

## **Vanzo: Palin Candidacy Excites GA Republicans**

**Bainbridge College Assistant Professor Dr. John Vanzo appeared on the news broadcasts of Tallahassee television station WTXL Channel 27 Sept. 4 as guest commentator giving political analysis of the final night of the Republican National Convention.**

According to Dr. Vanzo, who teaches political science, the nomination of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin has energized the Republican Party and totally transformed the presidential race. This is especially true, he said, of Bainbridge area voters.

“Most of the good folks here in southwest Georgia are social conservatives. Governor Palin’s speech Wednesday night just lit them on fire,” Dr. Vanzo said of her Sept. 3 address. “It was like throwing red meat to a bunch of hungry Georgia Bulldogs - they ate it up!”

“With one bold stroke, McCain has erased Barack Obama’s lead in the polls. The Democrats’ last chance for victory seems to be superior performances in the presidential debates.”

WTXL is the ABC network affiliate for the Tallahassee-Thomasville regional market. Vanzo is occasionally asked to give the Georgia perspective of political events for their evening news broadcasts. Vanzo has taught at Bainbridge College since 2001.



**On the set for WTXL Channel 27’s coverage of the Republican National Convention are local news anchor Rex Hodge (left) and Bainbridge College Assistant Professor Dr. John Vanzo, who teaches political science. Vanzo has served previously as a television guest commentator giving political analyses.**