



The College of Arts and Sciences Faculty in the throes of a post-meeting endorphin high.

Student Activities

Ms. Pui Chi Yu, who has since graduated with a BS in Chemistry, won an award for a student poster presentation at the 48th Sanibel Symposium. This symposium was held on St. Simons Island from February 21-24, 2008. Her project was entitled "Theoretical Characterization of Chemical Processes Involving Charge Transfer."

GSW Psychology Professor Featured in *LabMedicine*

Georgia Southwestern Psychology Professor Gary Fisk, Ph.D. recently authored an article discussing the use of animation in forensic pathology. The piece was featured in the October 2008 issue of *LabMedicine*, a publication by the American Society for Clinical Pathology. [Click here to read the article.](#)

An exhibition of student art work from the end of last year opened to the public last week in the library gallery and the reception was geared for the new freshmen to meet the other art students and faculty.

2008 Chemistry Graduates headed to Graduate school:

- Ms. Pui Chi Yu-Penn State University
- Mr. William E. Swinehart-The Ohio State University

Faculty Activities

Chemistry professor Dr. Nedia Iordanova was awarded a grant from National Science Foundation. The project, entitled "Computational Investigation of the Chemical Modification of Polymers and Organic Thin Films by Particle Deposition," will be conducted in collaboration with Professor Susan Sinnott, University of Florida. The grant for \$64,309 will run for the next three years.

Laurel Robinson and Charles Wells met with two corporate representatives from Atlanta main office of the Cordele based, Harris Waste Management Group, manufacturer of recycling shredders and baler machines to begin designing a sculpture commemorating their 120-year anniversary to be taken to a trade show in Las Vegas, Nevada in April.

UPCOMING

An open house will be held at Agerton Observatory (on the roof of Roney Hall) on Friday, October 17 at 9:00 p.m. Rain date: Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 p.m.

American Chemical Society Meets at GSW

The Southwest Georgia Section of the American Chemical Society held their latest meeting here at GSW (organized by Dr. Nedia Iordanova). The invited speaker was Dr. J. V. Ortiz (Ruth W. Molette Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Auburn University). The meeting was attended by faculty and students from GSW, faculty from Valdosta State University, Albany State University, University of Central Florida, and Americus-Sumter High South.

More Faculty Activities

Biology professor Dr. An-Hue Tu has published two articles and has submitted another in the past year.

- Dybvig, K., C. Zuhua, P. Lao, D. S. Jordan, C. T. French, A. T. Tu, A. E. Loraine. 2008. "Genome of *Mycoplasma arthritidis*." *Infection and Immunity*. 76(9):4000-4008.
- Tu, A. 2008. "Transformation of *Escherichia coli* made competent by calcium chloride protocol." *Microbe Library*.
- Luo, W., A. T. Tu, Z. Cao, H. Yu, K. Dybvig. Identification of an isoschizomer of the HhaI DNA methyltransferase in *Mycoplasma arthritidis*. *FEMS Microbiology Letters*. Submitted.

The visual arts faculty members and several GSW students are contributing art work on desks once used at Rees Park School for an art installation event to be held in their newly renovated building, October 18-November 15 in conjunction with the Rees Park Economic Development Center.

John Frost, a professor of art from Texas will be presenting lectures and a gallery exhibition of recent sculptures, October 22 in the Library Gallery.

The Department of Visual Arts has been invited to present a glass blowing workshop demonstration and fundraising art sale for their trip to China, at Congregation Sha'arey Israel Synagogue in Macon as part of the commemoration of Kristalnacht on November 9, 2008.

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The visual arts faculty and students under the direction of Keaton Wynn and the folks organizing the Plains High School President Jimmy Carter Museum, juried on September 16, over 11,000 entries of art works from statewide contest of kindergarten-12thgrade from a project called, "Plains, Peanuts and a President". 28 drawings from each grade level were selected to be exhibited at the museum in Plains.

Keaton Wynn will attend a Ceramics conference in China later this month (October) and has set up contacts for our upcoming Maymester Studies Abroad visual arts trip to China. Keaton has been awarded a grant from the William B. King Family Endowment Fund to further this work.

Keaton Wynn (coordinator), Charles Wells, and GSW alumnus Chris Fiertner are working together to set up a glass studio and exchange program with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana.