

Newsworthy Faculty, Staff & Students (noted in the order in which they were received)

The Dean's Office recently learned that five staff members from Arts & Humanities received high scores on Customer Service score sheets submitted by evaluators who contacted departments with questions either by phone or in person. Each of the five was honored with a certificate of Exemplary Customer Service. They are: **Georgene Ady** (DPA), **Brittany Haycock** (ENGL), **Cindy Palumbo** (Dean's Office), **Virginia Stevens** (COMM), and **Bill Silver** (COMM). Congratulations to these staff members and student workers on providing excellent customer service.

Mark LeTourneau (English) has had three articles published on syntax in Volume IV of the Encyclopedia of Arabic Language and Linguistics (Brill 2009): "Subordination" (360-67), "Theta Roles" (487-94), and "X-Bar Syntax" (741-49).

WSU Debate recently hosted (1/17-1/18, 2009) the 14th Annual Val Browning Round Robin. The tournament was attended by the finest collegiate debate programs in the Western United States and by Columbia University of New York. The University of Wyoming won the tournament with six wins and one loss, their loss was to Weber State. Weber State finished fourth, with an impressive five wins and two losses. Currently WSU Debate is ranked 31st out of more than 100 college debate programs.

Last weekend (1/31-2/2, 2009) at the University of Denver WSU Debaters **Stacy Dawson** (Junior, English and Philosophy) and **Shola Adesanwo** (Freshman, Political Science) appeared in the final round debate against the University of Wyoming after posting a 5-1 record in the preliminary debates. Although they were defeated on a 3-0 decision in the final round, Stacy Dawson was named the "top speaker" of the 2009 Mile High Classic.

The team now travels to Chicago (2/6-2/9, 2009) for the last national circuit tournament of the regular season – the challenging "Owen L. Coon" held every year at Northwestern University. With another strong showing, Stacy and Shola will move closer to qualifying for the 63rd Annual National Debate Tournament.

For more information about WSU Debate, please see- www.weberdebate.com.

College & University Information

Quest is the statewide language arts festival for high school students, grades 9-12. Weber's English Department and the College of Arts & Humanities serve as hosts and co-sponsors of this event, along with the Utah Council of Teachers of English (UCTE). On Friday, February 27, ten schools will meet at the Shepherd Union Building to compete in nineteen categories representing the gamut of language arts. Each event awards a first, second, and third place winner. Over 200 students will be judged on performances ranging from Shakespeare monologues to informative speeches. On display will be students' creative photo essays, book covers, posters, and movie trailers based on one of five young adult novels selected by UCTE for this year's reading.

Students who excel in writing may try their skill at character sketch, persuasion, poetry, and narration in which they compose a 50-minute draft to an on-site prompt. Expert spellers try to outlast their opponents in a spelling bee contest. And no competition could be complete without a few tests, so students exhibit their knowledge of literature, editing, and language skills through three challenging multiple-choice exams.

Beginning at noon, all A&H faculty are invited to come by and see what the top high school students in language arts can do. The festival is divided into three 50-minute sessions, so volunteering one hour of time between noon and four would give you a chance to judge or observe one of the various performance categories. We need judges in the creative arts displays and essay readers as well. Weber State's adoption of Quest as an annual event on campus begins this year and with faculty support, it will be a memorable experience for all.

If you would like to serve as a judge in any of the Quest categories, please email **Shannon Butler**, Quest director, at sbutler@weber.edu or call 626-6623.

The Stewart Library has an ongoing project- the **Faculty Publication Database**,

<http://library.weber.edu/ref/fpdb/>

You should look up your citations in the database and let JaNae Kinikin (jkinikin@weber.edu) know if information is missing.

FERPA (Family Education Rights & Privacy Act) Update—

As faculty and staff members of an educational institution, it is our legal responsibility to protect our students' personal and academic information. Please take a few minutes to review the following important FERPA guidelines:

- NEVER discuss any portion of a student's educational record (grades, course schedule, academic progress, etc.) with anyone but the student (exception: university personnel in need to know positions.)
- NEVER post a student's name and/or W number.
- NEVER post or require a student to give you any portion of their Social Security number.
- NEVER ask or require a student to write down their full name and/or W number anywhere it may be viewed by others.
- NEVER circulate class rolls.
- NEVER leave graded tests or papers where others may view.
- NEVER include a student's name and/or W number in the subject line of an email or an appointment.
- ALWAYS require students to use their Weber State email account when contacting you via email.
- ALWAYS email students via their Weber State email address.

If you have any questions regarding FERPA regulations, please contact the Registrar's Office at 626-6046.

Funding Opportunities

For Students:

Program: New Student Fellowship Program

Agency: Utah Humanities Council

- Next Deadline: March 1, 2009

UHC would also like to announce a new student fellowship program to support undergraduate and graduate student research and scholarship in the humanities. Student fellowships support research in the study of history, philosophy and ethics, literature, linguistics, languages, jurisprudence, cultural anthropology, archaeology, comparative religions, art history and/or criticism, folklore, or interdisciplinary scholarship in these areas. Two fellowships—one in the undergraduate category and one in the graduate category—will be awarded each year. The maximum student fellowship award is \$500. Fellowship funds may be used to pay the costs of equipment, supplies, software, technical support, or travel to do research or to report on the results of research at a professional conference.

- Guidelines and application forms are available online at <http://www.utahhumanities.org/Grants.htm> or by calling 801-359-9670. Contact Brandon Johnson at Johnson@utahhumanities.org or 801-359-9670.

The **John A. and Telitha E. Lindquist Scholarship for Creative and Artistic Endeavor** and the **Telitha E. Lindquist Academic Scholarship** are the foremost private scholarships available to Arts and Humanities students. Each scholarship seeks to enhance and enrich the academic, social, cultural, and artistic efforts of the students of the College of Arts & Humanities.

Checklist of steps and deadlines to apply:

- 🍏 Students **must** be a declared major in a program within the College of Arts & Humanities.
- 🍏 By **February 16th**, students must request a letter of recommendation/nomination from an A&H faculty member familiar with your schoolwork.
- 🍏 By **March 2nd**, faculty in the College of Arts & Humanities may recommend/nominate a student and must provide a letter describing the student's qualifications to the Dean's Office in the Browning Center, Room 312, before 5:00 p.m.
- 🍏 By **March 2nd**, students must update their personal information on their "Student Services" page: log in to the student portal from the WSU homepage, then verify or add personal information for scholarships.
- 🍏 By **March 6th**, all nominated students must provide a letter of application with information about work done in creative and artistic endeavors and/or academic excellence, and plans for completing an academic degree to the Dean's office in the Browning Center, Room 312, before 5:00 p.m.
- 🍏 By **March 6th**, students nominated for the John A. and Telitha E. Lindquist Scholarship for Creative and Artistic Endeavor must also provide a sample piece of work such as a piece of writing, video, or artwork, or a photo or recording of music, dance, theatrical to the Dean's Office in the Browning Center, Room 312, before 5:00 p.m.

Please note:

- ❖ Faculty recommendations/nominations are at the discretion of the faculty.
- ❖ Some students may not qualify for this scholarship because of other awards.

- ❖ The student seeking recommendation/nomination is responsible for all follow-up in regards to stated deadlines.

Recommendation/nomination deadline is **March 2, 2009, before 5:00 p.m.** Please turn in your proposed student recommendations/nominations to the Dean's Office in the Browning Center, Room 312.

A&H Caucus

No submissions in this category for this issue.

College & University Committee Notes

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Conference Highlights

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Teaching Tips

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Save the Date

- February 10, 7:30 PM, Viktor Uzur (Assistant Professor of Music), Faculty Cello Recital, Allred Theatre, Free
- February 17, 7:30 PM, Don Keipp (Professor of Music), Faculty Percussion Recital, Allred Theatre, Free

Reviews, Critiques & Recommendations

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Feed Your Students

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Next Issue

Deadline for submissions: February 16
Publication date: February 20