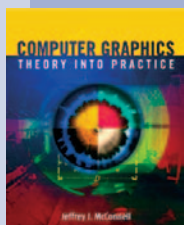


McConnell's New Book Puts Theory into Practice

Computer Graphics: Theory into Practice is the latest reference book authored by **Jeffrey J.**



McConnell, PhD, chair of computer science. Published by Jones and Bartlett, the text examines components of the human visual system and its impact on how computer graphics are generated. *Theory into Practice* outlines the technology involved in computer

graphics, and probes the physical properties of light and how it may be implemented into shading methods.

De La Pedraja Examines Latin America's Wars

History Professor **René De La Pedraja, PhD**, untangles Latin America's turbulent war history in his soon-to-be-published book, *The Wars of Latin America, 1899-1941*.



Through lively battlefield accounts, De La Pedraja recounts such conflicts as the Mexican Revolution (1919-1929) and the Chaco War (1932-1935). The book details the causes of the wars and provides insights into when the right

moments were to end the wars. It also examines how technology affected warfare, as well as the diplomatic, political and economic contest for each war.

The Wars of Latin America will be released in spring 2006, and available in the Canisius College bookstore and amazon.com.

National News Reports on Political Science Poll

The results of a nationwide Canisius College poll, conducted by the college's Political Science Department, made national headlines this fall. The survey found that if the 2008 presidential election were held in November (2005), former Republican New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani would beat Democratic Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton by a margin of 54 to 38 percent. Nearly 20 print and broadcast news organizations reported on the poll findings.

The Canisius poll also found a high degree of dissatisfaction among Americans with the performance of President Bush. Only 42 percent viewed him favorably compared with 55 percent who viewed the President unfavorably. Still, if a presidential recall election were possible, just 42 percent of the nation would vote to fire President Bush while 53 percent would vote to keep him in office.

Other findings from the November poll:

- Almost two-thirds (65 percent) of the public and 58 percent of Republicans prefer the governmental system to be divided between Republicans and Democrats, while only two in 10 Americans favor one-party control.
- Sixty-two percent (62 percent) oppose amending the Constitution to allow foreign-born citizens, such as Arnold Schwarzenegger or Madeleine Albright, to run for president.

The survey of 455 Americans over age 18 had a margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.



Edward J. Gress, PhD, professor of accounting, has been named to the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGO) International Board of Advisors. Founded as a public accounting firm in 1972, TAGO is the leading Arab professional services group worldwide.

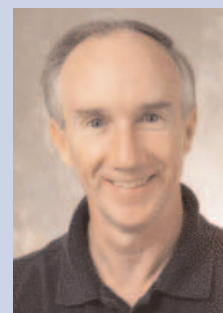
As a board member, Gress will provide strategic advice to TAGO on matters of business development and promotion, and policy-level guidance in the areas of governance, investment and project championship.

Chemistry/Biochemistry Confers Crowdle Medal

The Department of Chemistry/Biochemistry conferred its coveted Crowdle Medal to Canisius alumnus **David G. Hangauer '74, PhD**, in February. Named after the late and highly regarded Canisius Chemistry Professor **James H. Crowdle, PhD**, who retired in 1966, The Crowdle Medal is awarded periodically to an alumnus who has distinguished him or herself in the field of chemistry or biochemistry.

Hangauer is an associate professor of medicinal chemistry at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and most widely-recognized for his design and synthesis of anti-cancer compounds called protein kinase inhibitors. He is using the technology to develop drugs shrink tumors and prevent metastases with minimal or no side effects.

Hangauer is only the eighth person to receive The Crowdle Medal, since it was first conferred in 1970.



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