From the Rumor Mill: Hold September 23! Staff and faculty (both full-time and part-time) of the College of Arts and Sciences should mark Sunday, September 23 on calendars. Rumor has it that a College of Arts and Sciences social event may occur on that evening. Among the unsubstantiated facts that are circulating: a low country boil (with vegetarian lasagna for those who are seafood challenged), games on the lovely grounds of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, and the very best of company, colleagues from across the college. More on this later.

When the Second Phone Appears …!
In late September or early October, an unexpected thing will occur. A second phone will appear on your desk, and for a month, you will be the proud owner of two office phone numbers. This new acquisition will be part of a campus-wide installation of a new phone system that will use the campus data system (Voice over IP) rather than existing phone lines. Touted as a cost-saving measure that will increase functionality, here are some details:

- Installation will begin in late September
- Initially both your new phone (and number) and your old phone (and number) will be operational. In about four weeks the old phone will be removed.
- Recommendation: Place message on old phone, "Dr. Doe can no longer be reached at this number. Please call xxx-yyy (new number)"
- New phone will have Caller ID so that you no longer have to answer calls from the Dean.
- Phone directory with new numbers will soon be available on Pirate’s Cove.
- 42 training sessions will be provided
- Vendor is Black Box who just installed a similar system at Georgia State University.

Coordinating the Coordinators: If one turns to page 121 of the 2007-2008 Catalog, one finds a careful discussion of the Interdisciplinary Programs that are based in the College of Arts and Sciences, together with contact persons if you (or a student you are advising) would like information about the program. Here is a quick reference guide:

**Major: Gender and Women’s Studies**
Teresa Winterhalter

**Major: Law and Society**
Bill Daugherty

**Major: Liberal Studies**
Dick Nordquist

**Minor: African American Studies**
Learotha Williams

**Minor: International Studies**
Mark Finlay

**Minor: Leadership Studies**
Mark Finlay

**Minor: Religious Studies**
Erik Nordenhaug

**Certificate: Forensic Science**
Will Lynch

**Certificate: Latin American Studies**
Bill Deaver

**Post-Bac Certificate: Pre-Medical Studies**
Pete Zipperer

News from the International Office
1) *Conference on the Americas*
The Americas Council and the Office of International Education for the University System of Georgia has announced its call for papers for the 10th Annual Conference on the Americas. Note that the conference will be held in Atlanta this year, after ten years on the AASU campus.

The Council asks presenters and participants to explore critical socio-cultural, political, economic, global, regional and national issues including the challenges and opportunities facing Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada.
While the focus of this conference is primarily for university/college faculty members, the Americas Council also encourages secondary school faculty along with graduate and undergraduate students to participate. Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: December 14, 2007. For full information, see: http://www.usg.edu/oie/facstaff/development/cfp_americas_conf08.pdf

2) Islam in Asia Workshop
The Asian Studies Development Program, a joint program of the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii, will host an “Islam in Asia” workshop in Savannah, September 27-29. The program will be interdisciplinary in content and approach, focusing on the introduction of Islam into Asia and its social and religious development to the 21st century. Topics covered include the Silk Road, the introduction of Islam into Asia, Islam and its practice in China, the arrival and practice of Islam in South and Southeast Asia, Islam in a global perspective, and gender and social change in Islamic Asian communities. For further information, contact Dr. Paul A. Rodell of Georgia Southern, rodell@georgiasouthern.edu

Faculty Notes

Greg Knofczynski, Mathematics, presented "Engaging Students in Elementary Statistics" at the 2007 Joint Statistical Meeting in Salt Lake City and will have this paper published in the conference proceedings. Co-authors are Paul Hadavas and Lorrie Hoffman, Mathematics.

Richard Wallace, Chemistry and Physics, has made several presentations recently. In July, he delivered two talks (entitled “Phytochemical Analysis and Characterization” and “Edible and Ornamental Banana Research In Georgia”) for an Educating the Educators Workshop at Fort Valley State University. Both were part of his grant project funded by United States Department of Agriculture and in collaboration with scholars at Fort Valley State, Clemson University, and the Wayne State University Cancer Institute. In addition, he presented “Banana Research In Georgia: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going?” for the Coastal Master Garden's Association in Savannah.

Works of Pang-Cheih Hsu, Art, Music and Theatre, are currently part of an exhibition entitled “Manipulating then Commonplace: Nine Southern Artists Reinterpret Realism” at the Swan Coach House Gallery in Atlanta.


Deadlines and Dates

Aug 24  Faculty Forum on Proposed Faculty Senate
Aug 28  Faculty Forum on Strategic Plan, 3 PM
Aug 29  Grad Faculty Forum on Proposed Faculty Senate
Aug 30  Items for A & S Curr Comm Due
Aug 30  Faculty Forum on Strategic Plan, 10 AM
Aug 31  Faculty Lecture—David Lake
Sept 3  No Class
Sept 7  Promotion & Tenure Applications Due to Department
Sept 7  A & S Curr Comm
Sept 7  Faculty Forum on Proposed Faculty Senate
Sept 10  Cybersecurity Event
Sept 21  Faculty Lecture—Brenda Logan
Sept 23  Arts & Sciences Social Event
Oct 2  Social Event for New Faculty
Oct 8  Midterm, Session 1