



## A Day For Southern On Campus

*Time-honored tradition reaches 34th year*

When a colleague asks you to for a gift to *A Day For Southern* campaign, please don't hesitate. Sign that pledge form and return it immediately.

Why? For several reasons:

- You work here, so you know how important Georgia Southern is to our students.
- You live in the area, so you know how important Georgia Southern is to our community.
- You know that working together with members of the community, we can make Southeast Georgia a great place to live, learn, and conduct business.
- You can designate how your gift will be used, so you can directly support on-campus programs that are important to you.

Last year the University raised \$329,916 during *A Day For Southern On Campus*, and a total of \$1,271,823 for *A Day For Southern*. With an internal campaign that comes before the community campaign, we can set an example—and a challenge—by boosting our giving over previous years.

Funds raised during *A Day For Southern On Campus* will add to the University's scholarship endowment, enable new program development, enrich teaching, support faculty/staff development opportunities and more. The Opportunities for Giving brochure lists designated giving in every college and department, so you can be certain your gift will reach its intended goal.

Co-chairs Jennie Rakestraw and Vickie Hawkins would be ecstatic to see 100 percent participation in *A Day For Southern On Campus* this year. They can't get there without you, so please, contribute when your volunteer calls on you.

## Communication arts professor Dartt is 2007-2008 winner of Ruffin Cup

Gary Dartt, a professor in the Department of Communication Arts, is the 2007-2008 winner of the Ruffin Cup.

Awarded annually by the University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), the cup was endowed by the late David A. Ruffin, who was an English professor at Georgia Southern.

The Ruffin Cup is presented to a CLASS faculty member who exemplifies the goals of the college; has given distinguished service to the University for at least 10 years; and excels in teaching and service to students, in scholarship, and in contributions to the spirit of the liberal arts.

Since joining Georgia Southern's faculty in 1988, Dartt has taught more than 20 different theatre courses. In addition, he has directed more than 15 plays and musicals, and served as the production designer for more than 55 plays and musicals. He received the CLASS Award for Distinction in Creativity in 2003.

Dartt has served on the Faculty Senate and a number of University committees, including the Athletics Committee and the Department of Communication Arts Facilities Planning Committee for Fine Arts Phase III.

As the winner of the Ruffin Cup, Dartt will have his name engraved on the cup, which he will retain for a year. He will also receive \$1,000 for use in the enhancement of his teaching and scholarship through travel, the purchase of teaching materials and equipment, or other means.

## Mack is new dean of College of Graduate Studies

Timothy P. Mack is the new dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies.

Mack comes to Georgia Southern from Virginia Tech University, where he served as associate dean for Information Technology and Distance Education. He had primary responsibility for graduate education in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The Averitt College of Graduate Studies administers graduate degree programs in more than 40 majors, concentrations and emphasis areas. More than 1,900 graduate students were enrolled at Georgia Southern last year.

Mack and his wife have five children, including one who has transferred to Georgia Southern.

For more information on the Averitt College of Graduate Studies, visit <http://cogs.georgiasouthern.edu/>, email [tmack@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:tmack@georgiasouthern.edu) or call ext. 0578.

## Former First Lady of Georgia Southern dies

Margaret F. Duncan, widow of former Georgia Southern College President Pope A. Duncan, died Sunday, Aug. 12, at Ogeechee Area Hospice. Her memorial service was held Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Hodges-Moore Funeral Home.

In addition to being Georgia Southern's First Lady from 1971-77, Mrs. Duncan, 87, was a poet, musician, writer and teacher. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1941 with a double major in mathematics and physics and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, the Women's Glee Club and Pi Mu Epsilon. She continued with graduate studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Duncan's life was filled with poetry, music and writing. She wrote a weekly newspaper column, "People, Places and Platitudes," for the Coffee County Progress and the Bulloch Herald from 1964-1975. She published a book of her poetry, "I Would

### OTHER EVENTS...

**Alma Mater Dear**, through Sept. 2  
**Century of Progress**, through Sept. 2  
Museum Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,  
Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

#### August

- 24 **International Conversation Hour**, Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.  
**Volleyball** - Georgia Southern Invitational, 7 p.m.
- 25 **Volleyball** - Georgia Southern Invitational, 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 26 **Women's Soccer Exhibition**, 1 p.m.
- 27 **Cinema Arts presents "The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada,"** Russell Union Theatre, \$2, 7:15 p.m.
- 31 **International Conversation Hour**, Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.

#### September

- 3 **Labor Day Holiday**. Administrative offices closed.
- 4 **Focus on Excellence Lecture**, Jeffery Orvis, CIT Room 3301, 4 p.m.

Bring Stars," in 1984. She also wrote an anthem, "God, Give Me a Mountain," which won an American Pen Women award and which was sung at her husband's presidential inauguration at Stetson University.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary Margaret Jones and Annie Laurie Kelly (William F.) of Statesboro and Katherine Maxwell Aimone (Steven) of Asheville, N.C.; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a brother, and two sisters-in-law.

Friends may send condolences through an online guest book on the Statesboro Herald Web site: <http://www.legacy.com/StatesboroHerald/DeathNotices.asp>.

## **Georgia Southern's CIT projecting enrollment surge**

Across the country, colleges are enrolling fewer students who plan to pursue a computer science degree. While other institutions ponder the tech-world brain drain, Georgia Southern is welcoming record numbers of potential majors.

"We're projecting a 25 percent increase in potential computer science and technology majors," said James Bradford, dean of the University's College of Information Technology (CIT). He based the projection on data from surveys of incoming freshmen attending University SOAR (Student Orientation and Registration) sessions.

"Declining enrollments across the country have the potential to create a national crisis in the computer and high-tech industry," Bradford stated. "A number of organizations are planning national meetings to discuss this very topic."

According to the Computing Research Association, prospective students' interest in computer science as a major fell 70 percent between 2000 and 2005.

Given the importance of computer-related disciplines to business and industry, Bradford said he is pleased that the College's new recruitment strategy is bucking the national trend.

Established in 2003, Georgia Southern's CIT consists of three academic departments: Computer Sciences, Information Systems and Information Technology. The college is housed in a \$33 million state-of-the-art facility featuring 25 interactive learning/study rooms, 10 computer labs and 14 electronic classrooms. Students have the opportunity to work on real-world projects through the college's own software company Eagle Informatics. Its client list includes regional and national companies such as NCR.

## **Ribbon cutting held for RAC expansion**

Officials at Georgia Southern held the official ribbon cutting for the expansion of the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) Tuesday afternoon.

"Many of the students leading the charge to help pay for this knew full well they would not get to use the facility," said Teresa Thompson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management. "That's real leadership and reflective of the student body at Georgia Southern."

The 215,000 square-foot building houses a fitness center, basketball/volleyball courts, an 11-lane competition swimming pool and diving well, a 42-foot high climbing wall, three group fitness rooms, three multi-purpose rooms, two indoor soccer courts, outdoor leisure pool and five racquetball courts. Also on the complex are several lighted athletic fields used for intramural and club sports and special events.

President Bruce Grube said the initial RAC had only been open for about a year when he first arrived in 1999 and he was impressed with the facility at that time.

Like Thompson, Grube credited the students with looking beyond themselves to help future students at Georgia Southern.

"When we broke ground for the expansion, there were students present who knew they were not going to enjoy the benefits of it," Grube said. "But they saw the benefit it would have for generations of students to come."

The \$31.8 million project was funded entirely by students through a multi-year student activity fee.

Since the first phase of the expansion opened in November 2006, more than 500,000 participants have used the new facility.

The RAC first opened on April 18, 1998, with 80,000 square feet of indoor recreation space. With the recent expansion of 135,000 square feet, the facility boasts 215,000 indoor space and multiple outdoor venues.

Gene Sherry, director of Campus Recreation and Intramurals, said the building was constructed as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design structure. That means it was designed, constructed and operates at a high performance in terms of water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

For more information about the RAC or CRI, visit <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/cri/>.

## **Marketing and Communications seeks experts for guide**

The Office of Marketing & Communications is in the process of updating the University's experts guide, *Source Book*. This guide is a valuable tool for Georgia Southern media relations and news media outlets.

If you are currently in the guide, please review your information. The *Source Book* is now available in an electronic format at <http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebook>. To add or remove expertise areas, complete the Source Book form at [http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebk\\_form.htm](http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebk_form.htm) and indicate what changes or additions need to be made. If you wish to have your listing remain the same, please indicate that on the online form.

If you are not currently in the guide and would like to be, complete the form at [http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebk\\_form.htm](http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/sourcebk_form.htm).

When listing the topics of your expertise, please be as specific as possible. Examples of main topics with their sub-topics include: Business-Customer Service Training; Culture-Early American Culture; and Education-Effective Teaching.

The guide is available exclusively in an electronic format via the University Web site. The Office of Marketing and Communications will continue to take advantage of its nationwide electronic query service, ProfNet, which presents near-daily opportunities to match Georgia Southern expertise with requests from media outlets.

Therefore, as a condition of your appearance in the guide, we ask that you agree to be available for same-day response to media calls that will come to you directly from the media or as referrals from Marketing and Communications.

## **University welcomes students back to campus**

Georgia Southern's Welcome Week, the traditional kick-off for the fall semester, will continue through Wednesday, Aug. 22. This year's theme is "ETV - Tune In To Win."

"Our various activities provide students an opportunity to connect and make new friends, meet faculty and staff, and get acclimated to the university setting," said Bill Pickett, director of student activities. "This is especially important with our first-year students. We want them to feel like Georgia Southern is their new home and to get them connected immediately."

Following are the activities taking place:

### **Monday, Aug. 20**

- "The Price is Right" game show, Russell Union Ballroom, 9 p.m. A scaled-down version of the popular game show will allow students to win a variety of prizes.

### **Tuesday, Aug. 21**

- "Balloons by Lester and Art by Susan," Russell Union Rotunda, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He's got some of the best BPM (Balloons per Minute) in the business. She'll paint (almost) anything (almost) anywhere you want. Together they are the best husband-and-wife

novelty team in the business.

### **Wednesday, Aug. 22**

- The 2007 Business Expo and Student Organizational Fair will be held outside the Russell Union Rotunda area from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local businesses will be on hand to provide information, coupons and free merchandise. Recognized student organizations will also be there to provide information to students.

Welcome Week is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Eagle Entertainment.

### **New season subscriptions going on sale for PAC series**

The Performing Arts Center (PAC) has started selling new season subscriptions to its 2007-08 entertainment schedule.

For \$270, a season ticket purchaser will have access to 10 outstanding shows that comprise this year's PAC lineup. A season subscription represents a 20 percent savings versus the purchase of individual tickets to all 10 presentations. In addition, season subscribers have the same reserved seating for all events, and when the next season is announced, they receive advance notice to reserve their seats before anyone else can purchase tickets.

The 2007-08 PAC schedule is listed below. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

- Country music legend Roy Clark - Friday, Sept. 28
- Philadanco Dance Co. - Friday, Oct. 5
- Instrumentalists Edgar Meyer and Mike Marshall - Saturday, Oct. 13
- Lee Greenwood Christmas Show - Friday, Dec. 7
- "Julius Caesar" - Saturday, Jan. 19
- Hubbard Street 2 - Saturday, Feb. 2
- "The Producers" - Thursday, Feb. 7
- "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" - Friday, March 14
- Dallas Brass - Saturday, April 5
- "Rent" - Tuesday, April 22

New season subscriptions may be purchased through the PAC box office. Individual tickets to all shows go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 4. For additional information, visit the Web site <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac/>, or call the PAC box office at ext. 7999 or 866-PAC-ARTS.

### **Auditions for 'Erk Russell Project' set for Aug. 19**

Most people who live in Statesboro know about the legendary Erk Russell. They've seen the game day footage, the newspaper stories and the Internet sites. But how many people knew the man?

"Through the process of oral history, our goal is to interpret for posterity the true legacy of Erk Russell," said Rebecca Kennerly, an assistant professor of communication arts and co-director of a unique 18-month project that will result in a play about the late coach.

"He really sparked the Statesboro community's energy and growth. We want to talk to the people who knew Erk and who were, and continue to be, significantly affected by his life."

Kennerly and her co-director, playwright Scott

Garner, introduced the idea of "The Erk Russell Project" to the community earlier this summer and found many people interested in participating.

They will take the project to the next step when they hold auditions at the Averitt Center for the Arts on Sunday, Aug. 19, in two sessions, from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., and 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The auditions are open to any member of the community, and participants are asked to stay for the entire session.

"Because we are creating a performance that is based on oral histories gathered by participants, our audition process will reflect those skills," said Kennerly. "Auditions will involve working with another person, talking about Erk, writing interview questions, practice listening, practice watching, and using vocal indicators, gestures, movements and a variety of postures. This is a unique – and fun – audition that will give a taste of the actual oral history process."

Initial development of "The Erk Russell Project" was funded by a grant from the Georgia Council on the Arts. The project director will continue to apply for other grant support.

Participants have begun the process of gathering stories, and Garner has posted a blog about the project that includes some great video and encouragement for everyone – especially men ages 18-50 – to participate in auditions. Garner's blog is at <http://erkplay.blogspot.com>.

Between Aug. 19 and Dec. 2, the researchers/performers selected for the project will conduct oral history interviews that will be performed in a "staged reading" at the Averitt Center on Sunday, Dec. 2. The Dec. 2 performances will provide the basis for a fully staged production about Russell that will be performed in the fall of 2008.

"The Erk Russell Project" and the resulting stage production are produced by the Averitt Center's STARS community theatre volunteers in conjunction with Georgia Southern, and it has the support of the Russell family.

For questions about the project or the Aug. 19 auditions, call the Averitt Center at 212-2787.

### **Human Resources offers training**

The Human Resources Training and Development Department will offer the following courses in August.

- Communications Skills & Attitude for Success, HR Training Room, Monday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to noon. This training program will show how our daily communication skills and attitude can dramatically propel us to new levels of success.

- SelfServe, HR Training Room, Monday, Aug. 20, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Update your personal employee data and view your compensation information on-line as frequently as you would like. You can update or change your personal data on-line as well as view dependent information and get the latest medical and dental group rates all through the Self Service site. Get your account registered and learn how to view and update your personal employee data.

- Microsoft FrontPage, College of Education Room 2150, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This workshop will

### **THIS WEEK**

is produced by the Office of Marketing & Communications for the faculty and staff of Georgia Southern University. It is available online at <http://news.GeorgiaSouthern.edu>.

Submissions may be sent to Georgia Southern This Week, P.O. Box 8055, Statesboro, GA 30460, or e-mailed to: [thistweek@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:thistweek@GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

Due to space limitations, items which are not time sensitive may be held for publication in a later issue. All submissions are subject to editing for style and length. Submissions should be summarized in typed narrative form; please include your name and campus telephone number.

### **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON WEDNESDAY.**

#### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

For a list of all current job opportunities on campus, please check with the Division of Human Resources (for classified staff positions) at (912) 681-5468, TDD: (912) 681-0791; the Office of the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs (for faculty positions) at (912) 681-5258, TDD: (912) 871-1654; or the University's web site at <http://jobs.georgiasouthern.edu>

Georgia Southern University affirms its commitment and pledges its full support to equal opportunity in hiring, promotion, and training for all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability.

Georgia Southern University further affirms its commitment to prohibit retaliation by any University employee against an employee who in, good faith, complains about alleged discrimination.

For further information, including information about the complaint and grievance procedures, please contact the Diversity Services Office, at (912) 681-5136, TDD: (912) 681-0273 or by e-mail at [affirmac@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:affirmac@georgiasouthern.edu).



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introduce participants to Microsoft Frontpage for creating and managing Web sites. Frontpage is part of the Microsoft Office suite and participants can obtain a copy by contacting IT services if it is not already on their computer.

- Dreamweaver, College of Education Room 2150, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This workshop will introduce participants to Macromedia Dreamweaver for creating and managing Web sites. It is part of the webmaster track that will prepare participants for managing an entire site. Dreamweaver is not a site licensed product, so departments must purchase their own copy through the MSD software purchasing site.
- Renewal P-Card Training, Procurement and Contract Services Conference Room, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Training is mandated for those renewing their cards. The training is intended for those responsible for making small dollar purchases for their work areas.
- Time Management, HR Training Room, Monday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. to noon. Topics to be covered include: definition of time management; assessing how you manage your time; setting priorities; short- and long-term planning; identifying time wasters; and key principles to managing your time effectively.
- New P-Card Training, Procurement and Contract Services Conference Room, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Training is mandated for all new cardholders. The training is intended for those responsible for making small-dollar purchases for their work areas.
- Crystal Reports, College of Education Room 2154, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The workshop will introduce participants to Crystal Reports software, which allows custom reports to be built to obtain data from Banner. The workshop is hands-on and participants are expected to bring their Data Warehouse username and password.
- How to Effectively Train and Orient Your Employees, HR Training Room, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Topics to be covered include: new employee departmental orientation checklist, identifying basic training requirements, the training process, determining the amount of time needed to train and orient employees and discussing the role of a manager plays while orienting and training their employees at Georgia Southern.
- Managing Human Resources Policies and Procedures, HR Training Room, Thursday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The program will include an overview of Georgia Southern's personnel policies and will help managers, and employees with supervisory roles, understand how to effectively apply them.

Coming in September:

- Administrative Support Professional Series. All classes will be held in Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. This certificate program is designed to introduce participants to the valuable information surrounding all support level duties on campus. Session One - Communicate with Confidence, Thursday, Sept. 6; Session Two - Meeting Minutes, Thursday, Sept. 13; Session Three - Organize Your Time, Space and Responsibilities, Thursday, Sept. 20; Session Four - Professionalism: Project a Winning Image, Tuesday, Sept. 25; Session Five - Knowing Your Rights in the Workplace, Thursday, Sept. 27.

In order to receive a certificate of completion, participants must attend all five modules.

- Banner Navigation Training, Friday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., HR Training Room. New Banner users will learn basic navigation.
- The student worker series Surviving the Workplace with three modules will be offered to assist student workers representing campus departments in a professional manner. Module One - Customer Service: It Is My Job, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Module Two - Making a Statement: Professionalism in the Workplace, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Module Three - Managing Multiple Priorities, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To register for any of the courses listed, or to view other upcoming courses, visit <http://jobs.georgiasouthern.edu/TD/training>.

Training courses offered through the Training and Development Department are designed for the faculty, staff and student workers of the University.

For more information or questions, contact Ale Kennedy or Sylvia Everett at ext. 1687.

## **Annual Business Expo/Student Organizational Fair Aug. 22**

The annual Business Expo/Student Organizational Fair will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda.

Local businesses will be on hand to provide information, coupons and free merchandise. Recognized student organizations will also be there to provide information to students. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

The Expo is a way to meet new students and share information about your department, student organization or student employment positions. Departments or organizations wishing to participate can register online at [http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/BusinessReg\\_form1.htm](http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/BusinessReg_form1.htm).

For more information on the Expo, contact the Office of Student Activities at ext. 7270.

## **Greater Savannah Eagle Club fall business luncheons**

Open to all alumni, boosters and friends of Georgia Southern, the Greater Savannah Eagle Club business luncheons are held on the fourth Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Johnny Harris Restaurant, 1651 E. Victory Drive. Following is a list of dates and speakers:

- Thursday, Aug. 23 - Chris Hatcher, head football coach.
- Thursday, Sept. 27 - Joe Franklin, vice president for business and finance.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 - Jeff Price, head men's basketball coach.
- Nov. & Dec. - no meetings.
- Thursday, Jan. 24 - Rodney Hennon, head baseball coach.

For more information, contact Rick Bean at 912-629-2143 or [rbean@krtcpa.com](mailto:rbean@krtcpa.com) or visit <http://chathameagleclub.org>

## **Community discussions begin Aug. 28**

"Southeast Georgia on Our Minds" is a series of eight community discussions centered on the people, history, culture and literature of Southeast Georgia, sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council and facilitated by Humanities faculty from Georgia Southern in partnership with Screven-Jenkins Regional Library System.

The series takes place Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 pm at either the Screven County Library in Sylvania or the Jenkins Memorial Library in Millen. The first program will be held Tuesday, Aug. 28, at the Screven County Library in Sylvania. It will feature David Dudley, chair of the Department of Literature and Philosophy, a former Lutheran minister and specialist in African American literature.

Dudley, author of the prize-winning book "The Bicycle Man," will open discussion by talking about how the heritage of Southeast Georgia has challenged and inspired him to tell the stories of some people who otherwise might never find a voice.

The series is free of charge and open to the general public, with refreshments provided by the friends of the libraries involved. For more information about the series, contact Martha Pennington, the project director and chair of the Department of Writing and Linguistics, at ext. 1326.

### **Friday Lunch Series to begin Aug. 31**

The Fall Hotel and Restaurant Management Friday Lunch Series will begin Friday, Aug. 31.

Future lunches are scheduled for Sept. 14 and 21; Oct. 19 and 26; and Nov. 9 and 16. A Friends of the Library luncheon will be held Friday, Sept. 28. All lunches are at noon and reservations are accepted one week in advance. Take-out service is available. The price is \$9. For reservations, contact Larry Stalcup at ext. 5975 or [stalcupL@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:stalcupL@georgiasouthern.edu).

For reservations to the Friends of the Library luncheon, contact the Library at ext. 5115.

### **Class prepares HR managers for professional certification**

Human resource practitioners can increase their career options by completing the 12-week "Certificate in Professional Human Resource Management" short course from Georgia Southern this fall.

This non-credit "exam prep" course is offered in two formats: every Monday evening in Savannah for 12 weeks or every other Saturday in Brunswick for six weeks. Due to the Labor Day weekend, the Monday evening class starts on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The Saturday class begins Sept. 8.

With identical course content, either version assists individuals planning to sit for the national Professional Human Resources (PHR) or Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification exam in December or January.

The course is designed for managers and staff with experience in general management or human resource management, whether or not they are planning to take the PHR or SPHR certification exam.

The class Savannah meets from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Monday through Nov. 19 at the Coastal Georgia Center. The Brunswick class runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with an hour lunch break) every other Saturday through Nov. 17 at the Coastal Georgia Community College.

Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Center runs the course in partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. A leader in Human Resource education, SHRM has created the most complete certification preparation system available.

Registrants must attend a mandatory one-hour orientation session from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, or Monday, Aug. 27, at the Coastal Georgia Center. SHRM Learning System course materials will be distributed during these two orientations sessions only.

The course fee of \$925 includes the SHRM Learning System manuals, Learning System CD-ROM, instructor handouts and 36 hours of classroom instruction. SHRM members from local chapters or the national SHRM organization may register for \$900 each.

Registration is through the University's Continuing Education Center at ext. 5551.

For more information about this and other Georgia Southern University professional development programs, contact program manager J. Marie Lutz, SPHR, at ext. 1763 or [seminars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seminars@georgiasouthern.edu) or visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted>.

### **Basic sign language class offered**

A seven-week basic sign language class will be offered on Thursdays beginning Sept. 6, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2071. The class is limited to 20 participants and there is no cost for the class. To sign up, contact Joy Cowart at ext. 0666 or [joycowart@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:joycowart@georgiasouthern.edu).

### **Alumni Relations announces fall events**

The Office of Alumni Relations has announced the following fall events:

- Thursday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m. Bulloch County Eagle Club Football Dinner, Russell Union Ballroom. The evening will feature Coach Chris Hatcher, the University Store, Center for Wildlife Education, Cheerleaders and GUS. Tickets are \$10 per person.
- Saturday, Oct. 20. Georgia Southern at Appalachian State pre-game BBQ, Sagebrush Restaurant, noon to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person. Hotels with the Georgia Southern Alumni block are Hampton Inn (\$179, 828-264-0077), rooms released Sunday, Aug. 19, and Holiday Inn Express (\$159, 888-733-6867), rooms released Monday, Oct. 1.
- Saturday, Nov. 3. Georgia Southern at Wofford pre-game BBQ featuring Big Bad Wolf BBQ, Wofford Stadium, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person. The hotel with the Georgia Southern Alumni block is the Hilton Greenville (\$95, 864-232-4747), rooms released Friday, Oct. 12.

To RSVP and purchase BBQ tickets, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at ext. 5691. For game ticket information, call 800-GSU-WINS or ext. 0123. Please call hotels directly to make reservations and ask for the Georgia Southern alumni room block. Room rates do not include taxes.

### **Cross Cultural Conference Call for Proposals**

The Cross Cultural Conference announces the Call for Proposals for its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/ccissues.html>. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Oct. 1. Details regarding registration, accommodations and the conference location may also be found on the site.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, contact Sybil Fickle at ext. 5557.

### **GERA Call for Proposals**

The Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA), in partnership with Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Center, announces the Call for Proposals for its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting to be held in Savannah at the Coastal Georgia Center Friday, Oct. 26. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form found on the Annual Meeting Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/gera07.html>. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, Sept. 1. Details regarding registration, accommodations and the Annual Meeting location may also be found on the site.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, contact Janice Reynolds at ext. 1755.

## Educational Renewal Call for Proposals

The Colleges of Education at Georgia Southern and Huazhong Normal University announce the Call for Proposals for the Conference on Educational Renewal and School Development in an Era of Cultural Diversity to be held May 16-19, 2008. This four-day conference will take place on the Huazhong Normal University campus in Wuhan, China. Registration for the conference includes accommodations and meals, as well as a campus and city tour. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Oct. 1. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form found at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/EdRSD.html>.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, contact Janice Reynolds at ext. 1755.

## SoTL Commons Conference Nov. 1-2

The Center for Excellence in Teaching has initiated the conference "The SoTL Commons: A Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning" to be held Thursday, Nov. 1, and Friday, Nov. 2.

Proposals for presentations at the conference were received from many countries and various parts of the United States. The registration fee has been reduced to \$70 for Georgia Southern faculty, staff and administrators.

To register for the conference, visit <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijsotl/conference/registration.htm>.

## Emerging Technology Center offers workshops

The Emerging Technology Center will continue providing workshops for various programs throughout the fall semester. For an updated listing of available workshops, visit the training page on the Web site at <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/etc/>.

All workshops are held in the College of Education building, room 2150. For questions, contact the department at ext. 0882.

## Submit news items and faculty/staff notes to be included in *This Week*

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## Faculty/Staff Connection

- **Michael Reksulak**, assistant professor of economics, writes a bi-weekly column on business and economics in the *Savannah Morning News*. His two latest columns discussed new fuel efficiency standards proposed by the United States Senate and the impact of gyrations in the domestic capital markets on Asian economies. The articles can be found at <http://savannahnow.com/node/329220> and <http://savannahnow.com/node/337521>. Earlier columns can be read at <http://coba.georgiasouthern.edu/depts/ded/SEDinthenews.html>.
- **Paul A. Rodell**, associate professor of history, had the book chapter "Separatist Insurgency in the Southern Philippines" appear in Andrew T.H. Tan's *A Handbook of Terrorism and Insurgency in Southeast Asia*, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, UK, 2007. The volume combined the efforts of 19 regional and issue experts to develop a comprehensive volume that would serve the needs of policy-makers for the next decade.
- **Bruce Schulte**, associate professor of biology and director of COUR, gave the invited talk "Reducing Human-Elephant Conflict Through an Understanding of Elephant Behavior" as part of a symposium on "Conservation Behavior: From Implications to Applications" at the 2007 Animal Behavior Society Meeting in Burlington, Vt., July 21-26. Also, Schulte was recently invited to become an assistant editor for the professional journal *Behaviour*, published by Brill.
- **Edward W.L. Smith**, professor and director of clinical training in the Department of Psychology, was an Elder Honoree at the 60th Birthday Party of the Georgia Psychological Association (GPA) held in Atlanta. Elder Honorees included psychologists with license numbers below #350 who have been longstanding members of GPA and have made unique and important contributions to psychology.
- **Rosemarie Stallworth-Clark**, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, presented the paper "Women in Leadership: Educators for World Peace" and conducted an interactive workshop at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the International Institute on Peace Education, a symposium held at the United Nations Headquarters building in New York City. Her paper and workshop were co-authored with H.B. Danesh, founder and president of the Education for Peace International Institute.