

Science Chews on Value of Sweetgum Balls

Associate Professor of Chemistry Thomas Poon and Joint Science students Michael Fujinaka '07 and Margaret Scheuermann (SCR '08) have unleashed a new use for sweetgum balls, the droppings of the abundant *Liquidambar* tree. The seedpods contain shikimic acid, a key ingredient for production of Tamiflu, an oral drug used to battle influenza viruses, including bird flu.

Star anise is the current, starring source of shikimic acid for Tamiflu production. Tapping a new source of the acid represents an opportunity for others who wish to acquire the compound or to produce or sell shikimic acid to companies or researchers, says Poon, who presented his findings at the

231st American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition in Atlanta.

Will Addresses *Res Publica* Society

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist George F. Will addressed on-campus and *Res Publica* guests on *The Political Argument Today*, entertaining audiences at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum and in Irvine April 18.

Will's column, syndicated by *The Washington Post* since 1974, appears twice weekly in nearly 500 newspapers. He also is a contributing editor of *Newsweek* magazine, for which he provides a



bimonthly back-page essay, and author of *With A Happy Eye But...: America and the World, 1997-2002* (2002) and *Statecraft as Soulcraft: What Government Does* (1983).

Rule Britannia

Congressman David Dreier '75, chairman of the House Rules Committee and a CMC trustee, has a new intern on Capitol Hill: Euan Blair, the eldest son of British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The Bristol University alumnus—with a new degree in ancient history—is spending three months, unpaid, taking on such tasks as answering phones, filing, assisting senior staff, and helping prepare for committee meetings during his internship.



Andrew Lee '07 Named Truman Scholar

Andrew Lee '07 has been named a Truman Scholar, one of 75 scholars selected this year from 598 candidates nominated by 311 U.S. colleges and universities. The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, established



It is a myth that our Western values are shared by people everywhere. People in different parts of the world don't necessarily appreciate freedom the way we do, nor define it in the same way. To make that assumption would be cultural condescension.

—GEORGE F. WILL



by Congress in 1975, provides \$30,000 awards for graduate school scholarships to help prepare students for careers in government and public service.

Lee, a double major in government and Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, has developed an exhaustive academic resume that includes current roles as resident assistant, member of The Claremont Colleges Debate Union, and student manager and research assistant at the Rose Institute of State and Local Government. Last year, as a participant in the Washington Program, Lee worked for an environmental lobbying firm and spent his summer in the Natural Resources and Environment Division of the Government Accountability Office. In 2004, he was the recipient of the College's CMC Political Education Fellowship, which allowed him to work on the research staff of Colorado Sen. Ken Salazar.

As a Truman scholar, Lee will receive priority admission and supplemental financial aid at some premier graduate institutions, leadership training, career and graduate school counseling, and special internship opportunities within the federal government.

Lee says he will likely pursue law school—particularly Boalt Hall at the University of California, Berkeley, because of its focus on Western water and environmental law. Longer-term interests are to serve the people of Colorado, ideally as attorney general. "I care a lot," he says, "about state and local government."

Athena Swimmers Finish Ninth

A record nine Athena swimmers set a new best for Claremont-Mudd-Scripps women's swimming at the 2006 Division III Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center, finishing ninth in the nation with 139 points.



The 200 free relay team of Lauren Kristensen '07, Linh Luong '06, Sarah Heine '08, and Kevyn Klein '08 set a CMS and SCIAM record with a time of 1:37.05.

"The Athenas put together a remarkable meet," says head swim coach Charlie Griffiths. "Posting team-record times in every relay and setting four SCIAM relay records illustrates how special a weekend it was."

All-Americans included Sarah Heine '08 in the 200 freestyle (2nd) and 100 freestyle (5th); the 800 free relay team of Lauren Kristensen '07, Jordan Stewart '09, Danielle Peebles '09, and Heine (4th); and the 200 free relay team of Kristensen, Kevyn Klein '08, Linh Luong '06, and Heine (8th).

Honorable Mention All-Americans included Lisal Smith '07 in the 200

breaststroke (9th) and 200 individual medley (10th); Amy Fuller '07 in the 400 individual medley (13th); the 400 medley relay team of Heine, Smith, Fuller, and Kristensen (10th); the 400 free relay team of Kristensen, Samantha Kepler '06, Peebles, and Heine (11th); and the 200 medley relay team of Smith, Kristensen, Luong, and Klein (12th).

The swimmers were one of eight conference-winning teams contributing to CMS securing the 2005-06 SCIAM All-Sports Trophy in women's and overall competition. At press time, six spring teams—men's and women's tennis and track & field, men's golf, and women's water polo—also had progressed to national competition.

Both the men's and women's tennis teams advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Championships in Fredericksburg, Va., and Santa Cruz, respectively. Going into the Outdoor Track & Field Championships, Matt Roberson '06 is ranked first in the decathlon; he is joined by teammates Jackie Muhich '06, ranked first in the 400 hurdles, Kim Sonne '06, ranked sixth in the steeplechase, and five other provisional qualifiers. The Stags will compete at the Golf Championships in Lincoln, Neb., and the Athenas will compete at the sixth annual National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship in Davis.

For more information and up-to-date standings and coverage, please visit the CMS home page at <http://cms.claremont.edu/>.

Grisolano Elected CMCAA President

Laura Grisolano '86 has been elected president of CMCAA.

Grisolano, a Truman Scholar, earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and clerked for the Honorable James B. Moran of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois before affiliating with Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Los Angeles.



She has served as special assistant and national political director for former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt, state finance director for Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, and as a professional fundraiser for political candidates and non-profit arts organizations including Performing Arts Chicago and the Illinois Arts Alliance Foundation.

Grisolano is a former admission volunteer, CMCAA Chicago Chapter president and Giving Committee chair, and alumni representative on the Capital Campaign Planning Committee. She lives in South Pasadena with her husband, Larry, and two children.



The 28th Annual International Festival of The Claremont Colleges beguiled hundreds of students and community visitors with dance and music performances and food and beverages representative of all continents—such as the Korean favorites shared by these students.

Got Water?

While teaching introductory and advanced biology at the Antoa Secondary School in Ghana last summer on a McKenna International Internship, Meredith Holt '07 realized her students were cutting their studies short in order to fetch water from a well every afternoon. Located in the village near the school, the well was nearly a mile from the dormitories, and students waited an hour or more for a turn at the pump.

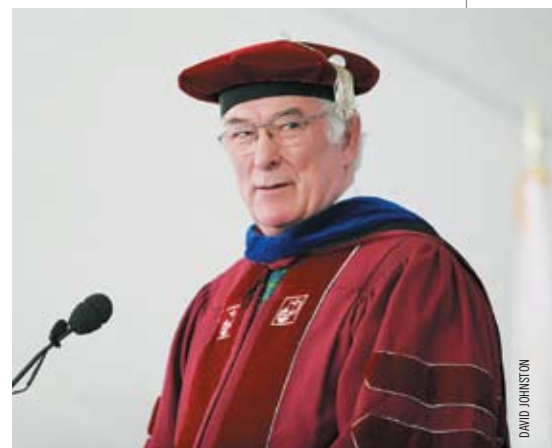
Holt flew home with a goal to raise \$4,000 by July 2006 for a borehole—a long shaft in the earth with a submersible pump to push water to the surface. Looking to the CMC community for help, Holt struck gold with Peter Thum '90, co-founder of Ethos Water. (See feature, page 10.)

Thum and other sponsors donated

1,200 bottles of Ethos for Holt to sell on campus, with 100 percent of profits funding the well project. CMC's first annual World Water Week raised \$1,100.

“This outpouring of support has been amazing,” Holt says. “I am confident that the CMC community will help me see this project through to the end.”

WEBSCLUSIVE Read more about Holt's project at: <http://www.mckenna.edu/news/cmcmagazine/2006summer/Websclusives/>.



Poet Seamus Heaney, recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature, addressed an audience of more than 2,500 during the College's fifty-ninth annual commencement ceremonies, held May 13 at Pritzlaff Field. Honorary degrees were awarded to Heaney, Peter K. Barker '70 P'01, Chairman of the CMC Board of Trustees, and Houghton “Buck” and Doreen Freeman, whose Freeman Foundation works to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the United States and Asia. For additional commencement coverage, visit www.claremontmckenna.edu.

The Claremont McKenna College Alumni Association invites up to 18 alumni, parents, and friends on a photo safari in South Africa, from Sept. 21 to Oct. 7. Designed for leisurely but in-depth travel, the luxury trip combines stops at the Royal Livingstone Hotel on the banks of the Zambezi River, just a few hundred yards from Victoria Falls; the Kings Camp at the Timbavati Private Game Reserve; Leopard Hills, a private game reserve bordering famous Krueger Park; and Cape Town's Cape Grace Hotel, including the Cape of Good Hope and its famous wine area.

Expect near-guarantee sightings of the Big Five: elephants, white rhinos, buffalo, lions, and leopards, as well as encounters with giraffe, zebras, antelope and other plain game.

Questions about any part of the itinerary or safari should be directed to travel consultant Horst Engel: 800-266-1438, or engeltravl@aol.com.

Faculty Bookshelf

Associate Professor of Spanish Carrie Chorba wrote *Mexico from Mestizo to Multicultural: National Identity and Recent Representations of the Conquest* (Vanderbilt University Press, 2006), an interdisciplinary study of literary, cinematic, and graphic images of Mexican national identity in the 1980s and '90s. Chorba's in-depth analysis of writings, films, and cartoons from a vast array of contemporary sources creates a social history of this important shift.

In *Strategies of Dominance: The Misdirection of U.S. Foreign Policy* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006), P. Edward Haley, the W.M. Keck Foundation Professor of International Strategic Studies, provides a critical overview of U.S. foreign policy since the end of the Cold War, including the foreign policies of all three post-Cold War presidents: George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush. Haley argues that American policy since the end of the Cold War has been distorted by misperceptions of American exceptionalism and hegemony, globalization and global democratization, economic sanctions, and coercive diplomacy.

Cynthia Humes, chief technology officer and associate professor of philosophy and religious studies, edited *Gurus in America* (State University of New York Press, 2005), in which her essay, *Maharishi Mahesh Yogi: Beyond the TM Technique*, appears. Providing an introduction to the guru phenomenon in the United States, the book analyzes the teachings and history of nine important Hindu gurus, also addressing their religious and cultural interaction in America.

In *A Troubled Peace: U.S. Policy and the Two Koreas* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006), Chae-Jin Lee, the BankAmerica Professor of Pacific Basin Studies and director of the Keck Center of International and Strategic Studies, reviews U.S. policy toward South and North Korea since 1948, when rival regimes were installed on the Korean peninsula. The book explains the changing nature of U.S.-Korea relations, discussing U.S. goals for Korea, the ways these goals

have been articulated, and the methods used to implement them.

Jonathan Petropoulos, John V. Croul Professor of European History, director of the Gould Center, and associate director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, wrote *Royals and the Reich: The Princes von Hessen in Nazi Germany* (Oxford University Press, 2006). Permitted unprecedented access to Hessen family private papers and the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle, Petropoulos follows the rise and fall in the Nazi regime of Princes Philipp and Christoph von Hessen-Kassel, great-grandsons of Queen Victoria.

John K. Roth, the Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy and director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, wrote *Ethics During and After the Holocaust: In the Shadow of Birkenau* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), exploring how Birkenau, the main killing center at Auschwitz, continues to shadow basic beliefs concerning right and wrong, human rights, and the hope that human beings will learn from the past. Roth also edited *Fire in the Ashes: God, Evil, and the Holocaust* (Pastora Goldner Series in Post-Holocaust Studies) (University of Washington Press, 2005), a series of essays discussing how inquiry about the Holocaust challenges understanding, especially its religious and ethical dimensions.

Elizabeth Spalding, assistant professor of government and director of the Washington Program, wrote *The First Cold Warrior: Harry Truman, Containment, And the Remaking of Liberal Internationalism* (University Press of Kentucky, 2006). The book argues that Truman—rather than his advisers—outlined and directed the practice of containment through actions including the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, establishing a new liberal internationalism that became the dominant bipartisan consensus on U.S. foreign policy in the post-World War II era.

