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***Departmental Announcements***

**Joan Deng married William Tang on August 14.**

**Sandy Thompson** has been selected to represent the state of Georgia at the National Education Association Republican Leaders Conference in Minnesota.

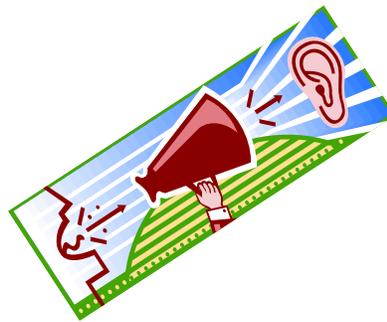
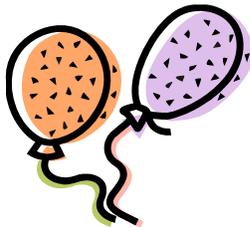
**Tracy Richardson and Liz Runyan** received the Annual Support Staff Service Award.

**Alexa North, Brad Prince, and Sandy Thompson** received the Annual Faculty Service Award.

**Erich Bergiel** received the Annual Faculty Development Award.

**Beth Clenney and Sunil Hazari** received the Annual Student Research Award.

**Congratulations to All!**



***Birthdays***

**Joan Deng  
September 13**

**Alexa North  
September 15**

**Brad Prince  
September 19**

**Happy Birthday!**



## The Chair's Corner

Two DAC meetings have been held since the last publication of *The Messenger*. Faye already has shared with you, via e-mail, the major issues in the *August 21* meeting (which I repeat below). During the *September 16* meeting, we discussed new positions in the RCOB that will be requested by Faye this year. We are currently recruiting for a new Management position. Also, as our enrollments are continuing to increase, we hope to get approval for another Management position within the next couple of years.

From the *August 21* meeting:

- Guests – Dr. Sethna and Dr. Hynes
- Budget Update: Governor has requested plans for 6, 8, and 10% cuts for 2009 and 2010; Dr. Sethna and Dr. Hynes talked with DAC about process (still to be determined) and amount (not yet known) of cuts for the university.
- RCOB summer school enrollments were up 22.8% over last year, and fall enrollments are up by 13.4%. Current UWG enrollment stands at 11,316. An issue for this semester will be size of MBA and undergraduate classes.
- Jon gave an update on international programs. Due to changes in department personnel, financial markets, and exchange rates, we will revise the international programs for next summer. In addition, Bob Pearce is working on a study abroad for Japan and Salil Talpade is working on one for China, both scheduled for spring break 2008 and both using EF (Education First).
- From PAC and Deans Meeting: (1) Deadlines for PeopleSoft conversion were sent to all departments. (2) Travel authorization must be completed prior to travel or employee will not be reimbursed. If personal car is to be used, cost comparison must be completed and returned with reimbursement request. Funds must be available for system to accept reimbursement form.
- Reimbursement for travel must be completed within 60 days of travel. If a meal is part of the conference agenda, employee may not be reimbursed from state/tuition funds for meal eaten elsewhere. Those with standing travel authorizations must turn in reimbursement requests at least twice per semester, before fall and spring breaks. (3) All DAC members must complete Approver Training by the end of the month.

- RCOB Structure: Discussion with SPC will begin with next week's meeting.
- Alicia Hargraves will be working with Mimi's class on a project for marketing the
  - RCOB this semester. Please share ideas and experiences with Alicia.

*Please see me if you have any questions. Our next DAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2008.*

Tom G.



## Summer 2008 Senior Exit Surveys

Thirty-one Management and MIS majors responded to our Summer 2008 Senior Exit Survey. Some of the highlights of this survey are as follows:

- 77% reported that they were “Very Satisfied” with their decision to earn a B.B.A. in our department. Another 19% noted that they were “Satisfied” with this decision. One person indicated they were “Dissatisfied”.
- 71% reported that it was “Very Likely” that they would recommend our program to a friend. Another 26% noted that it was “Likely” that they would recommend our program. One person indicated it was “Unlikely” they would recommend our program.
- 58% reported that they were “Very Satisfied” with the scheduling/advising system (up 10% over the Spring survey).
- 81% reported that they planned to work in a company not owned by their family. One person planned to start up a business. Two individuals reported that they planned to pursue an MBA.
- Eight individuals reported that they had already accepted a job offer.

Overall, the surveys remain excellent in our department. **100% of our graduating seniors reported that the quality of instruction in our department was “Good” or “Excellent.”** One student noted, “I’ve enjoyed my 4+ years at UWG and come away with some valuable experiences mainly because the professors incorporate their business world experiences. The Department of Management is extremely helpful and have wonderful teachers.”

**The complete surveys are available in my office for you to review at any time.**

Tom G.

## 2008/2009 Graduation List

### **Saturday, December 13, 2008**

Dr. Thomas Gainey  
Dr. William Lankford  
Dr. Alexa North  
Dr. Faramarz Parsa  
Dr. Doug Turner  
Dr. Mary-Kathryn Zachary

### **Saturday, May 9, 2009**

Dr. Joan Deng  
Dr. Susan Hall  
Dr. Sunil Hazari  
Dr. John Upson  
Ms. Sandra Thompson

### **Saturday, August 1, 2009**

Dr. Erich Bergiel  
Dr. Leanne DeFoor  
Dr. Brad Prince  
Mr. Jeff Rooks



## 2008/2009 UWG Preview Days

A special thanks to Roger Johns, Doug Turner, Bill Lankford, Erich Bergiel, Joan Deng, and Sandy Thompson for serving as our department representatives last year. The representatives for the upcoming year are as follows:

### November 9, 2008 (Sunday)

John Upson  
Jeff Rooks

### January 25, 2009 (Sunday)

Sandy Thompson  
Tom Gainey

### April 5, 2009 (Sunday)

Brad Price  
Sunil Hazari

