

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**APRIL 1, 2010**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, April 2	GOOD FRIDAY (University Holiday—No Classes)
Friday, April 16	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Rinker Auditorium
Friday, April 23	Academic Honors Convocation, 12:00 Noon, Lee Chapel
Wednesday, April 28	<b>CLASSES END</b>
Thursday, April 29	Reading Day and Thursday Evening Course Final Exams
Friday - Wednesday, April 30-May 5	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b>
Wednesday, May 5	Residence Halls Close 6:00 p.m. (except for those students participating in Commencement)
Thursday, May 6	Final Grades for Graduating Students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 7	<b>Baccalaureate - 4:00 p.m. , Lee Chapel</b>
	<b>GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT - 7:30 p.m., Lee Chapel (tickets required)</b>
	<b>UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT - 10:00 a.m., Edmunds Center (tickets required)</b>
Saturday, May 8	Academic Year Leases End & Residence Halls close at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 17	Grades for All students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010**, at 12:00 noon in Rinker Auditorium. Agenda items will be distributed electronically. Minutes of the March 12 University faculty meeting are attached elsewhere to this edition of *The Newsletter*.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

**HONORS CONVOCATION** is scheduled for Friday, **April 23, 2010, at 12:00 noon in the Lee Chapel** in Elizabeth Hall. If your department or organization has an award for outstanding achievement to present on this occasion, please notify the Office of Academic Affairs, Unit 8358, by 12:00 noon, Monday, April 12, following the procedures posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HonorsConvocation.pdf> and also attached elsewhere to this edition of *The Newsletter*. Only the most prestigious awards that have not been presented at another college, school, department, or honor society function will be announced during the ceremony. Awards that have already been presented may be listed in the program, but those students will not be called by name or otherwise recognized at the Honors Convocation.

From: Judy Ward

**NOMINATION INFORMATION FOR THE JUNE BROOKS AWARD** is attached elsewhere to this edition of *The Newsletter*. The application deadline is April 5, 2010.

From: Debra Touchton

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**LIVE IN ELIZABETH HALL.** Please join us to hear our featured faculty, student ensemble groups, and special guests. All concerts are held in Elizabeth Hall at 7:30 pm and are free to the Stetson community **unless otherwise noted**.

April 6: Guitar Ensembles – Stephen Robinson, director  
April 9: University Symphony Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor; Routa Kroumovitch-Gomez, violin  
April 10: Stetson Women's Chorale and Stetson Men – Andrew Larson & Peter Durow, conductors  
April 13: Jazz Combos – George West, director  
April 16: New Music by Student Composers  
From: Kathleen Loftus

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**ACADEMIC CHAIRS, PROGRAM COORDINATORS, DEANS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES** are invited to a one-hour panel session entitled "Rising to the Challenge: Insights for Academic Chairs" during which Carolyn Mueller, Richard Kindred and Carolyn Nicholson will share a sampling of topics presented at the Academic Chairs Conference held recently in Orlando. Following the panel session, Carolyn Mueller will facilitate a stress workshop for chairs based on a workshop she attended. Parties may attend one or both sessions.

Date: **Friday, April 9**  
Time: 2:30-3:30 for panel  
3:45-4:30 for the stress workshop  
Location: Room 25 of the Instructional Media Center

Topics include:

- Assessment of learning
- Transition of traditional to online courses
- Effective email communication
- Involving faculty in student recruiting
- Stress management
- Chair-Dean relationships

From: Carolyn Nicholson

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**THE GENDER EQUITY COUNCIL**, with support from the Values Council, announces a **lecture by Byron Hurt on Monday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.** Hurt will speak on the subject "Beyond Beats and Rhymes" in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building. This goes along with this year's theme "How Shall We Live?" The Stetson community and the public are welcome.

Hurt is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, published writer, anti-sexist activist, and lecturer. His most popular documentary to date is *Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*. He attempts to deepen how people think about gender, race, sex, violence, music, and visual media through his teachings. He is a founding member of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, the leading college-based rape and domestic violence prevention initiative for college and professional athletics. He is also the former associate director of the first gender violence prevention program in the United States Marine Corps.

This event qualifies for cultural credit. For more information, contact Dr. Ramee Indralingam at [rindrali@stetson.edu](mailto:rindrali@stetson.edu).  
From: Jillian Masucci

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**"US, RUSSIA, AND THE MUSLIM WORLD."** Frank Anderson, Central Intelligence Agency (retired), will speak on **Monday, April 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** in Lynn Business Center, Rinker Auditorium.

Frank Anderson worked for the CIA for almost three decades, during which time he served three tours in the Middle East as an agency station chief. He also headed the Afghan Task Force in the last years of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Among his media appearances is an extended interview on the PBS series, *Frontline*.

From: (Ann) Julie Zischkau

**SPRING BLOOD DRIVE.** We will be having our annual Spring Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Blood Mobile will be in front of the Carlton Union Building. Please remember to bring identification. Each donor will receive a FREE Daytona Lagoon Water Park Ticket, FREE FBC Beach Towel, FREE Chicken Wings or Fingers from Zaxby's in Orange City and FREE Zaxby's Chicken Sandwich on the day of the drive.

All blood donated through the Florida's Blood Centers remains in our area and is used at local hospitals. Your friends, neighbors, and family depend upon our donations for blood and blood products. Please donate and encourage your friends, colleagues, and students to donate also.

We would like to thank the Stetson community for the success of our last blood drive on February 2-3, 2010, in which 100 units of blood were collected to save 300 local lives. Thank you so much for your support! We hope to see you on April 14th and 15<sup>th</sup>.

From: Mitchell Reddish

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## FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following information has been received from the college/schools/departments:

**Dr. Ana Eire**, Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures, delivered the paper "Sin escape: la poética de Miguel d'Ors" at the Colloquium on Hispanic Poetry and Poetics, in Nashville, TN, February 11-13. She also was the respondent to the paper "Por una poética débil" by Bruno Bosteels (Cornell University).

From: Ana Eire

**Dr. Joel Davis**, Associate Professor of English, organized two panels for the International Sidney Society at the recent Biennial New College Medieval-Renaissance Conference in Sarasota, March 11-13: "Sidneian Poetics, Sacred and Profane," and "Artful Passions among Sidneian Romances."

From: Joel Davis

**Dr. Nathan Wolek**, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, reports that Stetson's Digital Arts program has been named to the top 50 (out of 500) game design programs in the country by *The Princeton Review* (<http://www.princetonreview.com/top-fifty-undergraduate-game-design.aspx>) and *GamePro* magazines. More details are posted online at <http://blog.stetson.edu/diga/2010/03/stetson-digital-arts-named-in-top-50-gamed-design-programs/>.

From: Nathan Wolek

**Dr. Eric Kurlander**, Associate Professor of History, presented his paper, "Nazism and The Undead: Race, Sexuality, and Cosmopolitanism in the Work of H.H. Ewers," at the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts. March 17-21, 2010, Orlando, FL. The panel, "National Socialism, the Undead, and the Functions of Fantasy" (<http://www.iafa.org/>), was co-organized with his colleague **Dr. Jamil Khader**, Associate Professor of English.

In addition, Kurlander's new book, *Living With Hitler: Liberal Democrats in the Third Reich, 1933-1945* (New Haven: Yale, 2009), has just been reviewed in two prominent on-line venues, *H-NET* (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=29810>) and *perspectivia.net*, the review journal of the German Historical Institute in Paris ([http://www.perspectivia.net/content/publikationen/francia/francia-recensio/2009-4/ZG/kurlander\\_hertfelder](http://www.perspectivia.net/content/publikationen/francia/francia-recensio/2009-4/ZG/kurlander_hertfelder)).

From: Eric Kurlander

# STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, March 12, 2010

Rinker Auditorium

## Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Friday, March 12, in the Rinker Auditorium.

Dr. Elizabeth Paul, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, opened the meeting at noon and asked faculty for their assistance in:

- Recruiting and retaining students. Bob Stewart, Director of Financial Aid, should be informed of students with financial concerns; academic issues should be shared with Dr. Paul; and students with any other enrollment concerns should be directed to Rina Tovar, Dean of Students.
- Responding to a number of surveys scheduled for the spring semester to include *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* "Great Colleges to Work For," one from Stetson's Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Committee, and the FSSE – Faculty Survey of Student Engagement.
- Encouraging students to enroll in summer session classes, spreading the news that online classes will be offered this summer and mentioning to students that additional Pell Grants will be available specifically for summer coursework.

Dr. Paul also reassured faculty that efforts toward our SACS reaffirmation are well under way and she reminded them that the process has changed. Instead of relying on faculty committees to conduct a self-study, the SACS reaffirmation now focuses on a QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) that is chaired by Greg Sapp.

Dr. Wendy Libby, President, then reported on the progress in University planning. Faculty, students and staff received via email on March 11, 2010, the consolidated goals and objectives from the various work groups as approved by the Board of the Trustees on February 26, 2010. Not all recommendations were included in the final goals; some already have been implemented, others were modified, and a few have been assigned elsewhere. Dr. Libby highlighted a few issues:

- Stetson is contracting with a master planner and landscape architect for ways to improve the effectiveness and appearance of our buildings and grounds;
- a new facilities director will begin in May;
- weekly recruitment meetings are being held to unify and maximize enrollment efforts; and
- issues still requiring study are currently "parked" for further review.

In response to questions, Dr. Libby verified:

- some club sports have already begun and Division I football is being considered;
- a new consortium for health insurance is being reviewed; and
- proposed enrollment growth will focus on the transfer market and opening new markets while purposefully identifying ways to accommodate that growth.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary  
University Faculty

## 2010 ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

The annual Academic Honors Convocation will be held **Friday, April 23, at 12:00 noon** in the Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall. President Libby supports this program in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of our students, and all faculty, staff, and students are invited to share in this recognition of high achievement. Awards that will be presented at Honors Convocation are to be the most prestigious in your area that have not been presented at another college, school, department, or honor society function. Awards that have already been presented may be listed in the program, but students will not be called by name or otherwise recognized at the Honors Convocation.

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**If you have an award for outstanding achievement that your department or organization desires to present on this occasion, and you have not already recognized the recipient in another award ceremony or banquet, please complete this form and return it to the Office of Academic Affairs, Unit 8358, by 12:00 noon, Monday, April 12.**

Name of the School/Department/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Person who will present the Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person receiving Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE!                      First Name                      M.I.                      Last Name

**No dollar amounts may be mentioned in the presentations in order to avoid highlighting substantial financial differences among awards that may carry equal academic honor.** Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated. Please refer to the information below for current procedures for cash and non-cash student awards.

**Since attendance at this Convocation will not be mandatory, it is your responsibility to ensure that all recipients of your awards are present.** When presenting your award(s), please limit your speech to include the name of the award, the recipient's name and only very brief comments.

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**If you have an award for outstanding achievement that your department or organization has already presented and you want to include the information in the program, please complete this form and return it to the Office of Academic Affairs, Unit 8358, by 12:00 noon, Monday, April 12.**

Name of the School/Department/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person receiving Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE!                      First Name                      M.I.                      Last Name

Finally, please use the space below to list of any outstanding seniors and/or juniors from your department whose names you would like to appear in the back of the program. Although we don't announce the names during Honors Convocation, the list serves as another way to honor outstanding students.

**Outstanding Senior(s):**

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**Outstanding Junior(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Procedures for Cash and Non-Cash Student Awards

### - Non-Cash Awards

A non-cash award is an award given to a student in the form of a scholarship that will be applied to the student's account during the subsequent term in which it is awarded. The faculty or staff member granting the no-cash award must complete the form titled, "Award Information for Honors Convocation – Scholarship (non-cash) Award" located online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/ScholarshipAward.pdf>) and forward it to the Office of Student Financial Planning. This form must be submitted no later than one week prior to the honors convocation ceremony at which the award will be presented.

Gift certificates must also be reported to the Office of Student Financial Planning. The non-cash award form may be used and edited as necessary to reflect the nature of the award.

### - Cash Awards

A cash award is an award or prize given to a student in the form of a check that is prepared by the Accounts Payable function of the Finance Office. The faculty or staff member granting the cash award must complete the form titled, "Award Information for Honors Convocation – Cash Award" (located online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/CashAward.pdf>) and forward it to the Finance Office, attn Accounts Payable. This form must be submitted no later than one week prior to the honors convocation ceremony at which the award will be presented in order that checks may be available for distribution at the appropriate award ceremony.

The Accounts Payable personnel will forward a copy of the form to the Office of Student Financial Planning for consideration towards the student's financial resource.



Stetson University  
Women and Gender Studies Program  
is now soliciting nominations for the:

## **June Brooks Award for Activism**

The June Brooks Award is given annually in memory of a beloved member of the Stetson community, who was known for her active involvement in the world to make it a better place.

While all forms of student activism are encouraged, special consideration will be given to:

- activities that promote the cause of women and/or feminism
- activities that combat discrimination based on race, gender, or sexual preference
- activities involving promotion of peace and social justice

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*Nomination letters of currently enrolled Stetson students should be made by e-mail to: Debra Touchton, dtouchto@stetson.edu*

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The most important part of the nomination is your letter. If you wish to supply additional material such as the nominee's résumé, secondary supporting letters, or other documentation of the nominee's service to Stetson or the larger community, please do so.

**Deadline for nominations: April 5th, 2010.**