Graduate event to showcase student research and creative endeavors

West Georgia will celebrate the accomplishments of graduate students engaged in research or independent intellectual pursuits at the fourth annual Celebration of Graduate Student Research on Thursday, April 12, in the Education Center, Room 1.

Panel discussions will begin at 3 p.m. and at 4:45 p.m., and poster presentations will be exhibited during the break and after the second discussion session. Judges will present awards for outstanding papers and posters following the presentations.

Student presenters were chosen through their departments for work done as part of theses, dissertations, course projects, creative pieces or independent research projects that draw upon resources and knowledge gained through graduate study at UWG.

Graduate students who will make presentations are Dale Howard of Carrollton, Allen Michot of Rome, Sandra Pollard of Carrollton, Philip Purser of Temple, Kristin Rabun of Peachtree City, Margaret Sullivan of Carrollton, Jason Thogmartin of Carrollton and Jessica Wise of Marietta.

Atlanta band Copeland to open for Goo Goo Dolls

The band Copeland, winner of Yahoo! Music’s 2005 “Who’s Next” competition, will be the opening act at the Goo Goo Dolls concert at UWG on Thursday, April 26.

Copeland is currently on tour with Switchfoot, but will join the Goo Goo Dolls tour in early April. The Atlanta-based foursome has released seven albums since its 2003 debut with Beneath the Medicine Tree. Its 2004 release, In Motion, reached the number one slot on the Billboard Alternative New Artist Chart.

Band members include Aaron Marsh, vocals; Bryan Laurenson, guitar and keyboards; James Likeness, bass; and Jonathan Bucklew, drums.

One of the main events during the university’s centennial year celebration, the outdoor concert will be held on Centennial Field (next to Z-6 and Arbor View Apartments), with the gates opening at 6 p.m. It is open to the public, and tickets are available for $35 plus tax at the University Bookstore or online at www.westga.edu/live. For group sales information, contact Danielle Tackett, University Advancement secretary, at x9-6447 or dtackett@westga.edu.

Kutztown vice president to fill finance position vacated by Gauthier

James Sutherland, vice president for administration and finance at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, has accepted the position of UWG vice president for business and finance effective July 1. He will be filling the post vacated by Bill Gauthier, who retired in March.

Kutztown University is a comprehensive state institution with about 10,000 students.

Sutherland has worked in higher education since 1982 and is a former captain in the U.S. Air Force. He holds an M.B.A. from the University of Missouri and is a certified public accountant. He plans to visit the UWG campus several times before starting his responsibilities in July.

“Jim Sutherland will be a superb addition to our campus,” said Acting President Hynes. “His experience in higher education demonstrates an ability to contribute to the collaborative enterprise of advancing and supporting faculty, student and staff learning. He has worked in systems and institutions similar to those here. This will allow for us to benefit from those experiences, and for him to apply quickly those skills and knowledge.

“I want to thank the search committee chaired by Dr. Melanie McClellan [vice president for student services], for exceptional work. I also would like to thank Jerry Mock [acting vice president for business and finance] and the rest of the Division of Business and Finance for helping the university make a smooth transition to new leadership for the division. I am also grateful to all on campus and in the Carroll County community who participated in this search process.”
State Supreme Court justice, former governor to speak at Murphy Center centennial event

Georgia Supreme Court Justice P. Harris Hines and former Gov. Roy Barnes will be guest speakers at an upcoming lecture in honor of the UWG centennial celebration sponsored by the Murphy Center for Public Service. The lecture will take place on the first floor of the Ingram Library on Friday, April 20, at 7 p.m.

The Murphy Center for Public Service is a unit of the Department of Political Science and Planning. Other university sponsors of the lecture are the Ingram Library and its Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections, the Thomas B. Murphy Holocaust Teacher Training and Resource Center, Georgia’s Political Heritage Program, the Center for Public History and the UWG Foundation Inc.

Both Hines and Barnes will be presented the Citizen of the Year Award by the Murphy Center for Public Service. Lorene Flanders, director of university libraries, will also speak about the Ingram Library and its future.

The evening will begin with a reception of heavy hors d’oeuvres and guided tours of the Murphy Holocaust Center and Special Collections. Special Collections is hosting an exhibit honoring Thomas B. Murphy, former Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, who donated his political papers and memorabilia to UWG in 2005 following the closing of his state office. Ingram Library plans to recreate the former speaker’s office as part of a bipartisan center for public policy within the library.

Admission is $25 per person and can be paid in advance or at the door. For more information or reservations, contact Political Science and Planning at x9-6504 or Ingram Library at x9-6355.

Library hosts Beard Lecture

The Ingram Library will host its annual free library lecture on Wednesday, April 18, at 2 p.m. in the second-floor Library Conference Room, followed by a cheese, fruit and dessert reception. Formerly known as the Ingram Library Lecture, the event will be marked by an official announcement by Lorene Flanders, director of university libraries, of its name change to the Charles A. Beard Annual Lecture in memory of the late university libraries director.

Following this presentation, Richard Meyer, dean and director of the Georgia Institute of Technology libraries and a long-time friend of Beard, will discuss how the Georgia Tech Information Center best practices plan for innovative library services won a 2007 National Excellence in Libraries Award from the national Association of College and Research Libraries.

World-renowned pianist to conclude TCPA season

Internationally acclaimed pianist Andreas Klein will present the TCPA’s last performance of the season, An Evening with Andreas Klein, Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. With his introspective style and poetic performances, the German-born musician has captivated audiences at prestigious venues around the world, from London’s Wigmore Hall to New York’s Carnegie Hall. He is frequently heard on National Public Radio’s Performance Today.

Klein will perform works by Mozart, Schubert and Beethoven in the intimate Black Box Theatre. Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for senior citizens, $5 for UWG students and $3 for children and can be purchased at the TCPA Box Office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For information or to reserve tickets by phone, call x9-4722.

10 student athletes win honors from GSC and university

Ten UWG athletes have recently received honors for their achievements. Five men’s and three women’s basketball players were named to the Gulf South Conference Academic Honor Roll for the 2006-07 season, and two top competitors in soccer and cross country received UWG’s inaugural Helena Harbridge International Student-Athlete Award.

The Harbridge Award is named in memory of the late Helena Harbridge, a freshman golfer from Toronto who died at UWG last April. Sharing the first award are soccer star Alex Udin of Vasteras, Sweden, and cross country mainstay Katie Perkins of Ottawa, Ontario.

Heading the GSC Academic Honor Roll honorees from the men’s basketball team was junior Sheldon Harris, a member of the Honor Roll for the third straight season. Also chosen were junior Michael Lytle; sophomores Brandyn Flowers and Adam Stanger, another repeat honoree; and freshman Eduardo Archibald Brown.

Heading the list from the women’s program were repeat honorees Mattie Gouaux, a senior, and Rachelle Washington, a sophomore. Junior Rita Grayson also received the recognition.

In Memoriam

George Clarke
Retired Associate Professor of History
Overfield named Spanish Professor of the Year by AATSP

Dr. Denise Overfield, associate professor and chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, has been named 2007 Spanish Professor of the Year by the Georgia chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

The nation’s oldest, largest and most comprehensive language-specific professional association, the AATSP promotes the study and teaching of Hispanic, Luso-Brazilian and other related languages, literatures and cultures at all academic levels.

A teacher education coordinator, Overfield has planned many professional development workshops for foreign language teachers at all grade levels. She was recognized for her teacher preparation work in Spanish and her accomplishments as a foreign language educator.

“I was nominated by a colleague and recognized for the work I do with teachers at all levels,” she said. “It is an honor to be recognized by this teaching community and to receive this award.”

Centennial Poetry Gala to feature top poems of UWG’s 100-year history

The Department of English and Philosophy will present a Poetry Gala in honor of UWG’s centennial celebration on Friday, April 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Oak Lawn Farm on Rome Street.

The event will highlight poems written during West Georgia’s 100-year history, and will feature heavy hors d’oeuvres, an open bar, live music and door prizes. Gala attendees will be able to vote, at $1 per vote, for the best poem of the century.

UWG students have nominated poems of 50 or fewer lines published between 1906 and the current state of global affairs.

Student tickets are $10, and general admission is $35 per person. Proceeds will be used to fund student research and travel. For tickets, contact Sharron Edwards, English and Philosophy senior secretary, at sedwards@westga.edu or x9-6512.

Business students win GoalQuest grand prize

Four students in the Richards College of Business have won the GoalQuest Internship Program Grand Prize, which includes a trip to Europe and a paid eight-week summer internship in New York City. GoalQuest Inc. is a New York-based software company specializing in innovative solutions for higher education. Its internship program is designed to give college students hands-on experience in marketing, public relations, online community development and web-based market research.

The UWG winners are Leslie Eberhardt-Dumas of Decatur, Alicia Hargraves of Villa Rica, Paul Kamau of Kennesaw and Marvin Smith of Social Circle.

They worked on their marketing research project for months and presented it to GoalQuest executives in competition with students from 12 other schools.

International relations expert to lecture about global affairs

The International Student Club will host guest speaker Eric de Groot, vice-chair of the Atlanta City Council Advisory Committee on International Relations, on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in lower-level Z6.

De Groot will present a European perspective on the current state of global affairs in his lecture “Lessons of Financial Loss, Leadership and Laughter.”

Born in the Netherlands, de Groot became a language protégé in high school, where he taught five languages to peers. Still language-savvy today, he is fluent in Dutch, German, French and English.

Since moving to the United States, de Groot has devoted two decades to building a long-term vision and master plan to promote the study of culture and languages. His business, Global Education Matters, consults on international relations with clients as diverse as the Home Depot, the FBI and the Weather Channel.

For more information about this free lecture, contact Student Development at x9-6428.

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Dr. Jonathan Goldstein (history) spoke to the Carrollton Kiwanis Club on “Iran and Israel: Historical Perspectives” on March 9.

Dr. Sunil Hazari (management) has had his article “Bringing Secure Wireless Technology to the Bedside: A Case Study of Two Canadian Healthcare Organizations” published in the book Web Mobile-Based Applications for Healthcare Management.

DeLandra Hunter and Ashley Lewis (EXCEL Center) presented “The ABCs of CRLA Mentoring Certification” at the 20th Annual International Mentoring Association Conference on March 23. The EXCEL Center’s mentoring program is the only mentoring program in Georgia internationally certified by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA).

Dr. Roger Johns (management) has been named managing editor of the Journal of Legal Studies in Business and promoted to assistant editor-in-chief of the Southern Law Journal.

Dr. Harrison McCraw (accounting/finance) presented “Ethical Concept Visibility in IT Education” at the 2007 Southeast Decision Sciences Institute Conference in Savannah, Feb. 21-23. He also chaired a session and was a discussant for two other papers.

Dr. Walter Todd (intramurals) has been awarded a 2007 Sasakawa Fellowship by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) to attend a National Faculty Development Institute on “Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum” at San Diego State University, June 4-22. UWG must commit $700 toward the cost of the institute, and the fellowship will provide a $5,500 stipend for travel, housing, food and administrative and academic fees.
History hosts colloquium

Dr. Dan Williams, assistant professor of history, will discuss Partisans for Life: Why Pro-Choice Republicans Adopted an Anti-abortion Platform in the 1970s at the History Department Spring 2007 Colloquium at 4 p.m., Thursday, April 12, in the TLC, Room 1-203.

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
▶ French Conversation Group: Pause Café, UCC Centre Café’, 2 p.m.
▶ Nursing Anniversary Celebration: Poster presentations, Nursing Dept., 2-4 p.m.; Reception, lower-level Z-6, 4-5 p.m.; Recognitions & speaker, lower-level Z-6, 5-7 p.m.
▶ Employer Night sponsored by RCOB Management Club, UCC, Rm. 312, 6:30-8 p.m. (business attire). Info: x 9-6431.
▶ International Film Series: All I Wanna Do, TLC, Rm. 1-303, 7 p.m.

12 Thursday
▶ Intramural Tennis Tournament
▶ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▶ Celebration of Graduate Student Research, Ed. Center, Rm. 1, 3 p.m. See Graduate/p1.
▶ History Department Spring 2007 Colloquium, TLC, Rm. 1-203, 4 p.m. See History/p4.
▶ French Film Series: Rois et reines, TLC, Rm. 1-301, 7 p.m.
▶ Alumni Recital: Wayne Gilreath, piano, Cashen Hall, 8:15 p.m.

13 Friday
▶ Saxophone & Percussion Symposium Faculty & Guest Recital, Cashen Hall, 11 a.m.
▶ Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) summer 2007 application deadline, Human Resources, 5 p.m. See Bulletins/p2.
▶ Wind Symphony Concert, Campus Center Ballroom, 8 p.m.
▶ UWG Teacher Quality Grant Finale, Ed. Center, Rms. 2 & 3, 10 a.m. Luncheon at noon, followed by 1 p.m. wrapup.
▶ Baseball: Wolves vs. Montevallo (2), Cole Field, 1 p.m.
▶ Saxophone & Percussion Symposium Closing Concert, TLC Atrium, 3 p.m.

14 Saturday
▶ Baseball: Wolves vs. Montevallo, Cole Field, 1 p.m.
▶ Spring Preview Day, TLC, 1:30 p.m.
▶ eCore Finals, through 4/18, Strozier, Rm. 120, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
▶ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▶ Concert: Flute & Clarinet Ensembles, Cashen Hall, 8:15 p.m.

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▶ Spring Preview Day, TLC, 1:30 p.m.

16 Monday
▶ Charles Beard Lecture & Reception: How to Become an Information Center of Excellence, Richard Meyer, Library Conference Rm., 2 p.m. See Library/p2.
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