awards program.

Six Floyd College faculty members are listed in the 1996 Who's Who Among America's Teachers. They are: **Suzanne Black**, instructor in *Human Growth and Development*, **Lynda Boggs**, part-time instructor in *Learning Support*, **Margaret Davis**, associate professor of *Mathematics*, **Philip Dillard**, professor of *English*, **Alberta Johnson**, assistant professor of *Psychology and Education*, and **Eileen Walker**, instructor in *Criminal Justice*. The individuals were selected by one or more former students who themselves were listed in the national registry. Congratulations!!

Ty Busch, part-time instructor in *Social and Cultural Studies*, and his wife Donna, coauthored an oral history account of the last 23 known holocaust survivors of Atlanta and South Carolina. The 634 page book is now available from Georgia Holocaust Commission.

Mr. Busch has also been appointed to the FBI's Critical Incident Response Group which is a consortium of experts in the field of terrorism who could serve as hostage negotiators or analysts in the event of national terroristic threats.

Our condolences to **David Mott**, associate professor of *Art*, upon the death of his father, and to **Vera Brock**, assistant professor of *Nursing Education*, upon the death of her mother, Beatrice Brock.

Welcome the following new employees: **Kim Adams** and **Sandra Windelspecht**, part-time instructors in *Learning Resources*, **Beverly Burkart**, **Carol Murphy**, and **Lorraine Sposato-Allen**, part-time instructors at the *Haralson Center*, **Bobby Compton**, part-time instructor in *Social and Cultural Sciences*, **Bridgette Stewart**, part-time lab assistant in *HPER*, **Deborah Smith**, interpreter for *Disabilities Support*, **Teresa Davis**, janitor, *Cartersville*, **Mark Baker**,

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recruiting coordinator, Admissions, **Doug Walker**, event coordinator for *Centre Stage*, and **Jeff Olney**, *MOPS* coordinator. Retired Financial Aid Director **Bruce Pound** will be teaching part-time at the *Haralson Center*.

Congratulations to **Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Cundiff** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Caroline Rose Cundiff**, on October 12. This is the first child born to their son Gary and his wife Sarah who live in Kansas.

Sandy M. Briscar, director of *Public Information* will serve as one of four Assembly Delegates from Georgia to the national Public Relations Society of America annual conference in St. Louis in November.

Wendell Barnes, director, *ASL Immersion Training Program for Interpreters*, attended the annual meeting of the Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in Columbus September 27-28, where he was elected to the Board of Directors.

Announcements

There will be a full staff meeting on Tuesday, October 22, at 3 p.m. in B-206. The primary topic of discussion will be the November SACS visit.