WheelerNotes

Skidmore-Hess in the Hot Seat
As Dr. Dennis Murphy follows Dr. Michael Donahue to assume responsibilities in the Big House, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Dan Skidmore-Hess has agreed to serve as interim department head in the Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science. Dan receives very strong support from his colleagues in the department, and we very much look forward to his service in this leadership position next year.

Computer Laboratory in Science Center 129
The School of Computing has opened a new computer laboratory in Science Center 129. The schedule of the laboratory includes hours for students to use the facility on a walk-in basis. We are appreciative of the fact that the School of Computing is making these walk-in hours available to all students. Though this facility in no way replaces the primary walk-in laboratories in UH 112 and in the Memorial Annex, it does provide convenient access for biology, chemistry, and psychology students in the building where they take their major classes. Thank you Deans Greenlaw and Jodis. (Note: Should the IT major balloon to 800 students, this open access may need to be revisited at a later date.)

A Sad Farewell
Next Wednesday, March 19, is Gerry McLean’s last day in the Department of Psychology. She will be assuming duties at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church at the Landings, but will be sorely missed here at AASU. Thanks for a job well done, Gerry; we wish you the best.

From the Sports Desk
For those who would like an excuse to dawdle a moment on a beautiful spring afternoon, letting gentle sunshine and pleasant breeze kiss your brow (and ignoring the presence of gnats and deerflies), we should point out that the spring sports teams are picking up where the basketball teams left off. As of this writing, each team is nationally ranked and sports a lofty record like 10-2 or 12-1. As these students pass through your classes you might like to note these A&S student athletes.

Baseball
Charles (Stacey) Bennett Soph Economics
Christopher Boaen Senior Economics
Brian Dice Junior Economics
Jonathan Dobyns Junior Economics
George Fletcher Junior Economics
Brandon McKinnon Junior Crim. Justice
Curtis Morrison Junior Crim. Justice
Jeremy Olson Senior Biology
Robert (Zach) Shelnutt Junior History
Matthew Stephens Soph Economics
Joe Swaim Junior Crim. Justice
Jonathan Troop Junior Economics

Golf
Nick Cowper Soph Crim. Justice
Jonathan Cox Soph Economics
Christopher Epperson Soph Economics
Jack Kent Junior Hist w/cert
Ashley Loyd Soph Economics
David Roger Junior Economics

Softball
Ekaterina Eronina Junior Economics
Amanda Kort Soph Crim. Justice
Ksenia Stepanova Junior Economics
Carrie Thompson Junior Biology

Tennis, Men’s
Achim Roth Soph Economics
Roger Thiele Soph Economics
David Secker Fresh Economics

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Faculty Quiz Bowl Team Needed
There will be faculty-student quiz bowl competition on Monday March 24 as part of the ArmstrongFest hoopla. The students have a good team lined up, they have T-shirts, they have been practicing, and they are a bit cocky. We will need to respond. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining our team and putting the students into their place. Even if you cannot be on the team, I hope you can cheer us on and watch the event—Monday, March 24 at noon in the MCC. This is the first day after Spring Break.

National Endowment for Humanities Call for Fellowship Applications
We received a memo from the NEH urging humanities scholars to apply for one of the nearly 200 NEH awards that are available for the 2004-2005 year. Application forms and guidelines are available at www.neh.gov.

National Endowment for Humanities Regional Proposal Development Workshop
Following up on the above, Coastal Carolina University is hosting a National Endowment for Humanities Regional Proposal Development Workshop for Research Fellowships on March 27-28, 2003. The regional workshop is open to humanities scholars from South Carolina and surrounding states. The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Kenneth Kolson, Deputy Director, Division of Research Programs of the NEH, and is designed to assist college and university faculty who plan on submitting fellowship and other grant applications to the NEH. There is no charge for the workshop. For more information contact the Office of Sponsored Programs, 927-5347.

FacultyNotes
On February 20, Richard Wallace, chemistry, gave an invited lecture to the Department of Chemistry at Clemson University on our research at AASU entitled "Vinylboronic Esters, Nitrile Oxides, Azomethine Ylides & The Development of New Instructional Tools."

Dr. Rick McGrath, economics, was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the Academy of Economics and Finance. Rick's service will begin immediately and last until 2007.

Dr. Richard J. Cebula, Economics, has had the following two papers accepted for publication: "Revenue-Expenditure Nexus in a Transition Economy: Evidence from Croatia," Privredna Kretanja I Ekonomskia Politika and "Budget Deficits and Interest Rates in Germany," International Advances in Economic Research, February, 2003, pp. 64-78.

StudentNotes
AASU Honors Program students Randy Ritchie and Sarah Beth Link were speakers and panelists at the National Association of College Honor Societies in February. Link spoke to the intellectual, social, and professional benefits of being a student in our honors program. Ritchie spoke to the group about her involvement with both AASU’s Honors Program and her previous experiences establishing a charter chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Stark State College.

Student Kate Harris and Dr. Steve Taylor, Psychology, presented “Factors that predict standardized test scores in Savannah-Chatham county public schools,” at the Georgia Sociological Association meeting in November.

Student Kate Harris, Dr. Yassi Saadatmand, and Dr. Steve Taylor presented “Socioeconomic status and educational achievement of children in public schools in Chatham County, Georgia,” at the Academy of Economics and Finance in February.

Art major Sebastian Philipp was just accepted into the prestigious 16th Annual McNeese Works on Paper Exhibition at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA. Over 900 entries were submitted and only 39 were selected.

AASU students contributed in many ways to the success of the Second Annual Interdisciplinary Women’s Studies Conference. Students Megan Schlicht, Ryan Clark, Ashley Wexler, Carole Linskey, Belinda Sikes, Melanie Howard, Patricia Boston, Deb DeAbate, Marily O'Mallon, Stephen Mosca, Danielle Martin, and Kelsey Anderson all delivered scholarly papers. Special recognition to Jennifer Johnson for her assistance with organizing the conference, to Fern Illidge from the Dean's office for her paper, to Tania Sammons for delivering her paper just one week after giving birth, and to Heather Glover for her powerful and provocative paper on Savannah’s African American Clandestine Schools that earned a standing ovation in the conference's final session.

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Upcoming Deadlines

March 14 - Nominations for Brockmeier Award due
March 19 - Submissions for Student Research and Scholarship Exhibition due and reports on Tactical Plan due to Dr. Murphy
March 24 - Faculty/Student Quiz Bowl competition, MCC, noon and Post-Tenure Review form due
March 24-30 - ArmstrongFest
March 28 - Submissions for writing competition due
March 29 - Open House
March 31 - Nomination forms for Staff Member of the Year due
March 31-April 3 - Advisement Week
April 4 - Teaching and Learning Symposium
April 7 - Items for A & S Curriculum Committee due (final meeting of the year)
April 7 - Retention recommendations for 2nd and 3rd year+ faculty due. According to our records, those Arts & Sciences faculty who fit these categories include: Allen (LLP), Howells (LLP), Nivens (Chemistry), Roberts (Psychology), Torres (Spanish), J. Miller (AMT), R. Miller (AMT), Outzs (Mathematics), Primatic (AMT), D. Reese (LLP), Remler (LLP), Richardson (LLP), Rinalducci (CJSPS), Robinson (History), Scott (Psychology), C. "Gigi" Smith (Mathematics), Todesca (History), and Wynn (Biology).
April 7 - Pre-Tenure Review forms due for the following Arts & Sciences faculty: Primatic (AMT) and Wood (Physics)
April 9 - Department heads meeting
April 17 - Academic Recognition Day

Thought for the Day

"Failure is not an option; just a nagging possibility that helps me stay focused."

Author Unknown