LaGrange College
Evening Update

Time Flies. . .

It’s hard to believe that we’re already one month into the Fall quarter, isn’t it? Fall Break is just around the corner on October 14 and 15.

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September was a busy month. About 15 of our seniors donned robes for the first time to participate in the Opening Convocation (pictured, right). In what has become a tradition over the last few years, our Evening students were at the front of the procession to announce their status as members of the graduating class of 2010. Over the next few months, we’ll interview some of these seniors to find out where they will go from here.

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We welcomed our first students to the Degree Completion program in Public Health. They’re working hard, completing a class every 7 weeks as they move toward a summer 2011 graduation. Professor Susan Ayers who is teaching Introduction to Public Health is pictured right. Her profile is on page 3.

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Our Evening Student Advisory Council (pictured bottom right) is hard at work. You don’t know what they do? Read about the charge that Ricky, Amanda, Nekita, Lindsey, and Greg have accepted, on page 2.
Evening Student Advisory Council (by Lindsey Elkins)

The LaGrange College Evening College Advisory Council (ECAC) is the appointed leadership body for the Evening College community. The Council’s mission is to represent the best interests of the student body. This is accomplished through consultation with the Director of Evening College to address student concerns including consideration of programmatic changes, development of community service opportunities, and encouraging involvement in campus-wide activities.

This summer, your ECAC was hard at work in their efforts to become more visible and accessible to their classmates. The ECAC has petitioned for Official Organization status from the Student Government Association this fall, which will facilitate more funding and ability to incorporate programs that will benefit the EC student body. One of the most ambitious projects the ECAC has taken on is that of creating an in-house teacher evaluation program, which will offer a more immediate idea about how the student body is responding to its teachers. Additionally, the ECAC is working on having more EC representation on the LC Honor Council. The ECAC wants to encourage any EC student that is interested to find out more about becoming part of the LC Honor Council. Please contact Nekita Leonard at ntleonard@lagrange.edu for more information.

After a very successful donation drive for Harmony House Domestic Violence Shelter last spring, the ECAC launched another drive, this time to benefit the LaGrange-Troup County Humane Society and Animal Shelter. There was a very positive response, and the ECAC delivered much needed supplies to the shelter at the end of the summer. That drive will be ongoing, so if you are able to support the Human Society and Animal Shelter, bring donations to Kenya Rainey in the EC office, or contact Lindsey Elkins at lbekins@lagrange.edu or Ricky Smith at rjsmith@lagrange.edu for pickup or a wish list.

If you have questions, suggestions, or any concerns you’d like to have addressed, contact one of the ECAC members mentioned above or Amanda Goodwin, awgoodwin@lagrange.edu or Greg Vanhoose jgvanhoose@lagrange.edu. We’re here for you!

By the way, did you notice those good looking Evening College polo shirts that our Council members are modeling? We’re working hard to increase our visibility, both on and off campus. We’ve got a shirt in just your size... contact Kenya Rainey to order yours today.

Welcome to our new students! Pictured below are a few of the human development and business administration students who began classes with us last month. Make sure you greet: (front) Stephanie Smith, Kim McGhee, Toni Rivers, Annie Pool, Jared Duncan; (back) Tarlisha McFerson, Latoya Dudley, and Debra Trammell.

Mark Your Calendar

October 7—graduate school forum, Pitts Dining hall 11:15am-1:15pm
October 7,8—midterm exams
October 20—Practice GMAT, GRE, MCAT, LSAT with the folks from Kaplan Test Drive. 5pm-10pm. Make your reservation through Sharon Newton in the Career Development Center.
October 23 to 25—Homecoming festivities
October 27 to 30—Pre-registration for winter 2010 quarter
This IS the right time

The American Council on Education recently published a volume entitled “Mapping New Directions”. One of the essays discusses the number of adults 44 and over who are “looking for an encore”; that is, seeking a second career mid-life.

ACE estimates that between 5.3 and 8.4 million adults fall in that category. The numbers (56% female) include people transferring between white-collar professions, and people moving up the career ladder from manufacturing or service occupations.

So, for those of you who occasionally tell me “I’m getting too old. . .”. be encouraged! This is just the right time for you to complete your education and move into that new career position.

Of particular interest are the careers to which these new mid-life college graduates are gravitating: education (30%); health care (23%), and non-profit organizations (13%).

Got money??

One of the challenges often faced by adult students is financing the cost of a private school education. Evening College is developing a resource book to help identify dependent scholarship opportunities.

Financial aid is available; some programs provide general aid to all undergraduates and some grants target particular degree programs. Just because most of the scholarship information websites or publications feature 20-somethings on the cover, don’t assume there are age restrictions. Apply! A number of scholarship applications require an essay about life experience. You may have a real advantage here, so don’t let the request for 750 to 1000 words prevent you from applying. Below is a small sampling of scholarship opportunities.

Talbots Scholarship Foundation will award ten $15,000 scholarships in 2010 to “empower women to enrich themselves through learning”. Details will be available on Talbot’s website beginning Monday, October 5.

The Independent Women’s Forum sponsors an essay contest for which they issue 14 awards. First place is $5000; 2nd place is $2000; third place is $1000. Applicants must be fulltime students and the deadline is December 1. Visit www.iwf.org for further information.

Lest you think there are only opportunities for women, men, be sure to check the Hatton Lovejoy Scholarships sponsored by the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation. The deadline for undergraduate scholarships is February 15, 2010. Graduate scholarships are also available. Review information at http://www.callawayfoundation.org/scholarship_programs.php.

The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship awards $1000 to college students based on response to an essay question; financial aid is not a factor, and the money may be used for tuition books or related educational expenses. See www.gkscholarship.com.

While we urge caution is registering for the multitude of online scholarship search engines, www.fastweb.com is one of the reputable sites. When you complete the profile, you indicate the type of financial aid you are seeking and they will contact you via email when opportunities that fit your criteria arise for which you are eligible.

Welcome, Professor Susan Ayers

Our newest Evening adjunct instructor is Susan Ayers. Mrs. Ayers earned her BSN from LaGrange College and the Masters in Public Health with honors from Emory University. She currently serves as the District Public Health Director of Nursing and Clinic Services for the 12-county District IV Health Services. In addition to her leadership position in District IV, Professor Ayers chairs the Georgia Board of Nursing Emergency Preparedness Committee, serves on the State Nursing Executive Leadership Committee and was appointed by the Governor to the Georgia Board of Registered Professional Nurses.

Professor Ayers is teaching at least two courses in the cohort based Public Health major: Introduction to Public Health, and Critical Issues in Health Education. We’re glad to be able to include Professor Ayers as a member of our faculty.
**Ask the Director**

I would like to take an independent study so that I may finish my program more quickly. How do I make that happen?

Independent studies are designed for upper class students who want/need additional study to support their major or minor program. They are not really designed for students to shorten the time required to meet degree requirements or to substitute for general education courses. Students who have completed at least two-thirds of the requirements for their major, and who have earned a minimum 3.0 GPA in their major may petition for an independent study, through the appropriate department chair and the Director of Evening College. The petition, which must include a course syllabus and an indication of the type of assessments to be used, is presented to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean for approval. Students may complete two independent studies (10 quarter hours) during the course of their undergraduate career.

**If a course that I need is not being offered on the Evening schedule, what may I do?**

There are options for students who are close to graduation who need a “Plan B” to complete the program. If your schedule has some flexibility, speak with your faculty advisor about completing an academic petition to enroll for the equivalent Day class. Or, speak with your advisor about enrolling as a transient student at a SACS accredited institution. We are allowed to grant credit for up to 15 hours of transient credit during the final 90 hours of your EC program.

**How many Fall Enrichment courses do I need?**

If you started with Evening College as a first year student any time after the summer of 2004, you need two fall enrichment classes to meet the graduation requirement. If you are a transfer student who entered at the sophomore level or higher, you need one FEN class. And if you transferred from our Day program and successfully completed an Interim course, we will allow that course to substitute for a fall enrichment class.

**I checked my Degree Progress Report and it appears I did not receive a transfer credit that I expected. What do I do?**

Bring a copy of the course description (or a syllabus) from the school in which you took the course, and let us review it. If it satisfies one of our requirements, we will send a request to the Registrar to note it as an approved exception to your Degree Audit.

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