

THE NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 4, 2008

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, April 18	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Friday, April 25	Academic Honors Convocation, 12:00 noon, Elizabeth Hall Chapel
Wednesday, April 30	Classes End
Thursday, May 1	Reading Day and Thursday Evening Course Final Exams
Friday -Wednesday, May 2-7	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Wednesday, May 7	Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m. (except for those students participating in Commencement)
Thursday, May 8	Final Grades for graduating students due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 9	Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m., Elizabeth Hall Chapel
Saturday, May 10	Commencement - 9:00 a.m., Edmunds Center School of Business Administration Graduate and Undergraduate Students School of Music Undergraduate Students
	Commencement - 2:00 p.m., Edmunds Center College of Arts & Science Undergraduate and Graduate Students
	Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 19	Grades for All students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, APRIL 18, at 12:00 noon in the Stetson Room. Agenda items include the annual salary report by John Tichenor. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Minutes of the March 28, 2008 meeting are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

From: Judy Ward, Secretary, University Faculty

THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008, in the Faculty Lounge in the Carlton Union Building. Senators and invited guests meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and all faculty members are encouraged to attend.

From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION will be held at noon on Friday, April 25, 2008, in Elizabeth Hall Chapel. If you have an award for outstanding achievement that your department or organization desires to present on this occasion, please notify the Office of Academic Affairs, Unit 8358, by 12:00 noon, Monday, April 7, following the procedures posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HonorsConvocation.doc>. The deadline for submitting requests for cash and non-cash awards is Thursday, April 17. Award presenters are asked to sit on the east side of the chapel and to come forward in the order in which they appear in the program. Presenters are responsible for inviting the award recipients to attend. In the interest of time, comments should be limited to the name of the award and the name of the recipient. So as not to diminish the prestige of any of the awards, there is to be no mention of any cash value that might be attached to particular award.

From: Judy Ward

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TRANSLATING TOLSTOY. Dr. Tony Briggs, celebrated translator and scholar, will present a lecture on "Translating Tolstoy's *War and Peace*" on Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m., Room 122, LBC. Dr. Briggs is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Bristol, and Professor Emeritus, University of Birmingham. Cultural credit is available.

From: Michael Denner

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROLAND GEORGE INVESTMENTS PROGRAM! Roland George Program's bond portfolio, earning a risk-adjusted return **9.47%** for 2007, won #1 place again in the RISE competition, Dayton, Ohio. This is their 7th #1 winning since the inception of the national competition (8 years ago), and the 4th #1 winning in the fixed-income category.

From: K.C. Ma

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE. We will be having our annual Spring Blood Drive on Thursday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Friday, April 11, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked in front of the Carlton Union Building. Moe's Southwest Grill will be providing salsa and chips and burritos for all donors. Incentives for donating blood this month include FREE Admission to Marineland, a book bag, and a T-shirt.

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 13-14, 2008, in which 99 units of blood were collected to save 297 local lives. Thank you so much for your support! We hope to see you on April 10th and 11th.

From: Mitchell Reddish

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 4: Homecoming - Woodwind Ensembles

April 5: Homecoming - Showcase Concert Chamber Orchestra Anthony Hose, conductor **1:00 pm**

April 6: Homecoming – Faculty Recital Michael Rickman, piano **3:00 pm**

April 6: Concert Choir, Stetson Chorale and Stetson Men – Christoph Schwartz, guest conductor

April 8: Jazz Combos – George West, director

April 11: Student Composers' Recital

April 12: University Symphonic Band Concert – Bobby Adams, conductor

April 13: Percussion Ensemble – Kevin Garry, director **2:00 pm**

April 13: Brass Ensembles **3:30 pm**

April 15: Guitar Ensemble – Stephen Robinson, director

April 16: Jazz Ensemble – George West, conductor **Stetson Room Carlton Union Building**

April 18: University Symphony Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor; Routa Kroumovitch-Gomez, violin

From: Kathleen Loftus

THE STETSON UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA has been invited to take a trip to Italy this summer. They will visit the island of Ischia which is off the coast of Naples. Sixty students, including three singing students, will be performing at La Mortella, the estate of composer William Walton. Walton and his young Argentinean wife, Susana, bought the property in 1949 and created a Mediterranean garden paradise with a concert hall to which they have recently added an open- air Greek Theatre.

The orchestra will be performing a symphony concert including Walton's First Symphony, and an operatic concert which will include a performance of his one act opera, "The Bear." The students will also give three chamber music concerts in the concert hall. The orchestra's conductor, Anthony Hose, said he was delighted that the orchestra was selected to receive a grant of 57,000 Euros (\$90,000) from the William Walton trust so the students only pay for their airfare. They depart Orlando on June 16th and return on June 28th.

If you would like to attend, please visit the link at www.lamortella.it . The hotel is at the following link www.termegalidon.it .

From: Kathleen Loftus

SENIOR THESIS EXHIBITIONS. Featured in the Duncan Gallery of Art are the works of **Annemarie Heekin** (mixed media); **Kimberly Lyle** (ceramic/mixed media); **Virginia Monte** (painting); **Petra Ramirez** (ceramics/mixed media); **Davidson Thomas** (mixed media); **Derick Ostrenko** (digital); and **Kevin Ward** (interactive video). The student exhibition continues through April 30, 2008. Gallery hours: Mon-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sundays 1 – 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Gallery events are all free and open to the public. Cultural credit for Stetson students.

From: Chris Nelson

THE ARTISTS AND LECTURERS COMMITTEE IS ACCEPTING FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR. Funding requests are due by April 18. Please send the following information via email to Dr. Emily Mieras at emieras@stetson.edu:

Name of the Artist or Lecturer:

Purpose of visit:

Description of intended audience:

Date of event:

Credentials of artist or lecturer and applicable supporting materials:

Budget for proposed project:

Sponsoring program or faculty member: (Please include contact information)

Feel free to contact Emily Mieras if you have any questions about the process by e-mail or at 822-7532

From: Emily Mieras, Chair, Artists and Lecturers Committee

MISCELLANEOUS

SENIOR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT SEEKS HOUSE- SITTING OR TO SUBLET FOR FALL 2008 AND/OR SPRING 2009: Non-traditional, 49 year old commuter student from Ormond Beach, seeks housing for her senior year of psychology studies at Stetson. Very responsible, home owner who will keep her home in Ormond, wants to reduce the daily driving by staying in Deland several nights per week. Very clean and quiet, non drinker/smoker with excellent references. Email phouser@stetson.edu or call (386) 334-4652. Thanks!

From: Patricia Houser

QUAINT BUNGALOW FOR RENT. 201 E. Stetson Street. 2 bedrooms/1 bath; closed-in Florida room; large walk-up attic for storage; laundry room w/ washer & dryer; large front porch; detached garage; fireplace; central air & heat; SPOTLESS. walking distance to Stetson. Rent includes utilities (electric; water; trash disposal; sewer). \$875/month.

Maximum 2 persons, no pets, no students please. Available immediately. Call John Wilton, 386-956-2737 or email: jwilton@stetson.edu

From: Nancy Wilton

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Larry Belcher, Professor of Finance, recently attended the Midwest Finance Association meetings in San Antonio. Dr. Belcher chaired a session on "Teaching Tools in Finance" and did a presentation on Operating and Maintaining a Student Managed Investment Fund. Dr Belcher also participated as a discussant in a session on bond returns. He was also interviewed for an upcoming article in *Investment News* magazine.

From: Larry Belcher

Dr. Greg McCann, Professor of Business Law, has received a bronze medal in the career category at the inaugural Axiom Business Book Awards. Dr. McCann's book, "When Your Parents Sign the Paycheck: Finding Career Success Inside or Outside the Family Business," is aimed at helping members of second generations in family-owned businesses.

From: Greg McCann

Dr. Carina King, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sport Management, has been invited to present her research on "Sport Fandom Motives of Collegiate Baseball Spectators" at the 16th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES 2008), to be held 23-26 July 2008, in Macau, China.

From: Carina King

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, March 28, 2008

Stetson Room

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Friday, March 28, 2008, in the Stetson Room.

Dr. H. Douglas Lee, President, opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reported on budget issues and strategies being used to address the recession. As directed by the Board of Trustees, the University has to identify ways to balance the 2007-2008 budget and to reduce the 2008-2009 expense budget by \$1,200,000, and limit the tuition increase to 5%. The Board further stipulates that the budget be based on actual three year enrollment averages rather than projected enrollment growth numbers.

Ms. Lois Williams, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, reported that the current number of accepted first-year students and the number of accepted transfer students is higher than figures for the same time period in 2004, our last banner year for enrollment, and the total number of deposits received to date also exceeds the 2004 figure. The academic quality is similar to last year's entering class, and there is an increase in diversity.

Dr. Lee reported that current proposals for reducing the FRAG are not as alarming as originally feared, and that if proposals from the Senate (\$2,925) and the House (\$2,664) are averaged, the new figure might be \$2,795, which is down from the current \$3,000. The recession is causing the student loan industry to dry up at the same time as Florida is experiencing the lowest population growth in 30 years, further challenging our enrollment goals.

On a positive note, we have been successful in reducing the draw on the endowment from 9.3% to 5%, with the goal of reducing it to 4.5% in 2008-2009, and we have moved forward with our faculty searches. Rumors that we are reducing full-time tenure-track faculty positions are false, but it is true that retirement projections for the next 5 years are being assessed to determine if anticipated vacancies should be filled or if funds should be re-allocated. Dr. Lee confirmed that there will be no salary increases for faculty and exempt staff in 2008-2009, except for the normal increase for faculty who received promotions. The non-exempt staff will receive a 2.5% increase. A defined benefit contribution of \$440,000 is included in the budget.

Dr. Lee then opened the floor to questions. Sally Dowling, Vice President for Finance, responded to queries about the defined compensation plan, explaining that the University's 60% contribution toward retiree health insurance ends on June 30, 2008, at which time it drops to 50% through June 30, 2011. Effective July 1, 2011, the University will no longer contribute to retiree health insurance. Persons employed as of July 1, 2008, who subsequently retire on or after July 1, 2011, will instead be eligible to receive additional contributions to their TIAA/CREF account based on their age. Although budget restraints will reduce 2008-2009 funding to the defined compensation plan to two-thirds of the proposed contribution, Ms. Dowling expects the full contribution will be deposited annually by 2009-2010.

Discussion continued with faculty suggesting it might be helpful to have more of their input on our Web sites and commenting on the importance of our appearance when recruiting. Ms. Dowling responded to questions about the endowment and fiscal support received from Celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty