

Campus News

Yearbook format moves to digital

Communication studies upgrade photography equipment

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The department of communication studies is updating its photography equipment for next fall by purchasing 20 new Canon G-5 digital cameras.

The new digital cameras are a part of a larger transition within the department to digital technology.

"Digital has become an acceptable form of photography," said instructor Bob Carey. "You can't tell a quality difference."

In addition to the new cameras, the department's introductory photography course will be a digital class next fall. The intermediate photography course will be either film or digital depending upon stu-

dent interest, said Ted Vaughan, chair of the department.

Vaughan said in order for students to be competitive in today's market they will have to know how to work with digital technology. "It's all they'll have," said Vaughan.

Sophomore Emily Slaughter, 19, a communication studies major and photography minor, said the update is a needed change.

"I think it is needed to stay with all the switches that every photography company is making, just to follow progress," Slaughter said.

Students will be able to check out the new cameras for their class work beginning next fall, but they will have to provide their own memory sticks and portable hard drives,

according to Vaughan.

The department also purchased two dye-sub continuous tone printers for printing photographs. Students will need to continue to provide their own paper.

In the long run, according to Vaughan, the actual cost for students will be lower than in the past.

In addition to the photography update, the department will begin producing a digital yearbook this year.

The new yearbook, which will be produced on a cd-rom, will include pictures with captions like a regular yearbook and will be available next fall.

The department is also planning a new Web site that will contain a

photographic history of the year. Student photographers will post pictures from events they have covered throughout the year on the Web site, which will be up in the fall, and students will be able to download those pictures.

"Eventually we'll take those pictures and create next year's yearbook," Carey said.

This year's yearbook will be posted on the Web site as well.

The cost of the yearbook is included in students' fees, and students are encouraged by the department to pick up their new digital yearbook in the fall.

"Everybody pays for a yearbook, but not everybody picks one up," Vaughan said.

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Campus raises money

child, and a dedication of the luminary bags that lined the walkway. Later, cross-dressing male students graced the stage for the "Womanless Beauty Pageant."

"If I can be embarrassed for a little bit for somebody going through cancer every day of their life, I think it's worth it," said freshman Marlon Burnett, who collected \$38 after his performance in the pageant. The entire spectacle raised

about \$300.

The students were pleased with the first year's turnout, and hope the event will gain momentum in the years to follow.

"Next year, we hope to have a bigger turnout, now that people know a little more about it," Blackwell said. "Other than that, I don't think we could've asked for much more."



Photo by Scott Holstein

GWU students walk around the quad during Relay for Life.

Science majors win awards

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Graduate students, undergraduates and college professors from all over the state gathered at Catawba College on March 26 for the 101st annual 2004 meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Sciences (NCAS). Four GWU students went on the trip and presented their respected projects. The students are Nisreen Abu-Ata, Matt Clement, Kellie Robinson and Nicholette Threatt.

Of the students attending the meeting, two of them brought home awards. Junior Matt Clement earned first prize for undergraduate poster presentation, while Robinson came in second in the same category of poster presentation.

Although any type of science imaginable could have been presented, Clement went with his specialty, chemistry. His experiment consisted of experimenting on how hot different hot sauces are and why some are more hot than others. After winning the Derieux Award, which shows excellence in undergraduate research, Clement felt the meeting was a good experience.

"I thought the meeting was very well prepared," said Clement. "The judges made you feel really comfortable when presenting."

David Judge, professor of physical science at GWU, mentored

Clement, but he was also appreciative of the help offered by other professors.

"I couldn't have done without the help of all the science professors, especially Dr. Judge," said Clement.

Some faculty members were mentors to students while others assisted students in poster design, said Dr. Stefka Eddins, professor of science.

"This effort involved balancing full-time teaching with staying after hours to cope with a few unexpected challenges," said Eddins. "GWU participation in this year's NCAS meeting was truly a community effort."

GWU attempts to present at the NCAS meeting regularly while students and faculty members will attend other meetings as long as they are logistically feasible, said Eddins.

This is not the first time that GWU has been recognized for excellence, as a GWU student earned a first prize in poster presentation at last year's meeting. Being able to attend these meeting mean a lot to the students involved and the professors are grateful to be able to participate.

"Our students' presentations would not have been possible without the support of the Office of the Provost and of the Department of Natural Sciences," said Eddins.