Beloved Center Faculty Member to Retire

Dr. Alton L. Taylor will retire in August, 2003

Dr. Alton L. Taylor’s presence on grounds has spanned nearly forty years. He entered the University as a graduate student in 1961. He returned in 1967 to accept a position in Institutional Analysis. Dr. Taylor became the Assistant to the President in 1973, and later became a professor in the Curry School of Education. In his career, he has taught such courses as Institutional Research and Planning, Leadership and Decision Making, Management and Planning in Higher Education, and Information Technology and Higher Education. He became the Director of the Summer Session in 1974 and has guided the summer programs for almost 30 years.

Dr. Taylor says that he has enjoyed many challenges in his job, including budgeting, working with students and faculty, putting together programs to provide more academic opportunities for students, and watching the growth of the Language Institute. One of his favorite aspects of directing the Summer Session is the opportunity to “help people try courses in the summer that they would not have had a chance to do otherwise.”

Dr. Taylor has served on the Curry School Foundation’s Board of Directors for eight years and has chaired over twenty dissertation committees. He has authored many publications, served on countless committees, and given numerous presentations in his career. Also, for the last five years, he has been the advisor to the Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) society, of which he has been a member since he was a student in 1963. Dr. Taylor has embraced his role as advisor of PDK, and he believes that “it is so worthwhile to support teachers; they are the most wonderful people.” The students in PDK honored Dr. Taylor with the UVa. Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa’s Distinguished Kappan Award in 1999, for “being an outstanding educator who embodies the highest ethical and professional ideals.” He has also been involved with Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), for which he has served as faculty secretary. In 1999, Dr. Taylor was awarded the Arthur F. Stocker Jr. Faculty Award, the highest honor bestowed by ODK. The Raven Society also awarded him with its Outstanding Faculty Award in 1999.

Dr. Taylor commented that he has enjoyed his roles as administrator, teacher and advisor, and that he will miss the wonderful young people he has worked with at UVa. He is a special member of the UVa community and has benefitted the Center in numerous ways while touching many students’ lives. In his retirement, Dr. Taylor plans to “have fun,” although it is evident from talking with him, that he has had a career packed with fun times and rewarding work with students. When asked what he will miss most in retirement, Dr. Taylor said that he will miss the daily interaction. He said that students “come in anxious and leave confident people; they are all smart and you just have to nurture that and help them become better.”

Alyson Kienle, Editor
Dr. Annette Gibbs, Advisor
Brown Bag Series

University of Virginia President John T. Casteen III, was the featured speaker at the final Brown Bag Lunch of the academic year. Center students and faculty enjoyed his presentation on April 8, 2003, titled, “Current Issues in Higher Education: How the University of Virginia and the State of Virginia Are Planning for the Future.” President Casteen holds three degrees in English from the University of Virginia and was the Dean of Admission from 1975-1982. He was appointed President in August, 1990.

Colette Sheehy, Vice President for Management and Budget at UVa, gave a presentation titled, “The Process for University Budget Preparation” at the March 17, 2003 Brown Bag Lunch. Ms. Sheehy has been the University’s Vice President for Management and Budget since 1993. She serves as the institution’s senior budget officer and oversees the functions of the chief facilities officer, the office of the budget, procurement services, the Leadership Development Center, and state government relations.

Internship Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday, May 2, 2003, the Annual Internship Luncheon was held to honor internship supervisors for their support of, and contribution to, the educational experience of Center students. The internship supervisors joined Center interns and the higher education faculty at the Boar’s Head Inn for this appreciation luncheon.

Four Center Students Receive Awards

Center students received Curry School of Education Foundation Awards at the Education Awards Day Ceremony held on April 25, 2003.

Laurie Casteen received the Curry Trustees Fellowship. She is a second-year student and works in the University Orientation Office. John Downey received the Annette Gibbs Research/Publication Award, presented to a student in the Center for the Study of Higher Education who displays an early publication record. He is Dean of Health and Human Services at Blue Ridge Community College. Cameron Howell was the 2003 recipient of the Johnnie E. Merritt Graduate Fellowship, which honors student leadership contributions. He is completing his second year in the Center, and this fellowship will support his dissertation research. Kirsten Turner was the recipient of the Jay L. Chronister Student Award, established by former students and advisees of Dr. Chronister. The award funds professional development opportunities for current students. Kirsten is completing her third year in the Center.

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Robert Barnhardt, Ed.D. (1974) has accepted the interim position of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at North Carolina State University. Bob was formerly the Dean of NC State’s College of Textiles.

Gene Crume, Ph.D. (2000) is the new Executive Vice President of Advancement and Enrollment Management at Midland Lutheran College. He, Cindy, and children Alexandra and Gene, join President Steve Titus, Ph.D. (1998) at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, NE.

Karen O. Dowd, Ph.D. (1993) and Sherrie Gong Taguchi are coauthors of The Ultimate Guide to Getting the Career You Want (And What to do Once You Have It), March 2003.


Jeff Harper, Ph.D. (1995) is working as a counselor at the International School Bangkok, and is now a consultant to the Thai Ministry of Education. He recently remarried and has made Thailand his permanent home.

Cheryl A. Lindeman, Ed.D. (1984) is partnership coordinator at Central Virginia Governor’s School for Science and Technology and serves as assistant to the president of the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology.


Julie Hren Piercy, Ph.D. (1999) and husband John welcomed their new baby girl, Kaitlyn Cynthia Piercy, on February 13, 2003. Kaitlyn weighed in at 7 lbs, 13 ounces, and was 21 and 1/4 inches long.

Dennis E. Gregory, Ed.D. (1987) has articles in two recent editions of Campus Safety and Student Development: “Should college students be held to a higher behavioral standard,” (2003, Jan./Feb.) and “Hiding crime on campus,” (2002, Nov./Dec.). Dennis also made two program presentations at the 2003 NASPA Conference in St. Louis, and one presentation at the 2003 ASJA Conference in Florida.

Larry L. Rowley, Ph.D. (1999) has been tapped for membership in Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society. He was also one of 7 recipients of the “Outstanding Research Mentorship Awards,” at the University of Michigan’s Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program.

Vicky L. Triponey, Ph.D. (1989) has been named Vice President for Student Affairs at Penn State University, effective July 1, 2003. She has served as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Connecticut for the past five years.
Four Center Students Graduate in Spring 2003


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Nicole Loyd has interviewed faculty, staff and students of Piedmont and Virginia Highlands Community Colleges for a project funded by a grant from the Lumina Foundation, “Nontraditional Learners in Post-Secondary Education: Emerging Pathways to Access and Success.” Nicole is working with Dr. Brian Pusser and Dr. John Levin, professor at N.C. State on the project.

Charlynn Miller was hired in March of 2003 as a lecturer (equivalent of an asst. prof.) in statistics and information technology at the University of Ballarat in Ballarat, Australia.

Catrina Murphy, along with husband Bryant and son Christopher, welcomed baby Jonathan James Murphy to their family on April 23, 2003. Jonathan weighed in at 6 lbs, 15 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Dave Wolcott was elected to serve on the University Honor committee as a representative of the Curry School. Dave will present a paper, “The Role of Political Lobbying in the Rise of For-Profit Higher Education,” along with Dr. Brian Pusser at Teachers College, Columbia University on May 2, 2003. Dave will also chair a panel at that conference with Dean Breneman and David Kirp (UC-Berkeley) as panelists.

David Schein has been hired as a contract legal consultant and mediator for the UVa Faculty and Employee Assistance Program. He will begin July 1, 2003.

Dr. Brian Pusser presented the paper, “Nonprofit and for-profit higher education governance: The limits of convergence,” on Friday, April 25, 2003, with Dr. Sarah Turner at the AERA annual meeting in Chicago. Dr. Pusser also published, “Beyond Baldridge: Extending the political model of higher education organization and governance,” in Educational Policy, (2003, Jan./Mar.).
Ten Members of the Southwest Cohort Earn Doctorates

The Center’s off-grounds higher education degree program in Abingdon, Virginia, initiated by Dr. Hal Burbach and Center faculty nearly four years ago, is yielding its first graduates who will “walk the lawn” at Commencement Ceremonies in May. These ten “new doctorates” and their dissertation titles are:

Deborah Comer Clear, “An Assessment of English Composition Course Dual Enrollment Practices in the Virginia Community College System.”
Susan Clark Flemming, “A Comparison of Artificial Intelligence-based Asynchronous Internet Instruction and Traditional Instruction in Community College Developmental Algebra.”
Jeannie Farthing Gambill, “Diversity Experiences for Teacher Education Candidates in College Theatre Education Programs.”
Tamara L. Meade, “Teaching Styles and Behaviors: A Comparison of One Community College’s Part-time and Full-time Faculty.”
Martha Norris Moore, “A Cross-Case Study of Six Women Who Experienced Layoffs in the Apparel Industry and Enrolled in Retraining Programs at a Southwest Virginia Community College.”

In addition to Center Faculty Professors Gibbs, Pusser, Wagoner, and Professor Burbach, other Curry faculty members who made the off-grounds program a success were Professors Robert Pate, Michael Caldwell, and Don Ball.

The Center’s Electronic Resources

Visit the Center’s website, http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/highered/ to find information about center activities, faculty, alumni, and the most recent additions of The Quarterly along with links to educational resources. The Center’s list-serve (cshe@virginia.edu) is available for use by students, faculty, and alumni. There are separate list-serves for the Center’s Internship Program (he-intern@virginia.edu), and for current faculty and students of the Center (he-list@virginia.edu).
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“I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”
- Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931)