

DEANotes

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Wheeler Notes

Disruptive Student Behavior: Occasionally faculty members inquire about the avenues available to manage disruptive student behavior in the classroom. In response to these inquiries, we are repeating a DeaNotes article that we first published in February of 2002. We have contacted Student Affairs, and they affirm that this advice is still appropriate.

We first observe that we hope such behavior can be managed within the context of the faculty-student relationship. However, any disruption of a positive learning environment in the classroom or actions which impede the ability of other students to learn or the ability of the professor to teach is a violation of the student conduct code. Hence, at some point the faculty member may need to resort to the following steps:

1. Set up conference with the student whose behavior is disruptive.
2. In the conference, indicate that a re-occurrence of the behavior would be regarded as a violation of the student conduct code (see 5, 6, and 7 on page 340 of 2006-07 catalog). Inform the student that if the behavior re-occurs, the conduct code violation will be reported and the student banned from the classroom until the violation is adjudicated.
3. Should the disruptive behavior re-occur, report the violation of the student conduct code to the Division of Student Affairs by email (or phone—call x5271)—and paper memorandum and inform the student that he or she should not return to class until the conduct violation has been adjudicated.

In discussing this article with Bill Kelso he indicated that either he or Vice President McNeil would be happy to consult on related issues if contacted.

Introducing Dr. Bob Gregerson: We are pleased to announce that Dr. Bob Gregerson will join us as department head in the Department of Biology. Dr. Gregerson earned his Ph.D. in molecular genetics from the University of Georgia and his BA in biology from Wabash College. He has more than 20 research publications and was twice named CASE Professor of the Year for the State of Arkansas. He presently serves at Lyon College where for five years he chaired an interdisciplinary division of 15 faculty members that was responsible for delivering biology, chemistry, and mathematics to the Lyon students. We look forward to Dr. Gregerson joining our strong team in biology.

Student Faculty Summer/Collaborations

Announced: We are pleased to announce the student-faculty teams who will be working in Summer 2007 with support from the College of Arts and Sciences. We are grateful to Professors Bossler, Desnoyers-Colas, Hollinger, Finlay and Nivens who helped us evaluate the proposals. We will look forward to receiving reports from each member of the teams in August 2007.

Chris Combs and Kim Archer: Choices of Registered Nurses in the United States

Cliff Padgett and Erik Davis: Predicting the Stereospecificity of Products Through Molecular Modeling

Brent Feske and David Beasley: Biocatalytic Reduction of Oximes

Scott Mateer and Mande Beers: Identification and Characterization of Yeast Stereospecificity Motifs

Jim Todesca and Joseph O'Connor: Colonization and Coinage in Ireland and Spain

We are hopeful that we can continue this program in Summer 2008 and recommend that faculty members begin to think about projects that might be appropriate for collaborative work. More information about the program is available at the College of Arts and Sciences web site under the Faculty Resources page.

New Course in Mathematics: The Department of Mathematics is offering MATH 1001 this summer. This is the first summer it will be offered. This course called Quantitative Reasoning is the ideal course for a student who has committed to a major such as Art, Criminal Justice, English, Nursing, Communicative Disorders, or General Studies. It can be used as a pre-requisite to MATH 2200 (Elementary Statistics) but not as a pre-requisite to any other mathematics course.

Faculty Notes

Local American Chemical Society Chapter

Honored: The American Chemical Society Committee on Education (SOCED) recognized the Armstrong Atlantic Student Affiliates chapter as an honorable mention chapter based on their activities during the 2005-06 academic year during the 233rd ACS national meeting in Chicago.

Michael Toma, Economics, was an invited speaker at the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce 6th Annual Tourism Summit held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Dr. Toma delivered a presentation, "Savannah Tourism Marketing Analysis," and participated in a panel discussion on the same topic with Convention and Visitors Bureau presidents from Providence, Rhode Island and Salem, Massachusetts.

Richard J. Cebula, Richard D. McGrath, and Katya Gubenko, (student author) Economics, published the article "Impact of Small Businesses on the Percentage of the Population without Health Insurance," *Journal of Global Business Issues* (Spring, 2007)

Christopher Baker, Languages, Literature, and Philosophy, was named Vice President of the South Central Renaissance Conference at its annual meeting in San Antonio on March 9. He also served as program chair for the meeting and presented a paper on "Cordelia and the Old Testament Figure of Wisdom."

José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Political Science, and **Becky K. da Cruz**, Criminal Justice, had their article

"An Unusual Choice: Michelle Bachelet, President, in Conservative Chile," published in the *National Social Science Journal* 29 (2007): 50-57

Jerry Silverman, Adjunct Professor in Political Science, published "The Old, New Thing for Iraq" -- about provincial reconstruction teams and local governments, in *The National Interest* (27 February 2007), available at <http://www.nationalinterest.org/Article.aspx?id=13636>

Will Lynch and Delana Nivens, Chemistry and Physics, presented "Exploiting photochemistry of nanoparticles to enhance curriculum and research opportunities for undergraduates" at the 233rd American Chemical Society national meeting in Chicago. The invited talk was in the symposium titled Nanotechnology in Undergraduate Education and was sponsored by the National Science Foundation

Rachel Bongini, undergraduate chemistry student, Chemistry, presented "Analysis of Computational Site-directed Mutagenesis of Ligands in the Metal Ion-binding Site in an Isolated EF-hand from Troponin C" along with student co-author Soluman Culver and **Dr. Kelly Elkins** (Chemistry and Physics) at the 7th Keele meeting on Aluminum in Yucatan Mexico.

Deadlines and Dates

- Apr 18** Honors Convocation
- Apr 20** Writing Showcase
- Apr 27** President's Leadership Event
Patrick Brennan Bocce Dedication
- Apr 30** Last Day of Class
- May 2** Final Exams Begin
- May 5** Graduation
- May 8** Final Exams End
- May 11** 9AM, Final Grade Due
Final Revisions for Fall Schedule
- May 31** Registration for Summer
- June 1** First Day of Class, Sessions 1, 2, 3