Rushdie’s take on novels to film

By ELAINE JUSTICE

It’s fitting that Emory Distinguished Writer in Residence Salman Rushdie’s topic, “Adaptation,” will explore how one art form is “translated” or “migrates” into another — a trait shared by four of the five nominees for this year’s best picture award. Rushdie’s lecture is scheduled at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in Glenn Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are $5 for Emory faculty, staff and students ($10 for the public) and are available at www.emory.edu/events.

In conjunction with the lecture, the Office of the Provost and the Department of Film Studies will host screenings during February and March of four films made from great novels: four that earned Academy Award nominations for Best Adapted Screenplay.

At each screening, Rushdie will briefly introduce the film, says Matthew Bernstein, professor, chair and director of English seminar this semester. During the screenings and forum grew out of Rushdie’s graduate English seminar this semester in which he will consider four great novels made into literature with Rushdie and Bernstein at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 19 in Brooks Commons of Cannon Chapel.

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Emory, Oxford colleges restructure budgets

By NANCY SEIDEMAN

Emory’s two largest undergraduate divisions, the Emory College of Arts and Sciences and Oxford College, are cutting administrative expenditures this year and next to allow them to meet their highest strategic priorities including selective faculty hiring and Emory’s ongoing commitment to need-blind admissions and providing the demonstrated financial need for continuing students.

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Editor's caring nature keeps commitments rolling smoothly

Amy Wheeler welcomes to make a difference to somebody. Or rather she wants to keep doing that.

In the north Georgia town of Sugar Hill, Wheeler worked for seven years in a nursing home. “I still see people from the nursing home job I had years and years ago who say, I remember what you did for my mom,” she says. “That really makes me feel good. I did make a difference and I want to make a difference now.”

The associate editor and director’s associate at Emory’s Center for the Study of Law and Religion and her family won the Volunteer Group of the Year Award from the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for the Aging for their work at Wesley Woods Towers, Emory Healthcare’s geriatric residence located on the campus.

Wheeler and her three daughters became familiar faces at Wesley Woods when they usually volunteer as a family. Abigail, played her harp there for a recital, and oldest sister, Grace, handed out programs.

Since then, Wheeler and her daughters visit several times a month. “The community adores them,” Wheeler said. They usually volunteer as a family on the second floor, the personal care area.

Often, they get some interesting feedback, Wheeler once overheard two residents talking, unaware that she was nearby, saying, “I think that mother left these kids for us to baby sit again,” she recalls, laughing.

Wheeler takes her own time there too. “For the calendar year 2008, I went every Wednesday for the day to the horticultural therapy program,” she says, describing it as “spiritually healing.”

Wheeler decided she wanted to move to Atlanta after growing up in a small place. She applied for a job at Emory. “My brother had graduated from Emory so I knew its reputation,” she says.

The employment office was still in Trumble Hall and her first job was working for the dean of the law school, Woody Hunter.

In her current job, Wheeler has two titles and multiple roles. “I don’t even know what all that means,” she says of the titles on her business card but laughs, “I’m really loyal and pretty efficient.”

Wheeler is the administrator for prolific scholar, writer and lecturer John Witte, CSLR director. “He’s writing multiple books at a time, he’s traveling all over the world. Basically I manage his time. And make sure he can take care of every commitment promised,” she explains, adding, “I’m his go-to person.”

Like a plant manager? “I don’t have as many keys as a plant manager,” she laughs. She describes her contribution to her job as “kind of just oiling the wheels rather than turning them.”

Another role is to manage the CSLR’s book series, as liaison between authors and the publishing house. This led to her becoming an editor of a book: ‘The Equal-Regard Family and Its Friendly Critics: Don Browning and the Practical Theological Ethics of the Family.” “It’s nice to have your name on the spine of a book,” she notes.

Wheeler has high praise for Emory as a great place to work: “I’m proud to say I work here, proud to say I’m a part of it.”

“I like being a part of the huge community and I’ve tried to be involved on campus, not just in the law school. I’ve tried to have my hands in other things.” She mentions being a member of the President’s Commission on the Status of Women and different library groups, adding, “I would like to do more.”

“I would love to get a master’s degree in public health because I love feeling like whatever I do is helping someone and making a difference in someone’s life,” she says.

What else would she like to do? She and her girls are musical. Wheeler plays the piano, Grace, 12, the guitar; Abigail, 10, the harp, and Clare, 7, got a ukulele for Christmas.

“I wanted to direct an orchestra. I think that’s so cool,” she says. Her multifaceted life, job and avocation make it seem like she does that. “You think? Orchestrating? See, I am a conductor. I never thought about it like that.”

Amy Wheeler is associate editor and director’s associate at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion.
QUESTIONS FOR ... George Staib
Choreographer designs visual landscape

“Contemporary Dance – Vintage Music: George Staib and the Vega Quartet in Concert,” an evening of new dances to live musical accompaniment of more than two centuries of works, from a Bach suite to classics by Stravinsky and Bartok to contemporary composer Richard Einhorn, runs Feb. 12-14 at 8 p.m. in Emory’s Performing Arts Studio. Tickets ($20 public; $15 Emory faculty/staff; Emory students free) available at 404-727-5050 or www.arts.emory.edu.

The Vega String Quartet, Emory’s quartet-in-residence, and choreographer George Staib presented “The Commanding Presence Project,” the creative vision of his “delicious nugget of art.”

Emory Report: What’s unique about this performance?
Staib: What I do is pay particular attention to the music: the overall phrasing, the flow, the mood and any underlying tension that might be present. Stylistically I’m in a place where I’m trying to experiment a little more with things that aren’t as comfortable for me. Many people have and my work is marked by moving large groups around the space. Now I’m trying to focus on smaller groups: less flash and more attention on the dancers.

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ER: How do you choose your dancers?
Staib: I look for commanding stage presence; someone who, just by standing on stage, can intrigue the audience. They have to have a very technical background, be versatile and also musical. There has to be a willingness to play and experiment in the studio as well as help create a sense of community and camaraderie with the other dancers.

Dance faculty member George Staib demonstrates his
commanding stage presence during an Emory study abroad in Italy.

ER: What has been challenging about this project? What will you take away?
Staib: As far as challenges, scheduling is always a nightmare. I’ve had to coordinate the schedules of 22 dancers, four musicians and six different spaces, tech crew and my life as a teacher, while keeping everything straight in my mind. What I will take away from this project is a fortified addiction to beauty and the satisfaction of knowing that I tried something that scared me. It was a dream-come-true to work with such talented musicians and dancers.

— Jessica Moore

Students abroad localize research

By CASEY DUNNING

An IDN-CIPA scholarship sent Kimberly Quinn to Uganda last spring, where she studied development and researched how a community’s planning of water resources project impact—its women. In addition to classes and lectures on diverse development topics such as health care, education and politics, the Emory College student interned with an indigenous non-governmental organization to build improved water sources and train community committees to manage them.

This rural internship allowed Quinn the chance to conduct her own research on gender main- river and sanitation services. “I shadowed orga- of Water and Sanitation Services,” she says.

In addition to her role as coordinator of development study and a stu- dent-driven research project “that makes the scholarship program, jointly run by the Institute for Developing Nations and the Center for International Programs Abroad, a valuable approach to undergraduate study abroad for students. The IDN-CIPA Scholarship Program offers Emory undergradu- ates an opportunity to pursue development-related research in the context of a CIPA-approved study abroad program.

Because students learn about development while doing their own research project, this research experience allows stu- dents to go beyond the classroom, room to explore local contexts and realities. In doing contex- tualized research, Quinn had to shift her agenda and reset her expectations to align with those of the community in which she worked.

“While my research partici- pants had only a fleeting interest in discussing women’s tradition- al roles in water collection, my chosen topic, they passionately discussed the importance of the Village Health and Water-Source Committee and the challenges of collecting water user fees,” she says.

Placing academic research within a specific context in devel- oping countries gives students a distinct international perspec- tive. “Our goal is to have stu- dents value local knowledge and not treat the developing world as ‘exotic field site,’” says IDN Director Sita Ranchod-Nilsson.

The IDN-CIPA scholarship pro- vides a valuable entry point for longer term involvement in posi- tive social transformation.”

Quinn has certainly taken the mission of the IDN-CIPA scholarship to heart, having expanded her research into an honor’s thesis in African studies under the guidance of her IDN-CIPA scholarship faculty advis- or, Scott Lacy. After her Emory undergraduate career, she hopes to pursue a master’s degree in public health.

Despite the challenges of con- ducting research abroad, Quinn was enriched by the experience that the IDN-CIPA scholarship afforded her. “This was my first trip out of North America and my first time to the developing world. I loved it,” she says. “I can’t wait to go back to visit my homestay family and conduct further research.”

— Kimberly Quinn, pictured with her homestay family in Kampala, Uganda, pursued development-related research.

ACCLAIM

Mary Burns has been appointed by Gov. Sonny Perdue to the Georgia Mental Health Ombudsman Nominating Committee.

The committee will recommend to at least three candidates for ombudsman who will investigate complaints about state hospitals and community services. The ombudsman will also advocate for system-wide improvements, and make recommendations to agencies and other officials on issues of confidentiality, mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive disease.

At Emory, Burns is a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry.

Xiaoping Hu, professor and director of the biomedical imaging and biophotonics program in the School of Medicine, has been invited to the top honor of fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He received the distinction for his development of spectroscopic and functional magnetic resonance imaging methodologies.

Hu, Georgia Research Alliance Endowed Eminent Scholar in imaging, was also named a Fellow of American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering.

Thomas D. Lancaster, associate professor of political science, has been selected as the recipient of the 2008 Champions of Integrity Award by the Center for Academic Integrity and the Robert J. Rutland Institute for Ethics.

Lancaster was chosen unanimously to “recognize courage in upholding the core values of academic integrity” at Emory University through his tenure as senior associate dean in the Office for Undergraduate Education, the CAI said.

Joan Reed, Emory’s assistant athletics director for sports medicine, served as a trainer for the U. S. Women’s National Soccer Team at its training camp Jan. 20 through Feb. 4 in Carson, Calif. The team prepared for the Algarve Cup to be held in early March in Portugal.

Reed, head athletic trainer at Emory, has worked with the National Soccer Federation men’s and women’s teams since 1991.

SPECIAL
Free tax filing help available

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is again offering free tax preparation, for Emory employees whose household income was less than $42,000 in 2008.

Those who qualify and use the service won't have to pay for filing, loans or Rapid Re- fund, and a VITA spokesman says refunds can be obtained in seven to 10 days.

Located in Gunista Business School Room 330, the service will be offered from Feb. 3 through April 5, on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesdays from 7 to 8 a.m., and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

To make an appointment, call 1-800-955-1566 between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

SURE aids research with mentoring

Starting this year, Emory seeks new positions for the Summer Undergraduate Research Program at Emory (SURE). That makes a total of 70 spots available for the program, which gives students a chance to conduct research alongside a faculty member or graduate student mentor in the math and sciences labs.

Grants from the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute, and the nonprofit Concerned Parents for AISD Research, enabled the program to expand.

SURE has hosted more than 120 students over the past 20 years.

This year’s deadline for applications is Feb. 11. For more info, visit: www.cse.emory.edu/summer/undergrad/ SURE/SURE.html.

Strong backing for higher education

Voters give high marks to Georgia’s four-year colleges and universities, according to a new poll that believes higher education budgets got the backing they should have been given even in difficult economic times, according to a public opinion poll by ARCHE, the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education.

Poll respondents gave high marks — in the 80 or 90 percent range — for quality, leadership, importance for the state’s four-year public and private colleges and universities.

Eighty percent believe state budget cuts to public colleges and universities shouldn’t have been made even during the state’s economic downturn, while more than 85 percent (65 percent) are willing to pay $1 more a week in taxes if the state were to guarantee the quality of education for college students.

The online poll of 600 registered Georgia voters was conducted late last year; to view results visit www.atlantahighered.org.

BUDGETS: Principles guide decision-making

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The University announces its current and future undergraduates for the competitive Emory Community Building and Social Change Fellowship.

A successful centerpiece of Emory’s Office of University-Community Partnerships, the fellowship is a national model for engaged learning.

The fellowship provides undergraduates with a comprehensive year of training, research and experiences culminating in an intensive summer-long practicum working on change initiatives in metro Atlanta.

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transitions have been staggered from December 2008 through July 2009. In each case the related offices or functions are being replaced in a way that will enhance greater efficiency. No faculty positions will be eliminated or reduced although the College will reduce expenditures related to those positions.

"Those are truly difficult times," wrote Oxford College Dean Steve Bowen in a Feb. 1 community letter. "None of us have experience in dealing with the kinds of changes that confront us today. Given the best projections available, we believe that we have worked out budget plans for FY10, FY11 and FY12 that will continue to provide strong support for our students’ education in the near term and for Oxford's continued growth and evolution in the long term."

Emory College: A drop in enrollment income, along with rapidly escalating costs of student aid, required the College to make about $7 million worth of cuts this year and next. Planned budget reductions include:

• Cutting non-personnel budgets by $2 million throughout the College, including the College central administration office.

• Reducing the temporary faculty budget by about $2 million.

• Closing the Institute of Critical International Studies; Center for the Study of Public Health, Culture and Society.

• Scaling back the Center for Teaching and Curriculum; Emory College Center for Science Education; and Faculty Science Council.

• Transferring the Office of University-Community Partnerships to the provost’s office.

• Center and institute activities directly related to the College’s curriculum will be reassigned to existing College departments and programs. A total of 14.5 full-time equivalent staff positions will be eliminated, effective dates for these transitions are staggered from now through March 31 as the centers and institutes fulfill programming commitments and transfer certain activities to other areas. According to Emory College Dean Bobby Paul, the College will not anticipate further closures this academic year.

• A University Human Resources team is working closely with affected staff and their managers, as well as the unit’s human resource staff during this transition period to ensure that employees have access to current job openings on campus, guidance regarding the transition issues and support from the Faculty Staff Assistance Program, and help with job recruitment opportunities.

In their letters, Bowen and Paul outlined the principles that guide their school’s decision-making, including a commitment to a high quality educational experience for students and providing access to an Emory and Oxford education.

The deans discussed how the College communities will continue to work to streamline processes and adjust administrative structures to make the best use of resources.

"I share President Wagner's confidence that Emory has the courage and creativity to surmount the challenges of this 'economic climate change.' We can and will use our collective energy and intellect to think creatively about the future of Emory College and of liberal arts education in general," wrote Paul. "I hope we can use this time to begin to build the College of the 21st century, the place where students become the leaders of tomorrow."

Bowen and Paul also talked about investments that are being made to forward the schools' strategic priorities. For example Paul noted in a Feb. 6 community letter, “We will continue to hire faculty strategically, though at a much slower pace. In addition, the president has asked the faculty to increase the amount of time they spend on teaching, mentoring and community building provides focus for new fellows

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RESULTS OF PAST FELLOWS’ WORK

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Results of past fellows’ work include the completion of 25 projects that have produced policy change, new programs and entities, and funding for projects.

Fellows also have expanded the capacity of existing community initiatives to effectively address issues such as HIV/AIDS, affordable housing, education, urban sprawl, citizen engagement and more.

— Beverly Clark

2009 Fellows: (From left, standing) Aaron Rutledge, Sam Skardon, Loren Crawford, Richard Mooney (O’Connell) and Jessica Bauldry, Crystal Spence and Yolanda Tomlinson. (From left, seated) Michael Rich (OUCP director), Karla Fleckenstein, Kataja Saddler, Cassandra Webster, Jacqueline Woo and Kate Grace (CEBC fellowship director).
Get healthier, manage weight at Bariatrics Center

By BETSY FRAME

April McMahan, director of conferences at the Rollins School of Public Health, will soon celebrate an anniversary, and she is enthusiastic about sharing this special time with Emory. Last February, McMahan, who has Type II diabetes, made a decision to change her life by enrolling in a weight management program offered at the Emory Bariatric Center. McMahan was accepted into the program not only for weight loss but also to teach her how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

After hearing about the weight-loss success story of a colleague, who received gastric banding surgery at the center, McMahan decided to see her primary care physician to discuss her options. Her doctor referred her to the center. The most successful patients are those who are medically monitored throughout the program and slowly reintroduced to food in a carefully regulated manner, says McMahan.

The program was designed with the patient in mind. In fact, a group of doctors, nurses and patients were involved in designing the facility, defining its services, and shaping its patient- and family-centered care policies.

Emory University Orthopaedics & Spine Hospital, opened in September 2008, is an extension of Emory University Hospital. The state-of-the-art hospital is staffed exclusively by experienced Emory physicians who perform some of the most advanced orthopaedics and spine surgery in the world, some procedures available only at this facility.

The Emory Bariatric Center offers a special place for patients requiring surgical care on an inpatient basis— from hip and knee replacement to spine surgery. We’ve become a global leader in providing advanced treatments for patients with orthopaedics and sports medicine injuries, including cutting edge alternatives for management of the athletic hip.

Emory University doctors are using a new technique to repair rotator cuff injuries called “double-row, arthroscopic rotator cuff repair, that allows them to heal more dependably, resulting in less likelihood of re-injury. Shoulder surgeons employ a fiber optic camera, or arthroscope, to perform rotator cuff repair. Arthroscopic repairs require more surgical skill, but significantly smaller incisions, making the recovery less painful and potentially shorter than with the traditional “open” technique.

Come see where the players go — to Emory University Orthopaedics & Spine Hospital. To find out more about Emory’s orthopaedic and spine services, call 404-778-7777 or visit www.emoryorth.com. To RSVP to the grand opening, call Emory HealthConnection at 404-778-7777.

Don’t miss the opportunity to learn about our unique service offerings and find out how Emory Healthcare has redefined what a hospital can be. I look forward to seeing you there.

James R. Roberson is chair of Emory’s Department of Orthopaedics.
By CAROL CLARK

On March 2, the Emerson Center Lectureship Award Symposium invites scholars from throughout the region to learn more about the research ongoing at Emory and nationally to find new and better ways to power the planet.

The free, day-long event, titled “Computation and Energy: Search for Renewable and Sustainable Energy,” begins with a keynote by Danial Nocera of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. An internationally respected expert in chemical energy conversion, Nocera will give an overview of the growing energy crisis and discuss the potential for artificial photosynthesis and other emerging technologies.

“The need for sustainable energy eclipses all of the other scientific challenges we face,” says Kurt Warwcke, chair of the computational sciences and materials science. “We are using computational and experimental approaches and to guide our experimentation.”

Craig Hill, Goodrich C. White Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, is heading the Emory project, and will discuss the ongoing research during his talk at the symposium. Other featured speakers include David Beratan, a chemist at Duke University, and Jean-Luc Bredas and David Sholl, both of whom are affiliated with Emory.

“We want this symposium to be a comprehensive, integrated research into a solar-energy driven water oxidation process, involving leading scholars from physics, chemistry, biology, computational sciences and materials science,” Warwcke says. “The Emerson Center provides state-of-the-art computational facilities and expertise, designed to propel scientific collaborations on campus, as well as with other institutions. Since its founding in 1991, the center has hosted 347 visiting scholars from 36 countries.”

Currently, the Emerson Center is helping drive Emory research into a solar-energy driven water oxidation process, involving leading scholars from physics, chemistry, biology, computational sciences and materials science. The event is co-sponsored by the Computational and Life Sciences Strategic Initiative and the Center for Comprehensive Informatics. For more details, and to register, visit: www.emerson.emory.edu/conferences/symposium.html.

By JENNIFER JOHNSON

Researchers at the Emory Heart & Vascular Center are conducting groundbreaking research to discover the underlying causes of heart disease and develop therapies to treat or prevent them.

In addition, Emory University Hospital and Emory Crawford Long Hospital earned the highest designation from the Society of Chest Pain Centers. Both Emory hospitals are the only accredited chest pain centers in metropolitan Atlanta to be accredited for percutaneous coronary intervention.

During American Heart Month, a look at how doctors and researchers are predicting, preventing or treating heart disease:

• Emory doctors Habib Samady and Al-Jabir Venter-Johnussen are testing a new approach to angioplasty with an innovative technique for restoring blood flow to the heart during a heart attack.

• Javed Butler is leading the Emory project, and will discuss the ongoing research during his talk at the symposium. Other featured speakers include David Beratan, a chemist at Duke University, and Jean-Luc Bredas and David Sholl, who are both from the Georgia Institute of Technology’s School of Chemical and Bio-molecular Engineering.

Research is hope for heart health

Emory University Hospital is using an innovative new medical device for the minimally invasive treatment of aortic aneurysms. Kirthikeshwar Kasirajan is among the first few physicians in the United States and the first in Georgia to use the new device.

• A new robotic catheter system is being used at Emory Crawford Long Hospital to treat irregular or abnormal heartbeat where electrical impulses of the heart are abnormal. David DeLurgio says the system offers more precise movements and stability when guiding a catheter through the heart for radio-frequency ablation. Its remote operation also helps doctors reduce fatigue during long or unpredictable procedures.

• Emory University Hospital is the only site in Georgia to study a non-surgical treatment option for patients with severe aortic stenosis. Led by Peter Block, Emory doctors are performing percutaneous aortic valve replacement as part of a clinical trial, comparing this procedure with traditional, open-heart surgery or medical therapy in high-risk patients with aortic stenosis.

To learn more, visit Emory’s Make Every Day Count at www.emoryhealthcare.org/departments/heart/heartstories/.
By CAROL CLARK

Panel mulls issues of race

Emory’s presidential commissions aresettingsaplings for membership. The commission seeks advice from underrepresented groups by raising issues of concern and recommending action when appropriate.

Faculty, staff, and students at Emory are encouraged to participate. If you have a background or interest in issues relevant to the commissions, coupled with a determination to help articulate positive change, apply today.

Challenges of political reform

Political expert Paul Quirk discussed the challenges facing President Barack Obama's political reform agenda at “Change We Can Stand In: American Reality. The Obama Presidency and the Limits of American Politics,” a Founders Week event. Quirk, Paul Lind Chair in U.S. Politics and Representation at the University of British Columbia, said Obama’s inaugural address highlighted three areas of the new administration’s reform focus. In short, politicians have been too responsive to special interests, have been wasteful in spending, and have been bogged down by excessive restructured bipartisanship. He believes that Obama’s agenda will face three major limitations. “The special interests have too much power; the general public has too little understanding; and political parties cater to the extremes,” says Quirk.

Conservation in climate change

“Tis the season to be green, and that is really quite a revolutionary for the future of our planet,” said Wildlife Conservation Society President Steve Sanderson. “It stands to reason that we need to think through, think of global climate change differently than we ran the Earth. And its as prosaic as our personal habits and as profound as an issue of systems in addressing global biodiversity.” Sanderson, former dean of Emory College, spoke on “Conservation, Climate Change and the Human Prospect” at a Founders Week event co-sponsored by the Creativity and Arts Initiative, Office of Sustainability, the Department of Environmental Studies, and the Hightower Fund.

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— Nancy Seideman

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“In 1976, the number of black faculty at Emory College was zero,” noted Gary Haik, vice president and deputy to the president, during opening remarks at the “Experiencing Race at Emory” panel discussion. The number of color on this campus today is really quite amazing, it’s really a revolution for the future of our planet,” said Wildlife Conservation Society President Steve Sanderson. “It stands to reason that we need to think through, think of global climate change differently than we ran the Earth. And its as prosaic as our personal habits and as profound as an issue of systems in addressing global biodiversity.” Sanderson, former dean of Emory College, spoke on “Conservation, Climate Change and the Human Prospect” at a Founders Week event co-sponsored by the Creativity and Arts Initiative, Office of Sustainability, the Department of Environmental Studies, and the Hightower Fund.

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SOUNDBITES

Debating illegal immigration

What is our obligation to an estimated 12 million-plus illegal immigrants currently in-country and millions more seeking safe harbor? Debaters sponsored by the Aquinas Center of Theology tackled this highly divisive issue.

Oklahoma University law professor Michael Scaperlanda argued that “the contributions of immigrants made this country great and their efforts remain in demand today.”

Washington D.C. immigration attorney William Chip countered that “a government study going back to 1981 concluded that immigrant labor is no longer needed to fuel this economy.”

Reagan agreed, however, that there will be no quick resolution: “as lawmakers wrestle with even greater issues.”

— Leslie King

University Senate reviews honorary degrees

A “big thing” on the University Senate agenda was a series of dialogues and other budgetarily sound moves.

Student Government Association president James Wagner who spoke “did a good job of laying out some positive things” that have happened that tend to get overlooked because of the economy, including Emory’s national ranking, making them about more options for financingschool and getting jobs.

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me to introduce films. I look at
any film as a filmmaker’s crea-
tive process.

These are the kinds of
artistic choices we teach our
students to discern when they
watch films. I look at any film
adaptation as that filmmaker’s
interpretation of a novel, for
instance, in the same way that
a scholarly essay can interpret
a text,” he says. “What the
filmmakers retain from their
source and what they invent
can become the basis for read-

ing the film a certain way.”

It’s difficult and costly
those days to get the 35mm
prints that the department
typically uses in its film series.
Bernstein says. “Yet the image
35mm provides is unparalleled—
and this is a series of first-rateilms.”

Great novels, great films

Salman Rushdie will briefly
introduce each film. All screen-
ings in White Hall 208.

Feb. 16, 8 p.m.

“The Leopard”

Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.

“The Leopard”

Feb. 27, 8 p.m.

“Great Expectations”

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