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WheelerNotes

Good-bye Dr. Byrd

If you get a moment in the next few days, take a moment to greet Dr. Jim Byrd. Jim will be spending July in France directing a UGS study abroad program and then will be moving south to assume duties as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Florida Southern University. Thank you, Jim, for your work at Armstrong and best wishes in your new location.

Thank you Drs. Hopkins, Remler, and Roberts!!!

With Dr. Price's ascension to the Big House, we are most grateful that Dr. June Hopkins has agreed to serve as interim Department Head in the Department of History. We are equally grateful to Dr. Nancy Remler of the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy and Dr. Jonathan Roberts of the Department of Psychology who have agreed to serve as co-directors of the Honors Program. We look forward to a good year for both the Honors Program and the Department of History.

Light, Spacious, Surprising

For those of you who have not yet surveyed the interim home of the Lane Library, we recommend that you soon take a field trip to the future student activities building located beside the old field house. It is hard to imagine a more appropriate location for a "home away from home" for the library while the Lane building is being renovated. The special collections, technical services, and the stacks all have spacious and appropriate quarters and the librarians are grinning broadly at how well it will work. We are not completely sure when all services will be restored, but interlibrary loan came back on line on Monday and other services will follow quickly.

PRISM Review Imminent

Dr. Hessinger and the team of 24 Arts and Science faculty members who have worked with her on the PRISM project are holding their breaths on the results of a June 18 National Science Foundation

review. Eighteen months of the five year project have passed and NSF will be examining the program to determine whether it is worthy of continued funding for the remaining 3.5 years of the program. Since 20 million dollars (\$3.5 million locally) hung in the balance, we extend to Dr. Hessinger and the rest of the statewide team our best wishes as they travel to Atlanta to present. **Note:** The PRISM leadership in the University System Offices have made it clear that Armstrong's participation in this project has been exceptional and that we will serve as the poster children as the program is presented ... hope we can carry the state.

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Fulbright Scholar Program

The Fulbright Scholar Program will offer lecture and research awards in about 140 countries for the 2006-2007 academic year. Awards are available for 45 different disciplines and fields.

Traditional Fulbright awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. Foreign language skills are needed in some countries, but about 80 percent of the awards are for lecturing in English. Deadline for the traditional program is November 1, 2005. Award and application information for all programs is available at www.cies.org.

Faculty Notes

Will Lynch and **Delana Nivens**, Chemistry, and four student authors (Joyce Chow, Nin N. Dingra, Elizabeth Baker, Brian C. Helmly), have published "Nanoparticle mediated photodefluorination monitored by ¹⁹F NMR," in the *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology A: Chemistry* 173 (1 July 2005): 156-160.

Judy Awong-Taylor, Alex Collier, and Kathryn Craven, Biology, presented their research work with AASU biology student at the national meeting of the American Society for Microbiology. **Collier,**

Awong-Taylor, and students Leslie Bates, Frances Delano, and Tanya Collier co-authored "A Comparison of the Anti-Microbial Properties of Amphibian Skin Secretions," and **Craven, Awong-Taylor**, and students Jennifer Griffin, Laura Griffiths, and Tanya Collier, co-authored "Microbial Characterization of Unhatched Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) Eggs and its Implication in Embryonic Death and Development."

Becky da Cruz, CJSPS, has published "The Marcus Dixon Case: The Impact of Race on the Southern Criminal Justice System" in *Law Enforcement Executive Forum* 5(3) (May 2005): 15-28.

June Hopkins, History, and **Teresa Winterhalter**, LLP, were named as Governor's Teaching Fellows for the Summer 2005 Symposium that took place in May in Athens. Faculty are selected based on their teaching experience and their interest in continuing professional development as well as their ability to have an impact on their home campus. Governor Zell Miller established the GTF in 1995 to provide higher education faculty with the opportunity to expand their teaching skills.

Student Notes

Tiffany Wernz's paper, "Historical Examination of Cohabitation Rates" was recognized by the Academy of Economics and Finance as the Outstanding Student Paper presented at the 2005 meetings of the Academy. Dr. **Toma** served as the faculty advisor for this project.

Two biology students, Jessica Jenkins and Suzette Schmetz, have been accepted to the Veterinary School of Georgia. Congratulations to the faculty who helped them along the way.

Deadlines and Dates

- June 21** Midterm, 6 week session
- June 25** CHAOS I
- June 27** Midterm, 8-week session
- July 5** First day of second 4-week session
- July 9** CHAOS II
- July 13** Midterm, second 4-week session
- July 23** CHAOS III
- July 27** New CHAOS for Transfer Students
- Aug 8** CHAOS IV
- Aug 9** Faculty Meetings resume
- Aug 15** First Day of Class

