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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Tim Palmer, our Santee Cooper Lecture Series guest speaker.

Volume 2, Issue 24

“Sustaining Our Wild Rivers”

We Need Your Ideas for Terrio 2012!

Send in your decorating theme ideas for this year’s Terrio cart! Dr. Savage will accept any ideas for the ENVS cart until Monday, April 30th.



Tim Palmer floating down the Pacolet River from Clifton to Pacolet.

Photographer, writer, activist and River Man Tim Palmer was in town for four days this past week. His primary duty was to give a rousing lecture with slides (“Sustaining Our Wild Rivers”) on April 24th as part of the Santee Cooper Series on Sustainability and Energy, but before he ever mounted the stage in Leonard Auditorium he’d already been introduced to the pulsing heart of our community – the Pacolet River and its tributary Lawson’s Fork. On the Saturday before the lecture Tim floated by canoe with a group from the community (citizens of the watershed).

The trip from Clifton to Pacolet will be remembered always in the annuals of the Wofford ES program as our first official “Thinking Like a River Floating Seminar.” We brainstormed for the future and focused on routes through

present rapids. Tim’s presence will always be noted in the ledger at Goodall and his ideas will flow through all the things we do as we reflect, connect, and protect! Thanks Tim!

The “Thinking Like a River” initiative is a set of new and exciting programs funded by the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation. Over the next three years, we will involve Wofford students and the community in more floating seminars, develop new outreach programs at the Goodall Center, and work with teachers and representatives of business, government, and nonprofit agencies to develop new watershed awareness and protection projects. This is a thrilling moment in Wofford’s Environmental Studies Program!



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- April 29th **River Jam at Glendale:** Come out to Glendale Shoals for an afternoon of entertainment 3:00pm-7:00pm. In partnership with Hub-Bub, both Wofford bands and local bands will provide the music. Free Jimmy John's while it lasts! Contact Jonathan Hanson hansonjt@email.wofford.edu for more information.
- May 1st **Conservation Lobby Day:** Upstate Forever will be travelling to Columbia for this day-long event. Learn how this group and other conservationists lobby Senators and Representatives on key environmental issues. Contact Nancy Fitzer at nfitzer@upstateforever.org if you are interested in participating.
- May 4th **8th Annual Spartanburg Regional Classic:** May is National Bike Month! Come out and enjoy the races in downtown Spartanburg starting at 4:00pm with women and men's amateur racing. Women's professional race starts at 7:05pm and the men's professional race starts at 8:30pm.
- May 7th **Come help decorate the ENVS Terrio cart:** 2:00pm-5:00pm outside Black Science Annex. Let Dr. Savage know if you can help out!
- May 8th **2012 Terrio:** Help us cheer on the ENVS cart! Races start at 11:00am in front of Main.

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE:

George Washington University – Geography Masters Program

George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences offers a two-year Master of Arts in Geography. Along with four core areas of focus in Urban Environments, Development and Sustainability, Human Migration and Mobility, and Applied Geospatial Techniques, the program encourages students to take related courses outside of the department and has access to associated courses at other Washington, DC area universities.

Another advantage to being in the Washington, DC area is that students are in close proximity to

governmental agencies and other environmental groups that provide internships and valuable experiences.

Small class sizes with a faculty-to-student ratio of 1:2 provide students with careful mentoring and there are teaching and research assistantships available on a competitive basis.

Visit the school's website for more information. <http://departments.columbian.gwu.edu/geography/graduate>