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Important Dates

- March 6**
- BRTC Advisory Dinner
- March 10**
- PN Educators Conference
- March 20 - 25**
- Spring Break
- April 19**
- Last Day to Drop Classes
 - Intent to Graduate Forms Due
- April 20**
- Scholarship Donor Luncheon
- May 3 - 9**
- Final Exams
- May 11**
- Graduation

Moss, Lewis Receive Awards at Regional PTK Conference



Dr. Linda Moss

Dr. Linda Moss, BRTC instructor and Phi Theta Kappa advisor, along with Alvin Lewis, BRTC student and chapter member, received awards at the recent PTK Regional Convention held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Moss was named 2006 Most Distinguished Chapter Advisor and Lewis was

named 2006 Distinguished Chapter Member, both for the Oklahoma/Arkansas Region. They are now candidates for the awards at the international level which will be announced at the International Convention to be held in Seattle, Washington in April.

Additionally, Moss was awarded a certificate in appreciation of her outstanding service to the Okla-

homa/Arkansas Region Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society 2005-2006. The BRTC chapter of PTK received second place in Scholarship Hallmark as well as a five-star status rating in the region's Five-Star Program.

"I am so proud of Alvin and all of the PTK members and officers for their hard work in making our local chapter so successful," said Moss. "Their hard work and dedication have made our BRTC chapter one of the best in the Oklahoma/Arkansas region."

Attending the convention from BRTC along with Moss were Dawn Chitty, out-going Regional Vice-President, Laura Alderson, Secretary/Public Relations Officer, and Shala Amiker, chapter member.



Alvin Lewis

Public Invited to Forum on "Art and Controversy"



Pictured, from left, Dr. Sandy Davis-Baltz, Dr. Charlotte Power, and Dr. Jason Morrison.

BRTC faculty, staff, and students are invited to a faculty forum on "Art and Political Controversy" on Tuesday, March 7, 12:30-1:30 at Randolph County Development Center. This event is also open to the public.

The forum is framed by the current events surrounding the publication of cartoons critical of the prophet Mohammed, and by the current BRTC exhibit of the political cartoons of Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel published in the early 1940s. Dr. Seuss' cartoons criticized the isolationism and what he considered the "head in the sand" tendencies of the U. S. in response to the growing threat of Nazism in Europe at the time.

Forum participants are Dr. Sandy-Davis Baltz, Art and

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Manley Hosts Foundation Event

BRTC's newest Foundation Board member, Steve Manley, together with his wife Suzy Manley, hosted the BRTC Foundation and their spouses at a reception at their home in Memphis in February. He was named to the Foundation Board in January.

Manley is CEO of Universal Asset Management, an international firm which disassembles aircraft and refurbishes components for sale in the aviation industry. One of the company's plants is located in Walnut Ridge, with a warehouse in Pocahontas.

Among those attending the reception were BRTC President Richard Gaines and Patti

Gaines, BRTC Board Chair Mike Dunn, Debbie Golden, Dina Hufstedler, Vickie French, Carol Belford-Lewallen, Danny and Ruth Ann Ellis, Keith and Stephanie Sutton, Jeriel and Mary Summitt, Joniece Trammel, Ralph "Pink" and Charlotte Baltz, Milton and Stephanie Smith, Drs. Warren and Martie Shull and Dr. Jan Ziegler.

Manley spoke briefly with his guests regarding plans for future expansion of the company into the Pocahontas area, and introduced to the group Keri Wiznerowicz, Jennifer Jones and Ashley Mosley of his staff who were also in attendance.



Dale Cullison and John Utnage

"A Perfect 300"

John Utnage and Dale Cullison, BRTC employees, recently accomplished a rare feat.....bowling a perfect 300 game.

It was the first time for Cullison, retiree and adjunct instructor, who bowled a 300 game November 10 at Campus Cove Bowling Center in Walnut Ridge during Men's League play. He has been bowling for approximately seventeen years.

Utnage, maintenance employee, bowled a 300 game on February 20 during Couple's Church League play, also at Campus Cove. This is the second time in 25 years of bowling that Utnage has scored a perfect 300, the first being eight years ago at T-Woods Bowling Lanes in Pocahontas.

As members of sanctioned leagues, both men are furnished with a ring, courtesy of United States Bowling Congress in recognition of their achievement.

Airliner Back in Service at Hands of BRTC Graduates

Graduates of Black River Technical College's Aviation program experienced a first with their current employer, Universal Asset Management (UAM) Corporation, in preparing an airliner to be returned to service. Typically, UAM, a Memphis-based firm, purchases airplanes to be dismantled at its Walnut Ridge facility for components to be refurbished and sold back into the aircraft industry worldwide. This is the first time a plane, a British Aerospace 146-300, 100-seat airliner, has been taken to Walnut Ridge to be reconditioned and returned to service.

UAM purchased the airplane from Itochu Leasing in Tokyo in October 2005 and sold it to Hemus Airways of Sofia, Bulgaria. It was most recently operated by Air Wisconsin in Appleton, Wisconsin. "The Walnut Ridge crew, consisting of five BRTC graduates, prepared the airplane for re-activation by performing operational checks on the avionics, hydraulic and pneumatic systems, and conducting high power performance runs on the engines," according to Steve Manley, UAM's Chief Executive Officer. "They also worked with the various regulatory agencies to ensure all required documentation was generated and all logbooks updated." Additionally, they prepared the aircraft for its flight test, which was conducted flawlessly February 16, before representatives of Hemus Airways took possession and flew it out the following week.

The BRTC graduates, who comprise most of the Walnut Ridge facility staff, are Shawn Vaughn



Pictured standing in front of the reconditioned airliner at UAM's Walnut Ridge facility are, from left, Chad Burke, Shawn Vaughn, Chris Hart, Keith Trout, and Aaron Farley.

of Harrisburg, and Chad Burk of Paragould, both December 2003 graduates; Chris Hart of Walnut Ridge, May 2003 graduate; Keith Trout of Clarkton, Missouri, December 2002 graduate; and Aaron Farley of Brookland, May 2005 graduate.

Students Awarded Single Parent Scholarships

A total of twelve Randolph County residents have been awarded Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarships for the 2006 Spring semester, according to committee chair Janna Guthrey. Each award is for \$500. Three of the students, Arlene Cline, Jennifer Hall and Stacey Peoples, have been designated as Entergy Scholars, with funding support for their awards provided by Entergy.

In addition to Cline, Hall and Peoples, scholarship recipients are Summer Ford, Jennifer Geelhoed, Coralynne Kildow, Melanie King, Kristen Litty, Vivian Penn, Julie Perkins, Angela Thielemier and Marcia VanCannon.

The Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship program serves single parent Randolph County residents who are attending an insti-



Pictured with Financial Aid Officer Carolyn Collins (standing, second from left) are Julie Perkins, Coralynne Kildow, and Vivian Penn. Seated, from left, are Angela Thielemier and Jennifer Hall.

tion of higher learning and meet certain income guidelines. The program receives funding support from the BRTC Foundation and BRTC employees who donate through a payroll deduction program.

In addition, BRTC employees hold an annual "silent auction" as a fundraising event for the single parent scholarship program. A portion of the funds raised locally are matched at a rate of up to 150% by the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship fund.

Since its establishment in 1992, the organization has provided more than \$60,000 in scholarship funds to eligible students.

Community members who would like to donate to this program may do so by contacting Vickie French at BRTC at 870-248-4070.

Health Services Provided to Community



Cayse Haynes, right, Respiratory Therapy student, instructs Joanne Holloway, Nursing II student, in intubation's during the Health Fair.

Approximately 200 people attended a Community Health Fair held Wednesday in the Randolph County Development Center on the campus of Black River Technical College. Local health care providers, as well as BRTC students from the Dietetics, Nursing, and Respiratory Care departments, were on hand to provide various health care information and services free to the community.

Area businesses and professionals participating in the Health Fair included Medic One; Melinda Calhoun, BRAD Head Start/Early Head Start; Onnie Hawkins, Pocahontas Medical Clinic; Cathy Johnson and Dr. Greg Buxton, Pocahontas Family Medical Center; Vision

Care; Southern Eye Associates; Air Evac; Healthway Medical; Lisa Lewallen, Elder's Choice, Department of Human Services; and Nancy Johnston, BRAD.

Services provided at the fair included height and weight measurements, body mass index calculations, analysis of body composition, vision checks, blood glucose level checks, blood pressure readings, and measurements of lung function.

The Community Health Fair is an annual public service event sponsored by BRTC.

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History Instructor; Dr. Jason Morrison, Political Science and Government Instructor; Dr. Charlotte Power, History Instructor; and Dr. Jan Ziegler, VP for Development and Holocaust Instructor.

Ziegler will present an overview of the "Dr. Seuss Holocaust Political Cartoons" and serve as moderator for the panel. Baltz will provide a historical overview of "Art as a Tool for Social Criticism." Power's presentation is "The Context of Pre-World War II America: The Case of Father Coughlin, Charles Lindbergh, and Henry Ford." Morrison will examine the topic of "Free Speech versus Political Sensitivity" in the context of the Islamic reaction to the cartoons published by the Danish press.

The Seuss art exhibit will remain in the Administration Building at BRTC through March 15. The panels will be on display in RCDC for viewing before and after the forum.



Holocaust students Dustin Alphin, Stacy Price and Jonathan Cobian prepare Seuss exhibit.

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From the President's Desk



A report recently released by the U. S. Department of Education contains interesting information on the predictors of success in college. As mentioned in the last issue of *The River's Edge*, the academic rigor of the student's high school curriculum, as well as enrolling in college directly after high school are two factors that affect the likelihood of a student completing a four-year degree. Another finding is that "students are taking increasingly complex roads to a post-secondary degree, with nearly 60 percent of the students having attended more than one institution, and

35 percent having attended more than two." The report also reveals that formal transfer from a two-year to a four-year college is a positive indicator, but that frequent college changes, or a process the report calls "swirling," is not.

None of this is really surprising to us here at BRTC. We typically serve a student population that mirrors what the report calls a new "metaphor": that is, students who follow a path with occasional twists and turns enroute to completing their degree, rather than the "traditional metaphor of a pipeline, where you put oil in and it flows out."

BRTC is well equipped, with both staffing and physical resources, to help students negotiate the often winding path leading to a degree. Being a relatively small community college means we have the sort of flexibility necessary to respond quickly and creatively to changing forces, both inside and outside the college setting.

Edington Joins BRTC Staff

Julie Edington of Biggers is the new Personnel Assistant at Black River Technical College. After graduating from Biggers-Reyno High School in 1995, she attended BRTC for two years before transferring to Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Edington previously worked for two years at Futrell Pharmacy in Pocahontas and eight years at Biggers-Reyno High School.



Julie Edington

Dr. Seuss Holocaust Exhibit

"An original exhibit full of life's lessons
for the entire family"

On display through March 15
In Admin Building

Open to the public

To schedule a group visit, contact
Dina Hufstedler 870-248-4000, EXT 4187

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