

## Atlanta mayor scheduled to speak at MLK program

Valdosta State University will hold a program honoring Martin Luther King Jr., on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Biology/Chemistry Building. The Honorable Shirley Franklin, mayor of Atlanta, will be the guest speaker. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Franklin became the first female mayor of Atlanta on Jan. 7, 2002 and is the first female African-American mayor to serve a major southern city.

"We are happy to have the honorable Shirley Franklin help us celebrate the pioneering spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," said Maggie Viverette, acting assistant to the president for Equal Opportunity Programs and Multicultural Affairs. "Mayor Franklin has demonstrated many qualities similar to those of Dr. King and she has accepted the significant challenge of running for the office of mayor and went on to become a history maker in the process."

Viverette added that students and

community members attending this event would have an opportunity to hear from one of Georgia's most powerful and visible political figure that represents a city that engendered the civil rights movement.

"The city of Atlanta was an important location for many supporters of the civil rights movement and continues to serve as the source of inspiration for many of today's leaders," Viverette said.

Before becoming Atlanta's 58<sup>th</sup> mayor, Franklin formed Shirley Clark Franklin and Associates, a management and consulting firm for public and community affairs and strategic planning. In 1998 she became a majority partner in Urban Environmental Solutions, LLC.

Franklin has been an active participant on more than 30 boards and committees, including Spelman College, United Way, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the National Black Arts Festival. Currently she serves as a member of the Democratic National Committee and treasurer of the Democratic Party of Georgia.

## Valdosta State license plates available

Valdosta State University alumni and friends have the opportunity to order the State of Georgia's new specialized university license plate.

The commemorative VSU plates, available in 2004, will be produced if the State of Georgia's Department of Motor Vehicle Safety receives a minimum of 500 orders. The deadline to order is July 31, 2003.

There is a \$25 manufacturing fee to purchase a tag, plus an annual \$25 charge. These fees are in addition to the

regular license plate fee, ad valorem tax, mailing fees or penalties that may be due.



VSU alumni, students, faculty, staff and supporters who want to purchase the special tag must fill out a special form (MV-9C) and submit the form and proper payment to their

county tag agent. For more information, call the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at 404-675-4947 or visit their Web site at <http://www.dmv.ga.gov/plates/college/va.html>

## Campus Events

January 9

• **Convocation:** Faculty and Staff Spring Convocation at 2 p.m., in the Whitehead Auditorium. The address will be Webcast on <http://vsutv.valdosta.edu/> and carried live on VSU-TV. It will be rebroadcast at 8 p.m. and again on Friday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m.

• **Orientation:** Spring Semester 2003 Orientation begins with check-in and registration from 8-9 a.m., in the Whitehead Auditorium (Fine Arts Building). 333-5941.

January 11

• **Basketball:** Lady Blazers vs. Mississippi Women's at 2 p.m., in the PE Complex.

• **Residence Halls:** Open for spring semester beginning at 10 a.m.

January 13

• **Basketball:** Lady Blazers vs. Lincoln Memorial at 2 p.m., and Blazers vs. Lincoln Memorial at 6 p.m., in the PE Complex.

January 15

• **Athletics:** Booster luncheon, noon, in the University Center. Cost: \$6 per person. 333-5890

• **Work-Study Orientation:** Work-study supervisors: 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 2:30-4 p.m. and 5:15-6:45 p.m. All sessions will be held in the University Center Rose Room. Supervisors need to confirm their attendance in advance by calling Student Employment Services at 259-2012.

January 16

• **Conference:** Georgia Regional Service Learning Conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the University Center. For more information, contact Dr. David Monetti at 259-5079.

• **Grants and Contract:** The institutional review board for the protection of human research subject will meet at 4 p.m., in the Regional Center for Continuing Education in room 211. This meeting is open to the public. 333-7837.

• **Martin Luther King Jr. Program:** Featuring Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, at 7 p.m. in the Biology/Chemistry Building. This event is open free of charge to the public.

January 18

• **Basketball:** Blazers vs. Alabama Huntsville, Lady Blazers at 6 p.m. and Blazers at 8 p.m., in the PE Complex.

For a complete list of calendar events go to <http://www.valdosta.edu/news/calendar>

## ACHIEVEMENT NOTES

**Dr. Nolan Argyle** (Political Science) went to the V. Vernadsky Taurida National University, in the Ukraine, Nov. 12-19. He made presentations at the Center for Postgraduate Education of Public Administrators and presented a paper on developing a program in public administration.

**Dr. Luis G. Bejarano** (Modern and Classical Languages) had the following articles published: "Teaching Human Values: Reading and Writing" in *GRETA ELT 2001: Just Think Before you do it.* (Granada: Concejería de Educación y Ciencia de la Junta de Andalucía: 2002, 30-36); "Teaching Human Values in the ELT Classroom through Magazines and Newspapers" in the *GRETA A Journal for Teachers of English* (vol. 9, No. 2, Granada, Spain: Dec. 2001: 14-19); and "Rhetoric and Spanish Antisemitism in the Seventeenth Century: D. Juan de Quiñones and the Issues of Blood" in the *Crítica Hispánica*, (vol. XXIV, No. 1-2, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh: Fall 2002: 59-80).

**Dr. Lee Campbell** (English) had the following articles published: "Teaching the Linguistic Autobiography for English and English Education Majors" in the *Virginia English Bulletin* (vol. 52, 2002: 9-15); and "Generational Horizons in Composition Theory in the *Journal of Advanced Composition* (vol. 21, 2002: 851-56). Campbell also presented a paper titled "Teaching Teachers to Resist the Language Subordination Process" at the National Council of Teachers of English convention in Atlanta.

**Dr. Sharon Gravett** (College of Arts and Sciences) presented a paper titled "Thrown Of Balance? The Missing Mother in John Huston's Film Version of *Wise Blood*" at the Southeastern Modern Language Association Conference, Nov. 15-17, in Baltimore, Md. She also chaired a session titled "Hawthorne and History" at the conference.

**Dr. Lars Leader** (Curriculum and Instructional Technology) attended the E-Learn World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government,

Healthcare and Higher Education, Oct. 16-19 in Montreal, Canada. He presented a paper titled "Peer and Self-Evaluation for Improving Student Collaboration in Online Courses."

**Dr. Thomas Manning** (Chemistry) along with VSU undergraduates Brian Little, Jerry Purcell, Amy Feldman, William Parker, Katrice Register, Brandy Sumner and Clint Schibner published a paper in *The Chemical Educator* (2002, vol. 7) titled "Ozone Decomposition Data for Kinetics Exercises."

**Dr. Dennis W. Marks** (Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences) and students Larry Arbuckle and Jason Looper presented "Building Real 4-d Space-Time from Real 2-d Spaces" at the 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society, Oct. 30-Nov. 2 at Auburn University. The abstract of the presentation appears in the *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*, (Series II, Vol. 47, No. 8, p. 10, BC 6). Marks also conducted two workshops on creating networks for science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the 2002 National Assembly of Project Kaleidoscope Faculty for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Oct. 11-13 in Washington, D.C.

**Drs. Victor C. Morgan and John F. Grotgen** (Counseling Center) presented a two-hour program titled "To Spread 'Light', Make Better Use of the Dark: Sleep Better, Feel Better, Work Better," at the annual Southeastern Conference of Counseling Center Personnel, Oct. 23-25 in Biloxi, Miss. The program provided information on facts about sleep, causes of insomnia and tips on how to sleep better. This drug-free approach to better sleep focused on the benefits of exercise, diet, relaxation, guided imagery and challenging poor sleep habits. In addition, the presenters also discussed the clinical strategies for treating insomnia among college students and a description of the seminar "Sleep Better: Feel Better" offered throughout the year at VSU.

**Dr. Selena Nawrocki** (Art) presented a paper titled, "Interior Designers' Computer Applications in Professional Practice: Implications for Interior Design Education" at the Interior Design Educators Council South and East Conference in New York City. The paper examines interior designers' opinions regarding computer applications commonly used professional practice and recent graduates' computer instruction from university degree programs.

**Dr. Louis Schmier** (History) presented "Leaders Listen" to the Student Leader-Scholars at Miami University, Nov. 20 in Oxford, Ohio. He also gave three presentations titled "Forging A Classroom Community," "Everyday Creativity," and "Human Side of Collegiate Teaching" at the Lily Conference on Collegiate Teaching, Nov. 22-24.

**Dr. Kenneth L. Stanley** (Langdale College of Business Administration) served as the program chair for the 2002 Southern Business Administration Association (SBAA) annual meeting titled "Nothing But the Good Stuff!" on Nov. 10-12, in Richmond, Va. Stanley was elected president of the SBAA for the 2002-03 year. The SBAA is an association of 225 business school deans from the southern region of the United States.

**Drs. Jane Zahner and Ellen Wiley** (Curriculum and Instructional Technology) attended the SLOAN-C International Conference on Asynchronous Learning Networks, Nov. 8-10 in Orlando, Fla. The overall theme of the conference was "The Power of Online Learning: The Faculty Experience." Zahner and Wiley co-presented a session titled "Three Carrots and a Stick: Faculty Incentives for Online Course Development," which concerned a new model for encouraging faculty to develop Web-enhanced and online courses.

Wiley also presented a session titled "Virtual Red Ink: Providing Feedback in an Online Course," in which she demonstrated a method she uses to provide feedback to students in online courses.