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New at Goucher

Chemistry Department Goes Green

In keeping with Goucher College's commitment to practices promoting environmental sustainability as well as providing students with increased learning opportunities reaching beyond the classroom, the Chemistry Department is proud to announce the purchase and implementation of a solvent recycling unit.

A solvent recycler allows Goucher to reduce both purchasing and disposal costs. It also reduces environmental waste by as much as 90 percent in some cases. The recovered solvent has excellent purity and is immediately put to use in the same labs from which it came.

Reaction to the recycler has been uniformly positive. Students are excited because they are concerned about the environmental impact they have and this provides for them a tangible example of the large volumes of solvent Goucher previously used once and then paid to dispose of but now recycles and reuses.

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The solvent recycling unit was made possible by a Spring 2009 Innovation Grant Proposal.

For more information about Goucher's green initiatives, go to www.goucher.edu/green.

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The Career Development Office Reaches Out

As a college student, there are a lot of new questions that you begin asking yourself that are actually beginning to carry weight. What do I want to do after I graduate? Where should I intern? Will that internship help me get to where I want to be? What will I do after I graduate? The list goes on and on.

Fortunately, the Career Development Office (CDO) has recently extended its presence onto two popular social networking sites – Facebook and Twitter – to help students answer all of these looming questions. The CDO designed pages on these sites for students who don't have time to regularly visit the CDO office in Dorsey Center. By joining the CDO fan page on Facebook or following its Twitter account, students can still access all the resources CDO has to offer. Every day the CDO posts new and up-to-date information to these sites about jobs, internships, fellowships, job fairs, and other events and career-related information tailored to the needs of Goucher students.

Become a fan of the CDO Facebook page by clicking [here](#). Sign up to follow the CDO Twitter account by clicking [here](#). For more information about the CDO, check out its website at www.goucher.edu/cdo.

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Explore Goucher Day Fun Facts

Goucher held Explore Goucher Days on October 12 and November 9 this semester. Check out some fun facts about the prospective students who came to explore our world:

The program attracted 225 students from 17 states, including California, Minnesota, and Texas.

Two schools – Gonzaga High School of Washington, D.C. and Sojourner Christian Academy of Randallstown, MD – brought groups of students to the programs.

Expect a lot of new faces on Monday, April 12, 2010, when admitted students and their families are welcomed to campus for Accepted Applicants Day.

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Upcoming Events

Paul Rusesabagina, the Real-Life Hero of “Hotel Rwanda,” Speaks at Goucher College

Paul Rusesabagina, a human rights activist and the real-life hero of the acclaimed film *Hotel Rwanda*, will speak at Goucher College on Tuesday, December 1, at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Forum of the Athenaeum.

This event is free and open to the public, but tickets must be reserved by contacting Goucher’s box office at 410-337-6333 or boxoffice@goucher.edu. Goucher will also be live-streaming the lecture from the front page of its website at www.goucher.edu.

Prior to Rusesabagina's Goucher will present two viewings of the film *Hotel Rwanda*, which explores Rusesabagina’s heroic efforts in saving the lives of more than a thousand people during the Rwandan genocide of 1994.



UMOJA, Goucher’s Black Student Union, will sponsor the free film screenings on Sunday, November 29, at 9 p.m. and Monday, November 30, at 7 p.m. in Kelley Lecture Hall on both nights.

Rusesabagina served as manager of the Hotel des Mille Collines in Kigali, Rwanda, during the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which left more than 800,000 people dead. He bravely risked his life to shelter Hutus and Tutsis who were seeking refuge from the horrific violence and saved the lives of more than 1,200 people.

He will discuss his experiences during the Rwandan genocide — one of the worst tragedies of the 20th century — and the ways in which governments, nongovernmental organizations, and ordinary people can work together to prevent genocide throughout the world.

Rusesabagina is now the president and founder of the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that supports victims of genocide and carries out peace efforts in Rwanda and throughout the world.

For more information on Rusesabagina's visit, click [here](#). To learn more about the movie screenings, click [here](#).

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Auditions for *Antigone*

Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2
Mildred Dunnock Theater
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Goucher College Theatre Department is holding auditions for its spring production of Sophocles' *Antigone*. Sign up for an audition spot at the Theatre Call Board in Meyerhoff across from Room 121.

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Burma Week



Burma Week is an effort to raise awareness about the political situation in Burma, where the military dictatorship has been accused of committing human rights violations against its own people.

Tuesday, December 1

Burma Background Panel

Buchner Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Panelists will discuss the history of Burma, called the Union of Myanmar by the ruling dictatorship, and the current situation there. Panelists include Doug Hollinger, founder of the Global Youth Service Team; Biak Lian Siang, a Burmese refugee and member of the Burmese resistance; and Michael Haack,

campaigns coordinator for U.S. Campaign for Burma.

Wednesday, December 2

IT Activism in Burma

Buchner Hall, 7 p.m.

Aung Kyaw Ze Ya, a Burmese refugee, and Mark Belinski, of Digital Democracy, will discuss how technology has empowered the Burmese people and fueled the efforts to promote democracy and human rights there.

Thursday, December 3

Discussion and Screening of *Burma VJ*

Kelley Lecture Hall, 6:30 p.m.

This documentary film is about a group of journalists who illegally filmed the events of the 2007 Saffron Revolution using small handheld cameras. The film will be presented by three monks from All Burma's Monk Alliance, an organization created to support Burmese monks seeking refuge in the U.S. The monks will hold a question and answer session after the screening.

Friday, December 4

Prayer for Humanity

Haebler Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m.

Member of All Burma's Monk Alliance will chant with the Goucher community.

Saturday, December 5

An Afternoon of Burmese Song, Dance, and Food

Hyman Forum, Athenaeum, 2 p.m.

Enjoy Burmese food and performances by a troupe of Burmese singers and dancers. The

performances are free, but food tickets must be purchased in advance for \$4. Order food tickets by e-mailing Sarah Sullivan at sarah.sullivan@goucher.edu by December 2.

This event is sponsored by the Peace Studies Program, the Department of Political Science and International Relations, the Hughes Field Politics Center, and the Philosophy and Religion Department.

For more information, contact Mary Wahl at mary.wahl@goucher.edu or Cailin Barker at cailin.barker@mail.goucher.edu.

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"Art in the Real World"

Wednesday, December 2
Batza Room, Athenaeum
6 p.m.

The Goucher Leadership Council presents this panel discussion on careers in the art world. The panel will feature representatives from local community arts organizations, including the Creative Alliance, Art with a Heart, and Art on Purpose.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Ragan Kensington '10 at ragankensington@gmail.com.

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"Women and Minorities in Hollywood"



Erica Shelton, a writer and producer on the television show *HawthoRNe*, will give a lecture titled "Women and Minorities in Hollywood," on Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m. in the Hyman Forum of the Athenaeum.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Nsenga Burton at nsenga.burton@goucher.edu.

Shelton's lecture will examine the role of women and minorities in the film and television industries. She will also discuss the effect the 2007-2008 Writers Guild of America strike had on these groups.

For more information, click [here](#).

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Todd Dance Concert



Friday, December 4, through Sunday, December 6
Todd Dance Studio
7:30 p.m. on December 4 and 5
3 p.m. on December 6

The Dance Department's advanced choreography students will present original works set on Goucher dancers. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the door. Goucher OneCards accepted.

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The Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 7
Haebler Memorial Chapel
5 p.m.

The Goucher Chorus and the Office of the Chaplain presents this annual service.

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Kudos

Georgi Shalamanov '12 was named the Landmark Conference Male Swimmer of the Week on Monday, November 9, after breaking a 12-year-old school record in the 1,000-yard freestyle at a triangular meet on November 7. Shalamanov's time in the 1,000 yard-freestyle was 10:24.02, nearly three seconds faster than the 10:26.84 record set by Logan Smith in 1997.

Department of Education Assistant Professor **Tami Smith's** paper, "School Reform Factors Contributing to Student Achievement: Perceptions and Results," was accepted for publication and presentation by the American Educational Research Association (AERA).

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Goucher in the News

Check out the latest media coverage of Goucher College and its community members.

["Academe and the Decline of News Media"](#)

From *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 15, 2009

Article Abstract: Goucher College President Sanford J. Ungar shares his thoughts on how the decline of the news media will affect higher education in "The Chronicle Review," *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* ideas and opinion section.

["Low-Carbon Computing"](#)

From *Educase Review Magazine*, November/December 2009

Article Abstract: Fran White, director of Goucher College's Decker Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, discusses how the college employs technology in a sustainable manner.

["The Costs and Efficiencies behind Green IT"](#)

From *Educase Review Magazine*, November/December 2009

Article Abstract: Fran White, director of Goucher College's Decker Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, discusses the college's efforts to green its IT department and the challenges of doing so at a small school.

For more news stories, check out the [Goucher in the Media](#) section of Goucher's website.

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Digest Deadline: The deadline for submissions for the December 7 issue of the Goucher Digest is Thursday, December 3. Send all submissions to digesteditor@goucher.edu.

The *Goucher Digest* is published regularly by the Goucher College [Office of Communications](#).

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