

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**NOVEMBER 2, 2007**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday-Wednesday, November 5-7	Academic Advising for First-year students for Spring Semester
Thursday, November 8	Registration for First-year students for Spring Semester
Friday, November 16	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Wednesday, November 21	No Classes
Thursday-Friday, November 22-23	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (University Holiday-no classes)
Wednesday, December 5	<b>Classes End</b>
Thursday, December 6	Reading Day
Friday-Thursday, December 7-13	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET NOVEMBER 5, 2007**, 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 6:45 p.m. and all faculty members are encouraged to attend.

From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

**THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2007**, at 12:00 p.m. in the Stetson Room. Agenda items will be announced electronically. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Minutes of the October 19 meeting are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

University Faculty Meeting dates for the remainder of the 2007-2008 academic year are as follow:

November 16, 2007	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
NO MEETING SCHEDULED for December			
January 25, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
February 15, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
March 28, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
April 18, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

From: Judy Ward, Secretary, University Faculty

**SABBATICAL RECOMMENDATIONS DUE TODAY, NOVEMBER 2.** Department Chairs are reminded to forward sabbatical applications and recommendations to their Dean by Friday, November 2.

From: Jane Christeson, Chair, Professional Development Committee

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**GREENFEATHER BLOOD DRIVE.** We will be having our annual Greenfeather Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 7, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Carlton Union Building, Faculty Lounge. Registration will take place in the Faculty Lounge with follow-up in the Florida's Blood Centers Blood Mobile located in the circle in front of the Carlton Union Building. Special incentives for donating blood this month include a 50% off admission to Universal Orlando, free admission to Marineland, and a free commemorative Greenfeather T-Shirt. A Chick-Fil-A sandwich will be available for all blood donors.

Please remember to bring your Club Red cards when donating blood. After two donations, you'll receive \$10.00 in Darden Gift Certificates, redeemable at Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Smokey Bones, and Bahama Breeze.

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.

From: Mitchell Reddish

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**INVITATION TO SHARE THANKSGIVING** – This year our Thanksgiving food drive is earlier than usual. The baskets/bags for the annual Stetson Shares Thanksgiving will be delivered, Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already donated, you can still do so. Fill a basket/bag with non-perishable food for a Thanksgiving dinner and a gift certificate for a turkey. If you need a basket (while quantities last) or bag please contact us and we will provide one. Help make Thanksgiving special for less fortunate families. We are asking everyone to get involved (faculty, staff and students) and join us in this act of kindness. For further information, please contact Pat Lopez x4025 (e-mail [plopez@stetson.edu](mailto:plopez@stetson.edu)) or Linda Grooms x7184 (e-mail [lgrooms@stetson.edu](mailto:lgrooms@stetson.edu)).

Bring your donations to the duPont-Ball Library by 3:00 pm on Thursday or Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

From: Pat Lopez

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**THE STETSON CENTER FOR SCIENCE, NATURE, AND THE SACRED**, a program of the Stetson Values Council and the Metanexus Institute, invites you attend a talk (with Q and A) by Dr. Peter Bowler, Professor of the History of Science at Queen's University, Belfast, on Monday, November 5, at on the topic of "Monkey Trials and Gorilla Sermons: Varieties of Christian Reactions to Darwinism" at 7:00 p.m. in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building.

Dr. Bowler has a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and is a Fellow of the British Academy, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. He has written a number of books on the history of evolutionism and the environmental sciences. His last major book was *Reconciling Science and Religion: The Debate in Early Twentieth-Century Britain* (University of Chicago Press, 2001). In the fall of 2007 Harvard University Press will publish his *Monkey Trials and Gorilla Sermons: Evolution and Christianity from Darwin to Intelligent Design*. He is currently working on a study of the popularization of science in early twentieth-century Britain.

For additional information regarding the lecture please contact Dr. Donald Musser at 386-822-8934. Cultural Credit is available.

From: Lisa Guenther

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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**.

November 2: Student Composers' Recital

November 4: Concert Choir – Alan Raines, conductor **3:00 pm**

November 6: Jazz Combos – George West, director

November 7: Jazz Ensemble – 7:30 PM **Stetson Room, Carlton Union Building**

November 9: Chamber Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor

November 10: Guitar Ensemble – Stephen Robinson, director

November 11: Brass Ensembles – **3:00 pm**

November 13: Stetson Chorale and Stetson Men – Andrew Larson, conductor

November 16: University Symphony Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor

*Featuring Concerto Winners*

**STUDENT COMPOSERS' CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT**

The Stetson University School of Music will present a recital of music composed by Stetson students at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, in Elizabeth Hall Chapel. In this concert, the composers display various techniques and influences, including works that feature flute beat-boxing; digital music created from recordings of acoustic instruments; and a modern update on the string quartet tradition consisting of amplified violin, amplified cello, electric guitar and electric bass. To close the concert, the Stetson Student Composers organization will offer a special event called "Theme in a Can." This event will feature improvisations by Dr. Michael Rickman and student musicians on themes provided by members of the Stetson School of Music community and chosen at random during the concert.

From: Manuel deMurga

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**THE HOLLIS MENTORED FIELD EXPERIENCE 2007 IN BRAZIL**

Four students were selected to travel to Brazil over the summer of 2007 and learn about contemporary art and modernist architecture. They spent 3 weeks traveling to Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Ouro Preto, Belo Horizonte, and Brasília, under the supervision of professor Cyriaco Lopes (art/digital art/art history).

On Monday, November 5, at 7 pm in room 25-L of the Instructional Media Center\* the four students will give a talk about their experience. Esther Kelty will talk about [Concrete Poetry](#), Derick Ostrenko will talk about [Oscar Niemeyer](#) (modernist architect), Gregory Adams will talk about "Essencial," an experimental play that mixed theater and technology, and Rachel McCallman will talk about [Inhotim](#), a contemporary art center and park.

If you ever thought of going to Brazil, or if you have an interest in poetry, architecture, theater, and/or art, don't miss this event!\*\*

Photos from the trip are available for viewing at:

<http://flickr.com/photos/9842756@N02/sets/72157600886760309/>

<http://flickr.com/groups/381465@N25/pool/>

\*Room 25-L is accessed from the stairways on the northwest and northeast corners of the DuPont-Ball Library. Go down the stairs, enter the building, go straight, turn left, room 25 is the last door on the left.

\*\*Cultural credit for Stetson students.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Call 386-822-7259 or 386-822-7266 for further information.

From: Chris Nelson

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**STUDENTS ABSENT FROM CLASS:** The following guitar students will be representing Stetson University in 4 performances at Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park, Florida from Wednesday, November 7 (leaving at 3:00 pm) until Saturday, November 10, 2007:

Doru Dvorcsak

Alexander Edwards

Stephen Garza

Shane Hagan

Michele Short Hayman

David Kish

Philip Logan

Joseph Maury

Keegan Norman

Alesia A. Sedziaka

Jonathan Smith

Tom Sprayberry

Morgan Stuart

James Tschannen

Trevor Turner

From: Steve Robinson

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**TO ALL WHO HELPED AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PREVIEW DAY** ... a HUGE thank you! We could not have "pulled" it off without the support of the campus community. We had 375 students and 1000 total attend the event. This is the largest attendance for Presidential Preview Day. We will continue to follow-up with those who did attend, as well as those who were not able to attend. Our experience in recruiting students to Stetson is that student's decisions will be made by taking the experience as a whole into consideration and that is why your support for this event as well as what you do throughout the year is so important. We really appreciate everything!

From: The Enrollment Management Team

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From: Linda Roske

**FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Dr. Jamil Khader**, Associate Professor of English, had his "Writing Against the Grain: The Third Wave of Anglophone Feminist Science Fiction," a review of *Daughters of Earth: Feminist Science Fiction in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Justine Larbalestier (Middleton, CO: Wesleyan University Press, 2006), published online in the journal *Cercles: Revue Pluridisciplinaire du monde Anglophone*, October 11 2007.

<[http://http://www.cercles.com/review/reviews.html](http://www.cercles.com/review/reviews.html)>

His "Specters of New Criticism: The Social Formalism of the American New Criticism," a review of *The Cultural Politics of the New Criticism*, by Marc Jancovich, (1993; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006) was also published online in *Cercles: Revue Pluridisciplinaire du monde Anglophone*, October 11 2007.

<[http://http://www.cercles.com/review/reviews.html](http://www.cercles.com/review/reviews.html)>

From: Jamil Khader

**Dr. Yves-Antoine Clemmen**, Professor of French, presented his paper "Nothomb and Corneau's *Stupeur et Tremblements*: a Lesson in Layers and Textures" at the *Foreign Language Film Conference*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. 11-13 October 2007.

From: Yves Clemmen

**Mr. Matt Roberts**, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, attended the Transito\_MX International Festival of Electronic Arts and Video held October 12-20, in Mexico City, and was selected as one of the fourteen finalists from 7 different countries and over 200 international entries. His entry, "Cycles for Wandering," won the "Prize Transito". The festival web site is <http://en.transitiomx.net/home>

His work was also featured in an article written by **Sonia Zjawinski** entitled "Bike Hackers Get Whimsical With Two-Wheelers" that was published along with a photo by **Martha Garzon** in *WIRED*, October 17, 2007.

[http://www.wired.com/culture/lifestyle/multimedia/2007/10/gallery\\_bike\\_hacks?slide=10&slideView=2](http://www.wired.com/culture/lifestyle/multimedia/2007/10/gallery_bike_hacks?slide=10&slideView=2)

From: Matt Roberts

**Michael Denner** (yadahyadah, RS), has been invited to give the keynote speech at the National Endowment for the Arts' "Big Read" in Champagne-Urbana, Illinois in April.

The Big Read brings together readers across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. Dr. Denner will lecture on death in Tolstoy, a topic which is sure to entertain the reading public, young and old.

From: Michael Denner

**Mary Pollock**, of the English Department, was invited to lecture October 25 at St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas, on "*Literary Critics and Storytelling Apes*."

From: Mary Pollock

## STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, October 19, 2007  
Elizabeth Hall Auditorium

### Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Friday, October 19, 2007, in the Stetson Room.

Dr. H. Douglas Lee, President, opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and shared with the group his appreciation of the extraordinary high level of lifetime giving of our Board members through gifts and pledges. He then introduced as the first topic of the meeting our enrollment growth opportunities and presented an historical perspective. In 1999, we had some 25,000 enrollment inquiries and 1,900 applications, and in 2003 we had a record number of 34,000 inquiries. Inquiries then began to decline over the next few years, but recent initiatives brought the 2007 number of inquiries to some 31,000 with 2,947 applications. With 38,176 inquiries to date for Fall 2008, additional resources are needed by Enrollment Management to bring closure to the recruitment efforts for next fall's entering class and to better manage the increased inquiries over the next 24 months. Supplemental funding has been approved, and Dr. Lee called upon Ms. Deborah Thompson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Campus Life, to identify how these resources will be used and to present her plans for enrollment growth.

Ms. Thompson shared her recruitment strategy for the next few years to include providing better communication with all applicants rather than targeting a selective pool; inviting all applicants to our open house; responding to each inquiry with a personal, pre-printed Stetson application; and keeping applicants actively engaged through continuing communication with faculty, alumni, and student ambassadors. Without the additional funding, next fall's entering class would number approximately 675, but with the funding, the number should increase to 700, and projections for fall 2009 should reach 720. Ms. Thompson then responded to questions from the floor and indicated that the additional funds would be used for recruitment operations rather than scholarships, although the scholarship model will be revised; that she is not building aggressive strategies for the transfer market; that we will begin a waitlist if and when it is needed; and that stacking is not currently in the plans, but could be at a later date. Scholarships will be awarded earlier this year, and recruitment data has not been compiled yet for ALANA, geographic or international statistics. Ms. Thompson reported that Stetson's large increase in inquiries is more than is currently being reported by other institutions and she attributed the increase to new recruitment strategies.

Dr. Lee then reported on the Presidents Climate Commitment that was signed in June 2007 and commented on the Presidents Climate Commitment Task Force agenda items that were included on a handout distributed to the group. Even though institutions are required to address only two of seven policies, Stetson is setting goals in five areas, and we will have four LEEDS certified buildings on campus upon the completion of the Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center, McMahan Hall, and the Environmental Learning Center. Ms. Gerri Bauer, Communication Specialist and Web Editor, is compiling annual reports for the Environmental Responsibility Council to be included on the Presidents Climate Committee Web site currently under construction. One feature of the Web site is to track Stetson's greenhouse gas emissions in an attempt to reduce and offset their impact on the environment. Dr. Tony Abbott, Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Science, gave a brief definition of greenhouse gas as trapped infrared energy in the environment, and identified carbon dioxide and methane as two of the most damaging gases.

Announcements: 1) Dr. Anne Hallum, Professor of Political Science, spoke of the national "teach in" being organized through FOCUS the nation (FOCUSthenation.org) on January 30, 2008, and asked for email suggestions on ways Stetson can participate in reducing our carbon footprint. 2) Dr. Michael McFarland, Chair of Faculty Senate, announced that the annual Faculty Senate survey would soon be distributed to faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Judy Ward, Secretary  
University Faculty