Who is Ed Wheeler?
Over the next several weeks you may run into a new face on the Gordon College campus. The new face will be mounted on a tall, skinny frame and topped with a nearly bald head (typically covered by cap to shield from Barnesville sun). Please stop him in passage and introduce yourself. His name is Ed Wheeler, and he will be serving this year as Interim Dean of the Faculty at Gordon College.

Wheeler comes from 21 years of service at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia where he spent 14 years as department head of the Department of Mathematics and 7 years as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He moves to Barnesville to get closer to new granddaughter in Atlanta and aging parents in Birmingham, Alabama … and to hopefully use lessons learned in years in classroom, in administrative office, and in the University System of Georgia to continue to the tradition of excellence that he finds on the beautiful Gordon College campus.

Wheeler’s academic pilgrimage began early and was never really interrupted. His first years were spent in veteran’s housing on the campus of the University of Kentucky while his father completed a Ph.D. in mathematics. As child and adolescent, he made frequent visits to the campus of Samford University where his father was a teacher and department head and later academic administrator. Wheeler then matriculated to and graduated from Samford, taught a year at Lynchburg College, and completed doctoral work at the University of Virginia before beginning his first permanent academic posting at Northern Kentucky University in the metropolitan area of Cincinnati, Ohio.

After the birth of two children and tenure and promotion at Northern Kentucky, Wheeler and his wife Claire decided to abandon the cold, wet Ohio River valley and move to Raleigh, North Carolina where Claire could do doctoral work in clinical psychology at the University of North Carolina and Ed could serve as department head in mathematical sciences at Meredith College. When Claire’s doctoral work was completed, the move to Savannah took place. Ed entered the University System of Georgia, and Claire developed a private practice and taught in the Family Practice residency program at the Memorial Hospital.

Wheeler is looking forward to this year of service at Gordon College, to meeting the members of this academic community, and to contributing in a small way to the gift of outstanding educational opportunity that this academic community makes available to its students.

Experimenting with DEANotes
This is an experimental edition of DEANotes, a newsletter out of the Academic Affairs Office. Should we decide to continue the publication, we will attempt to use it to share information within our academic community.

BaskinNotes
Faculty who are leaving: Dr. Dan Robbins (Theatre), Mr. Danny Meadows (ESL/French), Mr. Sid Littlefield (Philosophy, part-time). Searches to fill these positions are underway.

The Writing Center will be subsumed into the Student Success Center when the building opens for the fall term. Dr. David Janssen, Dr. Mark King, Dr. Doug Davis, other faculty, and student tutors have done a great job in providing a valuable resource for our students.

Reminder: New students registering for the fall must register for the Regents’ Test, unless they have a Learning Support Reading or English requirement.

StinchcombNotes
This fall, 29 seniors and over 55 juniors in Early Childhood Education will be on campus. In the spring, the seniors will be student teaching full-time in area elementary schools. Seniors are also beginning to take the state certification exam that they must pass in order to be certified in Early Childhood Special Education General Curriculum (Grades PK – 5). The Professional Education
Faculty, which includes representatives from divisions across our campus, will be teaching three new AREA F courses this fall for early childhood majors: MATH 2008 Foundations of Numbers and Operations, ISCI 2001 Life/Earth Science, and ISCI 2002 Physical Science. New upper level courses include MATH 3003 Data Analysis, Probability, and Connections, SPED 4200 Educational Interventions for Students with Mild Disabilities, EDUC 4200 Science in Early Childhood Education, and EDUC 4001 ECE Methods/Materials.

**FacultyNotes**

*Dr. Kris Beck* presented “Citizenship in a Republic” at the Southern Political Science Association in January.

*Dr. Michael Borders*, Associate Professor of Education implemented a student tutoring program at Luella Middle School in Henry County this past year. He also presented at the Teaching Matters Conference along with three of the ECE cohort members on *What Professional Teaching Characteristics Matter Most*.

*Dr. Gary Cox* is spending the summer in Warsaw as Assistant Director of the Studies Abroad in International Commercial Arbitration Course (SAICA), jointly sponsored by Georgia State and the University of Warsaw; this is his fourth summer with the program.

*Dr. Prathibha Joshi* presented “Financial Risk and the Divergence of Economic Growth of Sub-Sahara Africa Countries: A Quantile Regression Approach” at the Academy of Economy and Finance in March.

*Dr. Joe Mayo’s* article, “*Using Dialog to Explore the Depths of the History of Psychology,*” was published in the most recent Issue of *Psychology Teacher Network.*

*Dr. Richard Schmude’s* (Math and Natural Science) new book titled: *Uranus, Neptune, Pluto and How to Observe Them* will be published on July 31, 2008 and is already available for pre-order on Amazon.com. This book is broken down into two main sections. The first section summarizes our current knowledge of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The second section shows how people with modest equipment can make contributions to our knowledge of the outer solar system. It will be published by Springer.

**StudentNotes**

Janette Geasley, a senior in Early Childhood Education, has been selected to serve as Vice-President of the Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE) for the upcoming school year. Janette will be installed and recognized at the PAGE Summer Conference on June 20, 2008. Organized by the PAGE Foundation in 1987, its members are college students who are in teacher preparation programs throughout the state. In the last ten years, SPAGE membership has grown from several hundred to over 10,000. Currently, there are SPAGE members in 41 Georgia colleges. Through PAGE's publications, services and statewide meetings SPAGE members receive up-to-date information on education legislation, salary schedules, and current "hot" issues in the teaching field.

**Deadlines and Dates**

- **June 19-25** Drop-Add/Late Registration for 2nd Session Classes
- **June 19** New Student Orientation
- **June 20** Midterm Full Session Day Class & all Evening Classes begin
- **June 23** Final Exams 1st Session Day Classes
- **June 23** Goodbye Send-Off for Dr. Dan Robbins at El Durango, 12:30, Monday. All are invited
- **June 24** Second Session Day Classes begin
- **July 7** Mid-Term for 2nd Session Classes

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