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Birthday Spotlight

Andy Meyer
Associate Professor of Biology

What are your job responsibilities?
I teach mostly Anatomy and Physiology classes and General Biology II. I have started doing these as hybrid classes that involve online lectures and in-class lab time, and that is a fun and challenging way to do them.

What do you like best about your job?
I really enjoy the people I work with – from the...
An article by Dr. Henry Codjoe, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, was recently published in the *African Social Studies Series*. The article, “Critical Perspectives on Politics and Socio-Economic Development in Ghana,” examines the role of culture in a country’s economic development. Specifically, Dr. Codjoe discusses this topic with respect to his native Ghana and South Korea in the Brill (The Netherlands) series. Dr. Codjoe also served as an anonymous reviewer/referee for the international journal *Race Ethnicity and Education* in an essay entitled “Becoming ‘American’ as a Racial Minority: Second-Generation Asian Indians in Urban Landscape.”

Dr. Wes Davis, Associate Professor of English, made a poster presentation of his paper “Using Christensen’s Generative Rhetoric of the Sentence and Paragraph to Improve College Students’ Writing” at the 13th Annual Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching at Kennesaw State in March.


Assistant Professor of English Dr. Marsha Mathews’s poem “Vietnam Documentary” appears in the current issue of *VietNow*, a national magazine for veterans. Recently, Dr. Mathews’s poem “Guest Speaker” won a cash award in the 2005 Chattanooga Writer’s Guild National Writing Competition.

Ms. Roschelle Mears, Instructor in Spanish, and Dr. Marsha Mathews presented a paper on “Immigrant Narratives: A Verbal Portrait of the Lives of Local Immigrants in Search of the American Dream” during the Ninth Annual Conference on the Americas. The conference took place in February at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah.

Dr. Mary Nielsen, Chair of the Division of Humanities and Associate Professor of English and Reading, Dr. Lydia Postell, Assistant Professor of English and Reading, Ms. Sharon Hixon, Assistant Professor of Reading, and Ms. Christy Shannon, Instructor in English, presented a paper on “Using Technology to Enhance Communication and Increase Student Learning” during the 13th Annual Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching.

Dr. Tom Veve, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of History, presented a paper entitled “Baseball’s Obligation” on March 31 during the 11th Annual Conference on Baseball in Literature and Culture at Middle Tennessee State University. The paper was delivered during a session called “Baseball and Social Responsibility.” Dr. Veve also chaired the session entitled “The Cubs in Media and History.”
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will also be announced. On April 28 at 12:30 pm, we will convene the spring semester faculty meeting in the Auditorium, the highlight of which will be our annual Alma Mater practice. Last year’s practice conjured images of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and I have every confidence that this year’s effort will surpass even that lofty performance.

As you know, April is a busy month. Here are reminders of several upcoming attractions to which I commend your attention. You may also be interested in knowing that, at this year’s annual graduation exercises scheduled for 7:00 pm on May 5 at the Trade Center, we will be dispensing with the tradition of a graduation speaker in favor of brief remarks from a graduating student. This departure from the old order, among other things, will enable the program to click along in a more time-efficient manner. Representatives from our speech faculty have interviewed several students for this starring role and have selected one for the occasion. Once the upcoming graduation ceremony has been completed, I would be interested in your thoughts on this subject.

Finally, the 2006 session of the General Assembly has just concluded, and the news for the University System is mostly good. Among other things, it looks like our new academic building to be co-located with the Whitfield County Career Academy has survived the budget process, so now we begin discussions on what programs need to be housed in this new facility. We will need financial support from the State Department of Technical and Adult Education to expand the Tech Division’s offerings in this wise, so I plan to make our case as eloquently as possible to Commissioner Mike Vollmer and his minions. Yet another step forward for the Old Blue and Silver in our unrelenting quest to seize control of the entire Northwest Georgia region!

Otherwise, we should be receiving our Fiscal Year 2007 budget allocation within the next two to three weeks. I don’t expect an enormous infusion of new funds, but we’ll be glad to get what comes our way.

That’s about it for now. Thanks for all you do, and remember that we’re all in this boat together.

Yours in Flower Power,
JAB

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administration on down to the students, I am surrounded by great people.

What do people on campus not know about you?
I would really like to get a cadaver on campus – they offer such a great and unique learning experience.

How long have you worked here?
I came in the fall of 1998.

What is your favorite home-cooked meal or local dining spot?
I make some great fajitas where you put the marinated steak right on the charcoals and blow the ashes off with a hair dryer. It’s a lot of fun.

What are your favorite hobbies?
I enjoy sea kayaking, hiking, and this summer I will try my hand (or green thumb) at gardening.

What has been your favorite vacation?
I enjoy going back to Nebraska for Christmas. I do miss winter weather with all the cold, snow and wind. Of course, one week of that is about long enough!

If you were not working here, what would you be doing?
I would want to be a postman, the old school kind that got to walk the mail up to each house. Think of the low stress, exercise, and the chance to be outside a lot. That would be great.

What words of wisdom would you give to students these days?
Remember everything! Life isn’t divided into chapters you study and then forget after the test. Be proud of what you have learned and try not to lose your hard work.

Favorite movie of all times?
The Shining, with Jack Nicholson.

Favorite subject in graduate school?
Biochemistry of Informational Macromolecules