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BCCC hosts high-tech training session



BCCC students Calvin Ward (left) and Justin Morris (right) join Mark Carawan, (center) lead electronics and electrical instructor in a demonstration of the new SuiteLink, Home Systems Installation and Integration Trainer.

With advances in technology creating a demand for more sophisticated electrical wiring systems in homes today, Beaufort County Community College is taking the lead in teaching its students how to wire this equipment. BCCC recently worked with the N.C. Community College System through its Curriculum Improvement Program to offer intensive training for electronics and electrical instructors from across the state. Faculty from 18 community colleges and one university joined three BCCC students in a two-day workshop March 2 and 3 that focused on wiring buildings to react to the environment. Known as home technology integration, or HTI, these systems typically contain wiring and electronics that allow the remote control of equipment such as security systems, lighting, sound, Internet access and

appliances. Controls to these systems can be operated by timers, exterior lighting levels, motion, sound and remote controls. Electricians will need adequate training to be able to install these systems and electrical instructors will need adequate training to be able to teach these new skills, according to workshop organizers. BCCC recently purchased equipment specifically to add this type of training to its curriculum. That is the main reason BCCC was chosen for this training session, according to Mark Carawan, lead electronics and electrical instructor at BCCC. Carawan said this training was invaluable to him as a teacher. "Everything is going wireless. People don't want to see a lot of cords draped all over their homes or offices. They are demanding that structures be wired for their preferred technologies. That's why I want to incorporate it into the BCCC curriculum. I want my students to have access to the most current technologies available." The workshop was taught by Riad El Masri, vice president of Graymark International, Inc., a manufacturer of educational electronic kits.

BCCC begins welding program at Southside High School

Southside High School and Beaufort County Community College have collaborated to bring basic welding instruction to students on the high school campus. Under instructor Ryal Watkins the high school students attend classes similar to those they would receive on the college campus. The welding courses are available through a program known as the Huskins Bill program, named for its primary sponsor, the late state Rep. Joseph P. Huskins, an Iredell County Democrat, with a life-long interest in education. Under the

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“Huskins Bill,” enacted in 1983, BCCC and other community colleges and technical institutes statewide can offer college level academic, technical and advanced vocational classes not otherwise available to students free of charge in the ninth through twelfth grades at participating high schools. Students who elect to take and pass “Huskins Bill” classes receive both high school and college credit for their work. Watkins is a graduate of BCCC, earning an associate’s degree in 2001. Watkins told the Washington Daily News that he enrolled in BCCC intending to become a mechanical engineer and took a welding class to “fill his schedule.” But he discovered that he enjoyed welding and “found the market was open for welders right now.” After graduating, Watkins worked with Fountain Powerboats in Chocowinity and with Hatteras Yachts in New Bern before accepting a teaching position with the community college. Wesley Beddard, dean of instruction at BCCC, said the college decided to begin the welding program at Southside High School to meet the needs of students south of the Pamlico River who, because of the distance involved, find it difficult to travel to the college to attend welding classes. Southside High School Principal Wali Saleem and Beddard found classroom space for 14 welding stations and developed a curriculum that would enable students to complete the first year of an associate’s degree in welding while still in high school. Saleem has said such classes are “a great resource” for students that he hopes they can be expanded in coming years.” The welding program began at Southside High School earlier this year and has been very popular among students. Both welding classes available at Southside have been full since the program began.

McDonald’s stained glass chosen for state exhibit

A work by Mary McDonald, a stained glass art instructor at Beaufort County Community College, has been chosen for display in Raleigh as part of an exhibit of works by community college faculty and staff statewide. The exhibit opened March 17 with a reception honoring the artists of the exhibit. The art will be on display in the Caswell Building, home of the North Carolina Community College System Office throughout the year. McDonald, of Washington, began working in stained glass about five years ago after she was given a class as a Christmas present. She works primarily in the Tiffany style using a technique known as the copper foil method. She primarily creates three-dimensional pieces of art. “Since the first class, I have learned mostly through the trial and error method. I guess that explains why I enjoy three-dimensional or sculptural style pieces more than flat panels,” McDonald said. “There



is definitely a lot of trial and error in creating a free-form piece.” McDonald’s sculpture is a three-dimensional stained glass blue heron sitting amid green foliage atop a piece of driftwood. It is one of more than 150 pieces of art from 50 community colleges on display at the Caswell Building.

Diversity Dinner caps off Black History Month observance

Beaufort County Community College capped off its observance of Black History Month on Friday, February 25 with its annual “Diversity Dinner” which highlights the heritage of African-American cooking in the South. A joint project of BCCC’s Student Government Association and Southern Culture classes taught by Tim Mattimoe the “Diversity Dinner” was held in the multi-purpose room of Building 10. As part of a class project, Mattimoe’s students cooked recipes that focused on African-American origins. The dinner was similar to those held at churches and schools throughout the South. It featured fried chicken and traditional side dishes, most prepared by Southern Culture students at BCCC. The dinner caps off a month of activities and exhibits on the BCCC campus highlighting black heritage and history. An exhibit of books by black authors and about black history has been on display in the campus library and a series of posters featuring the heritage and achievement of black women has been on display in the Campus Café throughout the month. A jazz band performed for students earlier in the

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month. BCCC's Black History Month observances were planned by a committee of staff and faculty that includes Mattimoe, William Polk, Judy Meier Jennette, Penny Sermons and Becky Spain.

Open House highlights industrial trades and technologies

Beaufort County Community College's industrial trades and technologies programs were highlighted for college faculty and staff on Monday, March 7 with an Open House. The event highlighted recent facility improvements in the machine shop, welding labs and Heavy Equipment and Transportation Technology program and gave faculty and staff information about the career opportunities available in industrial trades and technology programs, according to Wesley Beddard, dean of instruction at BCCC. "Even with the tight job market, graduates of these programs are finding good jobs in our region," Beddard said. Participants were given guided tours of all of the facilities. Lead instructors gave brief overviews of program requirements and career opportunities in their fields.

PIPS play features to-be-wedded couple

The honor of your presence is requested at "The Wedding," an original play being produced by the PIPS players, scheduled for April 15 and 16 in the multipurpose room of Building 10 on the Beaufort County Community College campus. Tickets for "The Wedding" are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and are available from any cast member or by calling Lilley at 940-6248. The play, which will include comedy, a little drama, monologues and improvisations, will also include audience participation. From the moment audience members walk into the room, they will literally be a part of the action. The scene will be a wedding hall where a marriage ceremony is to take place and each audience member will be a guest. When audience members walk in, they will be seated on either the bride's side or the groom's side and they may encounter actors already in character as they take their seats. "You won't know if you're seated next to an actor," Tania Lilley, the plays director and monologue author, told the Washington Daily news. "You might be totally surprised when someone stands up and says, 'You know, I love you'." The idea for "The Wedding" was hatched by Lilley, a BCCC instructor and a professionally trained drama teacher. Lilley enlisted Chris Corey, a campus police officer, to help develop the project. Similar audience participatory plays, such as "Tony and Tina's Wedding," have been staged in New York in recent years and have been very successful. For "The Wedding," PIPS Players welcomes to the stage, in addition to Corey and Lilley, Jeremy Robert, Veronica Keyes, Ron Clark and others. Proceeds from the play will go to a scholarship fund for general educational development, or GED, students continuing their education at BCCC. Incidentally, Corey and Lilley are engaged to be married in real life and have contributed monologue material to the play.



Rhunell Boyd, Dianne Evans, Kay Walker Hauser, and Sue Brookshire (standing from left to right) listen to Sandria McFadden as she describes the many uses of the drafting labs in Building 4.

Club Spotlight

Gamma Beta Phi raises money for Relay for Life

Kelley Parker, a member of BCCC's Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, waits on a table of customers at Golden Corral in Washington recently to help raise money for the upcoming Relay for Life. GBP members waited on tables at Golden Corral March 3 and 10, donating tips they received to BCCC's Relay for Life fundraising effort. The group raised \$353 for the campus team, the BCCC Seagulls - Flying for a Cure. The relay will be held April 29-30 at the Washington High School track. Begun in 1985, when Dr. Gorgan Klatt ran around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the fight against cancer, Relay for Life is the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. In 2004, BCCC raised \$2,786. The 2005 goal is \$3,000.



PBL attends conference, celebrates PBL Week



Members of BCCC's Tau Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda began planning their activities for the coming semester and celebrated Phi Beta Lambda Week with a series of campus observances in February. Several chapter members attended the PBL Winter Tip-Off Conference in Fayetteville on February 10. At the conference, members discussed upcoming competitions and began planning activities for the coming semester. After returning from the Tip-Off, PBL members celebrated Phi Beta Lambda Week February 14-18. On February 15, George Peele, a

BCCC graduate, spoke to chapter members about his new business, GT's Gifts 'N Such, and ways the chapter could raise money to help pay for travel to PBL conferences. PBL members honored their advisor, Debra Baker, with a series of activities on February 17.

Upcoming Events

April 6 – 15 – Summer Term Telephone Registration (RAP).

April 12 – New Student Advising Day.

April 19 - Workshop in due process procedures and dealing with disruptive behavior. For more information, contact Sandra Sauve at 940-6216 or Marcia Norwood at 940-6218.

April 19 - Annual BCCC Job Fair. For more information, contact Rhunell Boyd at 940-6353.

April 26 - Graduate Recognition Ceremony, 3 to 5 p.m., multipurpose room, Building 10.

April 28 – Professional Administratives' Day lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., multipurpose room, Building 10. For more information, contact Business and Industry Services at 940-6306 or 940-6375.

May 5, 6, 9 and 10 – Exams.

May 12 – Graduation Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Washington High School.

May 13 – Graduation, 8 p.m. Washington High School.

May 15 - 2nd Annual Cut-throat Croquet Tournament in Bath (a fundraiser for BCCC scholarships)

May 17 – Summer Late Registration.

May 18 – Summer Session begins.

Students, faculty and staff: Publicize your campus-based fundraiser and other events in this column monthly. Contact the public relations staff no later than the 15th of the month in order to list your event in the next month's edition of Campus Connections. Please email your announcements to Betty Gray.