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Goucher Gets Out the Vote

Never have voter education and registration activities on American campuses been more central and influential in a national election than they are shaping up to be in 2008.

At Goucher, we're striving to get 100 percent of our student body registered to vote — whether in Maryland or by absentee ballot. Many states' deadlines for voter registration are approaching quickly. **Remember, Election Day is Tuesday, November 4.**

Goucher students and faculty have been holding a registration table for in-state and out-of-state voters in Pearlstone Atrium over the last two weeks, and next week, they will be there from **Tuesday, September 23, to Thursday, September 25, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Anyone who has questions about how to register to vote, submit an absentee ballot, or get involved in politics on campus can also get information by e-mailing elections2008@goucher.edu.

We also recognize that a good impetus to get people to vote is to help inform them about the federal, state, and local issues that will effect them. So, **Goucher has a full schedule of nonpartisan, politically themed events planned this fall to help you get informed and vote responsibly. For the events schedule click [here](#).**

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2008 Meyerhoff Visiting Professor: Thomas L. Friedman

Thomas L. Friedman — the three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, *New York Times* columnist, and world-renowned author — will talk about his new book, *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution - And How It Can Renew America*, in Kraushaar Auditorium on Friday, October 3, at 8 p.m.

Friedman is appearing as Goucher's 2008 Robert and Jane Meyerhoff Visiting Professor. Following the lecture, he will hold a book signing. Books will be available for purchase. This event is free and open to the public, but tickets must be reserved in advance by calling the Goucher College Box Office at 410-337-6333 or by e-mailing boxoffice@goucher.edu.



Friedman joined *The New York Times* in 1981 as a financial reporter specializing in OPEC- and oil-related news. He later reported on international economic news and served as the paper's chief diplomatic correspondent and its chief White House correspondent. He has traveled hundreds of thousands of miles reporting on the Middle East conflict, the end of the Cold War, domestic and foreign policy, international economics, and the worldwide impact of the terrorist threat.

In his latest book — *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution - And How It Can Renew America*, which was published this year — Friedman addresses the looming effects of climate change, rapid population growth, and globalization. He also proposes that an ambitious national strategy — which he calls “Geo-Greenism” — is needed to save the planet from overheating and to make America more innovative, productive, and secure.

The Jane and Robert Meyerhoff Visiting Professorship was created to bring distinguished scholars, teachers, and practitioners to Goucher's campus to advance local and national dialogues on pressing issues of our time — such as environmentalism, this year's theme.

Click [here](#) to read more about Friedman.

This event is one of several offered during Family Weekend, October 3-5. For more information about Family Weekend, go to www.goucher.edu/family.

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Library Homepage Gets a Makeover

The Julia Rogers Library webpage on Goucher's website has rolled out a new look that makes the page easier to use.

After hearing concerns from faculty and students about the difficulty of navigating the previous homepage, library staff contacted Webmaster John Perrelli for a new look.

The new page has five boxes of links divided by category – Search, Help, Services, More, and Shortcuts – with library news posted at the bottom of the page.

Students and faculty no longer have to search through subpages; now everything they need is accessible from the library's homepage.

Check out the redesigned homepage at www.goucher.edu/library.

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Stargazing at Goucher's Lewis Observatory



The Department of Physics and Astronomy is offering free public observing nights at the Lewis Observatory in the Hoffberger Science Building.

The public observing nights will be held on the first Friday of each month, weather permitting, beginning October 3. The observatory will open 30 minutes after sunset and close two hours later.

For more information, go online to <http://blogs.goucher.edu/bsugerman/public-observing/> or contact Ben Sugerman, who is the director of the Hoffberger Observatory, at ben.sugerman@goucher.edu or 410-337-6555.

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Getting to Know the Class of 2012

Goucher College has welcomed to campus one of the most talented and diverse first-year classes in its history. The Class of 2012 is composed of 363 students, drawn from a record-breaking 4,072 first-year applicants. More than 40 percent of the class applied as early-action candidates, indicating Goucher was a top choice. The first-year class comes from 34 states and eight countries. Ethnic diversity increased over last year, and the number of international students nearly doubled.

The Class of 2012 has also excelled beyond the classroom: 72 percent of the first-year students were involved in community service in high school; 49 percent participated in athletics; 43 percent received academic awards and honors, and 68 percent were involved in the fine and performing arts.

Goucher's commitment to providing financial assistance for our students remains strong – 67 percent of the first-year class received a total of \$3.7 million in institutional need-based and merit assistance (in addition to federal, state, and other outside aid).

Welcome, Class of 2012!

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Farmer's Market and Environmental Resource Fair

In keeping with the ongoing emphasis on raising awareness about environmental sustainability, Goucher College will host a farmers' market and environmental resource fair on Friday, September 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The farmer's market, which is open to the public, will take place along Van Meter Highway in the middle of Goucher's campus, while the environmental resource fair will be held in the Pearlstone Atrium.

At the resource fair, Goucher community members can view exhibits from Facility Management Services, Information Technology, Bon Appétit Management Company, the Campus Agriculture Co-op, and Earthworks. Faculty and staff members will also be able to pick up their free Goucher mugs, made from post-recycled plastics. The mugs are being given to all members of the Goucher community to help reduce waste.

Facilities Management Services will be holding tours of Goucher's new power plant during the fair. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Linda Barone at lbarone@goucher.edu.

Farmer's Market vendors will include:

- Albert's Organics, nationwide, certified organics distributor
- Gunpowder Bison and Trading Company, Monkton, MD, bison meat
- Licking Creek Bend Farm, Needmore, PA, certified-organic produce
- One Straw Farm, White Hall, MD, certified-organic produce
- Roseda Beef Farm, Monkton, MD, natural Angus beef
- Two Oceans, Stevenson, MD, sustainable seafood
- Zeke's Coffee, Lauraville, MD, locally roasted coffee

For more information about the farmers' market, click [here](#).

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Hispanic Heritage Month Events

Goucher College celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month, held from September 15 through

October 15, with a series of arts presentations, film screenings, panel discussions, and social events.

These events are free and open to all students, faculty, staff, and members of the greater community.

Guatemalan Worry Dolls Workshop

Thursday, September 25

Classroom of Welsh Hall, formerly known as The "T"

7 p.m.

Participants will learn how to make Guatemalan worry dolls at this workshop. According to folklore, when worry dolls are placed under a person's pillow, he or she will awaken well-rested and worry-free. Spanish Instructor Maite Gomis-Quinto and Candace Doane, assistant director of community living, will show how to make the dolls using wood, wire, fabric, thread, and cardboard.

Panel Discussion

Wednesday, October 1

Piano Room of Welsh Hall, formerly known as The "T"

7 p.m.

Representatives from organizations that offer support services to Latinos in the Baltimore City area will participate in a panel discussion. Adjunct Instructor of Spanish Aida Ramos-Sellman will moderate.

"Volver"

Thursday, October 9

Heubeck Lounge

6 p.m.

Watch "Volver," a 2006 Spanish film directed by Pedro Almodóvar. The film takes place in Madrid and follows three generations of women who take on life's challenges with good humor and zest. Visiting Spanish Instructor Maite Gomis-Quinto and Spanish Instructor Frances Ramos-Valdez will lead a discussion following the film screening.

Fiesta Latina

Saturday, October 11

Dorsey Center Courtyard

9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

There will be a presentation and instruction in tropical Latin music. Then DJ Saenz will have everyone dancing!

For more information about Hispanic Heritage Month, go online to

<http://www.goucher.edu/x28434.xml>.

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Professors Lisa Weiss and George Baca give post-leave presentations on Wednesday, September 24, at 3:30 p.m. in Buchner Hall. Weiss' presentation is titled "Intersections and Gaps (Bridgeable and Non-Bridgeable): The Experience of Doing Multiple Creative Projects Simultaneously." During her sabbatical, Weiss concentrated on creative writing, performance, and travel. Her presentation will address the intersection between these activities and will include some readings, as well as a live piano performance. Weiss will focus on her experiences with the Israeli Women Composers' Forum in Tel Aviv; the relationship between Tai-chi, Qi gong, and Frédéric Chopin; and her work on contemporary American piano music.

Baca's presentation is titled "From Goucher College to the Mississippi Delta: Hortense Powdermaker's Journey as Stranger and Friend." After graduating from Goucher College in 1920, Hortense Powdermaker began a unique and unusual career in anthropology, studying racism in Mississippi. The resulting book, *After Freedom*, is a classic in both anthropology and Southern studies. Baca's lecture will examine how her careful ethnographic description of African Americans and racism in Mississippi encouraged several generations of anthropologists to expand the discipline's reach beyond the "exotic" and "primitive."

Four Goucher students – **Luke Albao, Ben Mason, Greg Baer, and Claire Sauvage-Mar** – and English faculty members **Bill U'Ren and Kathy Flann** were selected to read portions of their own works at the [Baltimore Book Festival](#) on Sunday, September 28. The group will present their readings at the base of the Washington Monument in Mount Vernon from 2-3 p.m. They were chosen as part of the [School of Lit program](#), which brings literature created on Baltimore's college campuses to the community. The program is sponsored by the [CityLit Project](#), an organization determined to nurture Baltimore's literary community by increasing public awareness and helping local writers. Click here for directions.

Professor Madison Smartt Bell will also perform a reading at the Baltimore Book Festival. Bell, who is on sabbatical at Goucher, will read from his own works on Friday, September 26, at 6 p.m. during the [510 Friday Night program](#), which includes participants from the popular reading series of the same name held at [Minas](#), a gallery and boutique in Hampden.

Adjunct Theatre Lecturer Pat Montley's play *Madrigal in Black and White* will be produced along with other short plays during the Estrogenius Festival at the Manhattan Theatre Source in Greenwich Village on October 8-11. For more information, go online to www.theatresource.org/shortplays.html.

The Ivy Bookstore in Baltimore held a book signing on September 13 for **English Professor Elizabeth Spires'** latest collection of poems, *The Wave-Maker*.

Associate Professor Jeffrey Myers has bragging rights since his wife, Renate Reimschuessel, was one of eight recipients of a national Service to America Award, given for her work as a Food and Drug Administration research biologist that led to the discovery of why so many house pets were dying in 2006. Read more [here](#).

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Goucher in the News

[“Colleges find that changing a light bulb is easier than revamping curriculum”](#)

From *Plenty Magazine*, September 08, 2008

Article Abstract: Goucher College is implementing academic and systemic ways to introduce tenets of environmental sustainability to its students.

[“Changing Drinking Age to 18”](#)

From *Washington Journal*, September 8, 2008

Abstract: Recently 129 college and university presidents and administrators have signed a petition to support a debate over whether the drinking age should be changed from 21 to 18. Guests Goucher College President Sanford Ungar and Jim Fell from the Pacific Institute on Research and Evaluation will discuss during a roundtable segment the pros and cons of changing the drinking age in the United States.

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