The Chamber Singers Give Performances

The Chamber Singers performed in costume for the Madrigal Dinner on November 12 & 13. Julie Megginson (Associate Professor of Music) was the Director. Ray Manilla (Dramatic Arts Technical Coordinator) was the Lord of the Manor. On December 5, The Chamber Singers performed with Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter at the Plains Community Christmas Sing. The Chamber Singers also performed for the residents of Magnolia Manor on December 7.

The Trojan Women Play Production

GSW Dramatic Arts concluded a successful run of The Trojan Women on stage at the GSW Fine Arts Theater December 2nd through the 5th. The production garnered several Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) nominations: Nick Ryan for set and lighting design, Brook Echols for costume design, Andrew Jones for sound design, Becky Holder and Christin Wood for Irene Ryan acting awards (a record 4th nomination for Ms. Holder), and Ashley Longacre for Dramaturgy. Jeffrey Green (Professor of Dramatic Arts) was also nominated for recognition of his adaption of the script. The students will have the opportunity to participate in juried review of their work at the
KC ACTF Region IV festival in February at Daytona State College in Florida.

**McDonald Presents at a Criminology Conference**

Courtney McDonald (Assistant Professor of Sociology) went to San Francisco to attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. She presented a paper entitled "Risk Factors of Woman-to-Woman Intimate Partner Abuse." The trip was supported by a Faculty Development Grant.

**Sumter Players Performances**

Sumter Players (a community theater group in Americus) put on performances of *Androcles and the Lion* and *Lion and Mouse Stories* on November 18 - 21. Several GSW students and faculty members participated, including Ellen Cotter (Professor of Psychology) and Eugenia Bryan (Assistant Professor of English).

**Holiday Concert**

The Department of Music presented their annual Holiday Concert on December 2 in the Jackson Performance Hall. The ensembles included the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Concert Band, and Jazz Band.

**New Faculty: Lauren DiPaula**

Lauren DiPaula (Assistant Professor of English) received her doctorate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in English with a concentration in Composition Studies and her Master's in Professional Writing from Towson University. Her dissertation, *A Chaotic Companion: Writers and Writing With*
Bipolar Disorder, involved narratives based on in-depth interviews with 21 writers who have the disorder. She currently serves as assistant editor with a book series by Hampton Press, a series which publishes books on the teaching of rhetoric and composition. Her research interests include writing and affect, writing and mental illness, peace education, and composition theory and pedagogy. She comes to GSW from Towson University where she worked four years as first an adjunct instructor and then a lecturer.