



## **This Week readership survey**

In order to evaluate the content and look of *This Week*, the Office of Marketing and Communications is asking all faculty and staff members to participate in a readership survey. The online survey can be accessed at <http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/Survey/thisweek.htm>. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## **Open enrollment through Nov. 2**

Open enrollment for insurance will be held through Friday, Nov. 2. During this period, employees may make changes in their benefits coverage that are not allowed at any other time during the year. Changes made in benefits coverage during the open enrollment period will become effective Jan. 1, 2008.

Human Resources will hold four information sessions to discuss the cancer policy as well as changes and improvements in the health care plans for the coming year, and employees are encouraged to attend. The sessions are Monday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 9 a.m. All sessions will be held in Russell Union Room 2080.

There will also be an opportunity to add dental insurance during the open enrollment period. The dental program is an "employee-pay-all" program with monthly premiums.

Participation in the pre-tax health and/or dependent care spending accounts is available during open enrollment. Participants must re-enroll for flexible spending accounts every year. These accounts do not renew automatically. For more information, contact Human Resources at ext. 5468.

## **Professor receives National Science Foundation grant**

Georgia Southern faculty member Sarah Higdon has been awarded a \$179,376 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The five-year collaborative grant is designed to help develop research opportunities for undergraduate students who will have an opportunity to work with scientists from around the world on a major astronomy project.

The grant provides students and faculty at Georgia Southern University and 13 other institutions access to the Arecibo Legacy Fast ALFA (ALFALFA) survey, an ongoing project that is expected to detect 20,000 galaxies out to a distance of 750 million light years.

"This grant makes it possible for undergraduates to contribute to the scientific output of the ALFALFA extragalactic survey and follow-up studies," said Higdon, a professor of astronomy in the Department of Physics. "At the same time, the students will learn valuable lessons about the way that science collaboration functions through their interactions with their faculty mentors, their peers and the leaders of the project."

Led by Cornell University astronomers Riccardo Giovanelli and Martha Haynes, the ALFALFA survey is based at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. Using the world's largest radio telescope, the survey is mapping a large part of the sky by using radio wavelengths that are appropriate for the detection of neutral hydrogen gas in other galaxies.

Higdon has been contributing to the ALFALFA survey by providing data on star formation, gas properties of merging galaxies, and the formation of tidal dwarf galaxies.

The ALFALFA survey is expected to take six or seven years to complete, and Higdon's contributions to the project will grow through the NSF grant, which is titled "The Undergraduate ALFALFA Team."

Higdon is working with Colgate University professor Tom Balonek and Union College professor Rebecca Koopman. Together, they are developing an undergraduate student program that includes four core components:

- An annual group workshop at Arecibo that features observing sessions, lectures and group activities
- Observing time at Arecibo for several groups of students per year
- An annual summer research stipend program that will support seven students who will make a presentation at a national meeting
- Funding to provide computers to each of the 14 consortium schools

As part of the grant, Higdon will also collaborate on curriculum and public outreach endeavors with Jose Alonso, the director of the Angel Ramos Foundation Visitors Center at Arecibo.

Two Georgia Southern students are already involved in the ALFALFA survey. Physics majors Josh Davidson and Daniel Richey accompanied Higdon to Arecibo and gained experience with the radio telescope in January.

## **OTHER EVENTS...**

**From Protest to Peace**, through Jan. 6  
**Mad Scientist Laboratory**, through March 16  
Museum Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

### **October**

- 21 **Volleyball** - Wofford at Georgia Southern, 2 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 2 p.m.
- 22 **Fiction writer and poet Victoria Redel** will read from her work, College of Education Lecture Hall, 7 p.m.  
**Cinema Arts presents "Kekexili - Mountain Patrol,"** Russell Union Theatre, \$2, 7:15 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 **Women's Soccer** - Wofford at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.  
**University Singers & Women's Chorus Concert**, Trinity Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m.  
**Graduation Recital**, Averitt Center, 7:30 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 26-27 **Homecoming**
- 26 **International Conversation Hour**, Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.  
**"Gravity Probe B - Testing Einstein's Universe,"** Planetarium, 7 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
**Junior Recital**, First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 **Football** - The Citadel at Georgia Southern, noon  
**Wildlife Center celebrates 10 years**, Wildlife Center, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 **Faculty Brass Recital**, First Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m.
- 29 **"A Blue & White HALL-O-Ween,"** Eagle Village Clubhouse, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is canned good or unused school supply for donation to local charities.
- 30 **Focus on Excellence Lecture**, Sophie George, CIT Room 3301, 4 p.m.  
**Men's Soccer** - College of Charleston at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
- 31 **"Rocky Horror Picture Show,"** Russell Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.  
**Phi Mu Alpha Musicale**, Averitt Center, 7:30 p.m.

## **Georgia Southern conference brings FDA, pharmaceutical companies, and academics to Savannah**

University, pharmaceutical industry and government representatives will gather in Savannah Monday through Friday, Nov. 5-9, for the 14th Annual Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS XIV). The symposium will take place at the Mulberry Inn. The Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOHP) co-sponsors the conference.

"BASS brings biostatisticians and scientists from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, from pharmaceutical companies, and from colleges and universities across the country to Savannah," said co-chair Laura Gunn, assistant professor of biostatistics in JPHCOHP. "While they're here they share their research formally through tutorials, industry sessions and short courses, and informally through personal discussion. Because these three groups have so much to do with the development and effective use of new medicines, BASS gives them an important opportunity to connect."

Karl Peace, founding director of the Karl E. Peace Center for Biostatistics in Georgia Southern's JPHCOHP, founded the first BASS in 1994 to bring together individuals who used biostatistics in their work. In addition to providing an educational forum, BASS provides revenue to support graduate fellowships in biostatistics. More than 30 students have earned master's and doctoral degrees in biostatistics as a result of symposium revenues.

This year's keynote speaker will be Mitchell Gail, Ph.D., chief of the biostatistics branch, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, National Cancer Institute. A graduate of Harvard Medical School with a Ph.D. in biostatistics from George Washington University, Gail is well known in the field of biostatistics for his studies in modeling absolute risk of disease, including breast cancer risk projection. Gail will speak at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5.

Another interesting speaker will be Louise Ryan, chair in the department of biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health. Along with two Harvard colleagues, Scott Evans and Tianxi Cai, Ryan will present a short course titled "Hot Topics in Clinical Trials."

In addition, Mark van der Laan, who holds the JP Hsu/ KE Peace Endowed Chair in Biostatistics in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, and his colleague, Cathy Tuglus, will present a short course titled "Statistical Methods for Biomarker Discovery."

Biostatistics is a growing field of public health used in epidemiology, health services research, and design and analysis of clinical trials in medicine. By using biostatistics in clinical trials, scientists can find drug thresholds that offer the most effective results, increase survival rates, and reduce the adverse effects of medication.

The weeklong event is sponsored by the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern and the Department of Biostatistics of the Medical College of Virginia Campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. For more information about the conference, go to <http://bass.georgiasouthern.edu/>.

## **Georgia Southern to establish Erk Russell Athletic Park**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the naming of a section of the Georgia Southern campus "Erk Russell Athletic Park." Erk Russell Athletic Park, named in honor of the late former Georgia Southern football coach Erskine "Erk" Russell, will be dedicated at a future date.

"We are grateful to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents for approving the naming of the Erk Russell Athletic Park on our campus," said President Bruce Grube. "This tribute to Coach Russell speaks volumes about his influence and impact on our football team, on Georgia Southern and on our community."

Russell, through his incredible work ethic, positive attitude and motivational expressions, built Georgia Southern into a national football powerhouse during his eight-year tenure. Under his tutelage, the Eagles won three national championships, including back-to-back titles in 1985 and 1986. In 1989, Georgia Southern posted a perfect 15-0 season which culminated with a victory over Stephen F. Austin in the national championship game at Paulson Stadium. Named the USA Today Coach of the Decade for the 1980s, Russell earned numerous other honors and awards prior to his retirement and subsequent enshrinement in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. Russell passed away in September 2006 at the age of 80.

Erk Russell Athletic Park will encompass Allen E. Paulson Stadium, the Gene Bishop Field House, the Cowart Building, and the soccer and track stadium. The park showcases what Russell called "the prettiest little stadium in America" and hosts tens of thousands of people each year, including teams, fans and players. The area also serves as the site of the University's spring commencement ceremony. University signage complementing the nearby architecture and landscape will designate the area as Erk Russell Athletic Park.

## **Limited Kenny Rogers performance tickets available**

In appreciation to Georgia Southern faculty and staff for their support of the year-long Centennial Celebration, a limited number of balcony seats for the Saturday, Oct. 27, Kenny Rogers performance are being made available for purchase.

This special performance will follow the private 1906 Gala reception held at the Nessmith-Lane Southern Ballroom on Saturday evening.

The show begins at 8 p.m. with doors opening for the balcony general seating at 7:30 p.m. Rogers, heralded as one of America's most-loved singers, will sing some of his greatest hits as well as material from his latest CD.

Tickets are \$35 each and faculty/staff members must present their University identification card to purchase. Tickets are available now. Tickets may be purchased in person at the box office or by phone at ext. 7999.

## **Theatre & Performance present 'The Women'**

Theatre and Performance will present Clare Boothe Luce's play "The Women" through Saturday, Oct. 27. The performance on Oct. 21 is at 2 p.m., all others at 7:30 p.m. All performances will be held in the Black Box Theatre in the Communication Arts Building Room 1001.

The story centers on a group of gossipy, high-society women who spend their days at the beauty salon and haunting fashion shows. The sweet, happily-wedded Mary Haines finds her marriage in trouble when shop girl Crystal Allen gets her hooks into Mary's man. With a bit of guts and daring, Mary snatches her man right back from Crystal's clutches.

Ticket prices are \$12 for general admission, \$8 for faculty/staff and \$4 for Georgia Southern students. For more information, call ext. 5379.

## **Dining etiquette workshop Oct. 23**

The Office of Career Services, campus departments and corporate sponsors are hosting the fall semester Dining For Success workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Southern Ballroom.

The event is open to all seniors and graduate students. The program will consist of a five-course meal during which participants will learn the do's and don'ts of dining etiquette.

A \$20 refundable deposit is required of all participants and will be returned at the meal. Spaces are limited. Students interested in participating must sign up in the Career Services office in Williams Center Room 1058.

For more information, contact Amy Rowell at ext. 5197 or [awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu).

## Eagle Expo Oct. 24

The Eagle Expo Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Recreation Activity Center (RAC). The Expo is an all-campus event sponsored by the Office of Career Services. Employers from a wide variety of fields have registered to attend.

Contact Career Services at ext. 5197 or visit their Web site at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career> for a participant list. Company representatives will continue to register until the day of the event.

For more information on the expo, contact Dorsey Baldwin at ext. 5197 or [dbaldwin@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:dbaldwin@georgiasouthern.edu).

## Elder to present Oct. 24 seminar on information systems and Shuttle Columbia disaster

Kevin Elder, associate professor in the Department of Information Systems, worked with the Shuttle Columbia Accident Investigation Board members in 2003. On Wednesday, Oct. 24, from noon to 1:30 p.m., he will present "What can We Learn about Information Systems from the Shuttle Columbia Accident, and What Can Information Systems and IT Do to Help Prevent it from Happening Again?" His talk will be in Room 3216, College of Information Technology.

The physical cause of the loss of Columbia and its crew was a breach in the Thermal Protection System on the leading edge of the left wing, but the organizational causes of this accident are rooted in the Space Shuttle Program's history and culture.

Elder's presentation will allow plenty of time to discuss the implications of what occurred and is still occurring today. Refreshments will be served from noon to 12:15 p.m., and the seminar will begin promptly at 12:15 p.m.

## Kaiser presents BFA exhibition at Gallery 33 West

Artist Kimberly Kaiser, a BFA candidate at Georgia Southern, will open her Senior Exhibition on Wednesday, Oct. 24, in Gallery 33 West on West Main Street in downtown Statesboro. The exhibition will continue through Wednesday, Oct. 31. A reception will be held Friday, Oct. 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Kaiser, who is a native of Bulloch County, will graduate in December 2007 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with emphasis in photography and a minor in philosophy.

In addition to her experiences at Georgia Southern, she has studied visual arts and design at Valdosta State and traveled to China and Vietnam to study and create.

Her exhibition, "Ariadne's Thread," is a mixed-media installation that explores the visible and invisible threads that link us to particular people, places, or moments in time. The work is an exploration of these connections, the way in which they are perceived, and the material and conceptual act of weaving the delicacy of our senses within our memories themselves. Through video installation and

mixed-media photography, "Ariadne's Thread" offers participants the opportunity to experience the transformation of a captured moment in time into a tactile memory that can be woven within a collection of others in the remaking of the past and the present — a re-creation of self.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Regular gallery hours for Gallery 33 West are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments to view any show are welcomed. Please call Susan Huelsewiesche at (912) 541-2842 or Greg Carter at (912) 486-0875.

For more information, please contact the artist at [kimberly.r.kaiser@gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.r.kaiser@gmail.com). To view more of the artist's work, go to [www.kimberlykaiser.com](http://www.kimberlykaiser.com).

## It's the 'Mystery of the Century' at Georgia Southern

Homecoming 2007 at Georgia Southern has adopted the theme "Mystery of the Century."

Events begin on Saturday, Oct. 20, and continue through Saturday, Oct. 27. The weeklong celebration will build to Saturday's football game when the Eagles take on The Citadel at noon in Paulson Stadium.

Following is a sampling of activities that will be held during the week:

### Thursday, Oct. 25

- Pep rally, 7:30 p.m. at the RAC Band Shell/Pavilion. The football players, cheerleaders and Gus will be in attendance. Following the rally will be the announcement of the Homecoming Court.

- Crocs Next Step Tour, 8:30 p.m. at the RAC Band Shell/Pavilion. The rock group Guster and folk/pop singer Brett Dennen will perform. Free admission.

### Friday, Oct. 26

- Homecoming Parade, 4 p.m. beginning at Paulson Stadium and winding its way to Sweetheart Circle.

- Homecoming cookout, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sweetheart Circle. Presentations of awards for parade entries will also take place.

- "Transformers," 7 p.m. at Russell Union Theater. Admission is free.

- Fireworks, 9 p.m. at J.I. Clements baseball stadium. Admission is free.

### Saturday, Oct. 27

- Eagles vs. The Citadel, noon, Paulson Stadium. To purchase tickets, call ext. 0123 or 1-800-GSU-WINS.

- Wildlife Center celebrates 10 years, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Center for Wildlife Education.

For more information on Homecoming Week, visit <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/homecoming>.

## Health Services offers vaccination clinics

Health Services will offer three influenza vaccination clinics to University faculty and staff. The cost of this year's flu vaccine is \$13. Flu mists are not available. They will also offer pneumonia vaccines for \$30. Due to significant patient use of the Health Center, faculty and staff are asked to

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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).



utilize one of the following clinics to obtain their seasonal flu shot.

- Clinic One - Thursday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Russell Union Room 2041.
- Clinic Two - Wednesday, Oct. 31, 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Russell Union Ballroom.
- Clinic Three - Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Russell Union Room 2041.

Faculty and staff must bring their Eagle ID with them to the clinic. Payment may be made by cash or check. For more information, contact Health Services at ext. 5641.

### **Georgia Southern University offers training for human resource professionals**

An upcoming certificate course offered by Georgia Southern will review core employment knowledge needed by human resource personnel, office and division managers, and business owners.

"Essentials of Human Resource Management" will be offered at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah. The 15-hour workshop will run on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.; on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Designed for hands-on practical learning, the course will combine case studies, in-class discussions and lecture to help participants develop solutions to the human resource issues they face daily.

The Savannah Area Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) has generously provided underwriting to reduce the workshop fee. The course is provided in partnership with the national SHRM, which developed the materials.

The fee for the course is \$315 per person, including materials, refreshments and lunch on Friday. The fee will be reduced to \$255 per person for national and local members of the SHRM.

To register for the course or obtain more information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/HREssentials.html> or call ext. 5551.

For more information on any of the business and career development courses offered by Georgia Southern, email [seminars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seminars@georgiasouthern.edu) or call ext. 1763.

### **GERA annual meeting Oct. 26**

The Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA) will hold its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah. Participants will have opportunities to attend multiple research presentations, as well as meet with colleagues from around the state. The registration fee of \$60 includes membership for one year in GERA, lunch, conference sessions and materials. Advance registration is encouraged. Registration fees on the day of the annual meeting will be an additional \$5. Registration for graduate students is \$35.

The conference is sponsored by the GERA in partnership with the Continuing Education Center at Georgia Southern. For more information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/gera07.html>.

### **Dissertation defense Oct. 26**

Kelly Blackston-Cail will present her dissertation defense at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 26, in the College of Education Room 1100J. Her dissertation is titled "Dispelling the Myth of the Dumb Blonde." Her major professor is John A. Weaver, professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading.

For more information, contact ext. 5091.

### **Planetarium to present public evening**

The Planetarium will present "Gravity Probe B - Testing Einstein's Universe an Update" Friday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Participants will learn the latest discoveries of this mission to see if Einstein was right. Star shows and telescopic viewing of Jupiter will follow each presentation. Free star and moon maps will be given to all visitors.

For more information, contact the Department of Physics at ext. 5292.

### **Wildlife Center celebrates 10 years**

The Center for Wildlife Education and The Lamar Q Ball Jr. Raptor Center at Georgia Southern University will celebrate 10 wild years on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Center will host a number of family-friendly events including:

- Exotic wildlife presentations
- Free food, beverages, games and activities from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Steve Scruggs will present "Let's Get Wild" at 3 p.m. & "Snakes Alive" at 4 p.m.
- Okefenokee Joe will present "Earth Day Every Day" at 5:15 p.m.
- The Chestatee Wildlife Preserve will present "Exotic Cats and More" at 6:15 p.m.
- Trick or Treating at 7:15 p.m.
- Magic Marc will perform "Magication" at 8 p.m.
- Fireworks at 8:45 p.m.
- Music at 9 p.m.

All events are programs are free of charge. For more information, contact the Center at ext. 0831.

### **COE homecoming events**

The College of Education will host two events during the homecoming weekend. On Sunday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. the college will host the unveiling of "The Wall of Honor," a permanent wall display in the College of Education Building. The wall is dedicated to individuals and organizations who have been generous in their support of the College. At 3 p.m. that afternoon, the College will host a reception recognizing local student artists and the teachers who have submitted their work for "Southern's Art Extravaganza."

## **Georgia Southern hosts Oct. 29 'Hall-O-Ween'**

The Department of University Housing will again provide a safe environment for area young people to trick or treat during its annual HALL-O-Ween on Monday, Oct. 29.

This year's event is "A Scooby Doo Mysterious Halloween" at Eagle Village residence hall.

A Halloween carnival will be held in the clubhouse of Eagle Village and the youth will be escorted through the building and allowed to trick or treat with the residents of the hall. This year's theme is "A Blue and White HALL-O-Ween."

There is no cost to participate, but participants are asked to bring a canned good or unused school item that will be donated to local charities.

Parking for HALL-O-Ween will be available in the Eagle Village parking lots, as well as the Watson/Johnson parking lot.

For more information, contact Erik Sorensen at 688-2878.

## **Focus on Excellence lecture Oct. 30**

Sophie George, professor of biology, will be the third speaker in the Focus on Excellence Award Series on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m. in the College of Information Technology Profession Development Center, Room 3301. Her lecture is titled "Does Diet Matter: Ingestion Rates, Growth and Development of Echinoderm Larvae." She is the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Research/Creative Scholarly Activity, which recognizes individuals who excel in their research efforts in addition to fulfilling full-time teaching responsibilities. A reception will follow the presentation.

## **Greek Street Trick or Treat Oct. 30**

The tenth annual "Greek Street Trick-or-Treat" will be held Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Olympic Blvd. The campus and Statesboro communities are invited to bring their children in costume to "Greek Row" for an evening of Halloween games, candy and fun. The event is sponsored by the Panhellenic Association, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council.

For more information, contact the Office of Greek Life at ext. 5185.

## **Human Resources offers training**

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

- Communication Skills and Attitude for Success, Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., HR Training Room.
- Budgeting for You and Your Organization, Monday, Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Russell Union Room 2044. This workshop is for students.

- Management Training Series Session Five, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904.
- Hiring Procedures: I Have a Job Vacancy...What Do I Do Now?, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., HR Training Room.
- PowerPoint: Level 2, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., College of Education Room 2150.
- Management Training Series Session Six, Thursday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904.
- Personal Protective Equipment, Friday, Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Nessmith-Lane Building General Assembly Hall.

### **Coming in November:**

- Grammar 101, Thursday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to noon, HR Training Room
- Advanced Connections: Moving Quality Service Beyond the Basics - a three session workshop. Participants must enroll for all three sessions. Session One - Building a Service Culture, Wednesday, Nov. 7; Session Two - Polishing Daily Service Skills, Wednesday, Nov. 14; Session Three - Meeting Daily Service Challenges, Wednesday, Nov. 21. All sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Information Technology Building Room 2207.
- Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) in the Workplace: a two-part workshop. Part I - MBTI Assessment, Monday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Russell Union Room 2052; Part II - Assessment Results and Overview of Styles, Monday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Russell Union Room 2042. Participants must sign up for both classes.
- Communicating with Difficult People, Thursday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., HR Training Room.

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.

## **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, 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>.

## **Friday Lunch Series continues**

The Fall Hotel and Restaurant Management Friday Lunch Series will continue Friday, Oct. 26.

Future lunches are scheduled for Oct. 26; and Nov. 2 and 9. 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).

## **First Thursday Brown Bag Nov. 1**

The Women's & Gender Studies (WGST) Program First Thursday Brown Bag will be held Thursday, Nov. 1, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2075. The program is titled "Life's Milestone's: Personal and Professional Landmarks and How to Navigate Them."

This presentation is part of the WGST Program Brown Bag Series. The program will be an opportunity for WGST faculty and students to discuss

personal lives, professional careers and how to map the road ahead.

First Thursdays provide opportunities for networking and connecting personal and professional interests. The meetings are informal.

For a complete schedule of Brown Bag events, visit [http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/wgender/BrownBags\\_07\\_08.doc](http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/wgender/BrownBags_07_08.doc). For more information about the program, please contact Lori E. Amy, director, at ext. 0625 or [lamy@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:lamy@georgiasouthern.edu).

## **Excellence in Research Awards submissions due Nov. 1**

Each year the Faculty Research Committee holds a competition for the Awards for Excellence in Research. Two awards are given each fiscal year to recognize demonstrated excellence in research with recipients announced at the annual fall convocation. Awards are accompanied by a \$4,000 summer stipend to allow recipients time to devote to their scholarly pursuit. Faculty who have received an Excellence in Research Award during the past five years are not eligible to compete.

To nominate a faculty member, submit a written statement to the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs at P.O. Box 8005 or [ehaynes@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:ehaynes@georgiasouthern.edu), no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.

Guidelines for the award are available at [http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/research/proposal\\_development\\_Faculty%20Research%20Committee.html](http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/research/proposal_development_Faculty%20Research%20Committee.html).

## **National French Week Nov. 2-8**

Georgia Southern will celebrate the ninth annual National French Week Friday, Nov. 2, through Thursday, Nov. 8. The following events are planned:

### **Friday, Nov. 2**

- French luncheon at the Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Family and Consumer Sciences Food Lab. Cost is \$9, including tax. Reservations are required. For reservations, contact Larry Stalcup at ext. 5975 or [stalcupL@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:stalcupL@georgiasouthern.edu).

### **Monday, Nov. 5**

- "The History and Highlights of the Musee du Louvre, the Oldest, Largest and Most Famous Museum in the World." A presentation by Julie McGuire, associate professor of art. Arts Building Room 2016, 4 p.m. Free admission.

- "L'Appartement," a film set in Paris that revolves around a man, about to be married, who becomes obsessed with another woman he believes to be a long-lost love. In French with English subtitles. Russell Union Theatre, 7:15 p.m. Admission \$3. The film is part of the Cinema Arts series.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 6**

- French menu at the lunchtime buffet in Landrum Cafeteria, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost for students is included in the meal plan or \$5.73 plus tax. Cost for others is \$7.50 plus tax. For more information on the menu, visit <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/fl/french.htm>.

- "Acadian (Cajun) Spirituality in Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Louisiana." A presentation by James M. Woods, professor of history. Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2911, 4 p.m. Free admission.

- "Traditional Songs and Music from France, Louisiana and Quebec." A performance of vocal and instrumental featuring Jean-Paul Carton, professor of French, and his wife Dominique Carton. An introduction will be given by Donnie Richards, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages. Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2911, 7:30 p.m. Free admission. For more information, visit <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/fl/french.htm>.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 7**

- "A Recital in Celebration of National French Week." Performances of vocal and instrumental music written by French composers. Coordinated by Linda Cionitti, professor of music. Trinity Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m. Free admission.

### **Thursday, Nov. 8**

- French menu at the lunchtime buffet in Landrum Cafeteria, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost for students is included in the meal plan or \$5.73 plus tax. Cost for others is \$7.50 plus tax. For more information on the menu, visit <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/fl/french.htm>.

- "The Re-Invention of France." A presentation by Charles Crouch, assistant professor of history. Russell Union Room 2047, 5:30 p.m. Free admission.

National French Week is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; the Center for International Studies; the European Studies Program; Food Services; Department of Foreign Languages; Department of History; Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Family & Consumer Sciences; Department of Literature and Philosophy; and the Department of Music.

## **Alumni Relations upcoming fall events**

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

- 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.

## **Canadian-American Connection topic of Nov. 6 presentation**

Georgia Southern will host a visit by Judith M. Costello, Political Advocacy and Academic Relations Officer with the Canadian Consulate General in Atlanta on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Costello's presentation from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building is open to all students and faculty. She will speak on "Canadian-American Connection: New Horizons, New Opportunities."

Costello is responsible for conveying Canada's key advocacy messages on a range of topics to elected officials, civic organizations and NGOs, the media, and the academic community throughout the southeastern U.S. She works closely with college and university administrators and faculty members to promote the study of Canada and academic research on Canadian issues or themes.

Following a career in music journalism with NPR, the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra, and the Atlanta Opera, Costello joined the staff of the Canadian Consulate General, Atlanta, in May 1988. This office, one of 27 Canadian missions in the United States, is responsible for Canadian trade, investment, consular, advocacy and cultural interests in North Carolina and Tennessee.

## **Bulloch County Eagle Club pre-season rally Nov. 6**

The Bulloch County Eagle Club will host a basketball pre-season rally and dinner Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gene Bishop Field House at Paulson Stadium.

The evening will feature Jeff Price, men's basketball head coach, and Rusty Cram, women's basketball head coach.

Tickets are \$12 per person and available at the Office of Alumni Relations. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call ext. 5691.

## **Graduate School Fair Nov. 7**

The Office of Career Services and the College of Graduate Studies will host the annual Graduate School Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

The fair is an all-campus event to provide information regarding graduate school options. Representatives from Georgia Southern, as well as representatives from other universities will be in attendance to answer student questions regarding the application process and graduate degrees offered. Faculty are encouraged to bring classes that meet during this time to the event and ask students to attend as a class assignment.

For a complete listing of universities attending, visit <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career>.

For more information, contact Amy Rowell at ext. 5197 or [awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu).

## **WGST project competition submissions due March 1**

The Women's and Gender Studies (WGST) Research and Project Competition submission forms are available online at <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/wgender/awards.php>.

Faculty are asked to encourage their students who have excelled in their classes to submit their project for the WGST Award. Projects may come from spring or fall 2007 courses. Submissions are due by Saturday, March 1.

For more information, contact Nancy Malcom at ext. 5168 or [nmalcom@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:nmalcom@georgiasouthern.edu).

## **Library workshops underway**

The Henderson Library computer workshops are currently underway. These workshops will help participants become computer savvy and improve their research skills using licensed resources accessible through GALILEO. The workshops are open to all students, faculty and staff.

For more information, visit <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/workshops.html> or contact the Henderson Library Information Services Department at ext. 5645.

## **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/ijstl/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***

E-mail items for *This Week* to [thisweek@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:thisweek@georgiasouthern.edu) or use the online submission form at [http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/thisweek\\_form.htm](http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/thisweek_form.htm). All submissions are subject to editing for style and length. Submissions should be summarized in typed narrative form. Deadline for submissions is noon Wednesday. Submissions received after the deadline will be held until the next issue. Please be sure to include your name and campus telephone number.

## **Faculty/Staff Connection**

- **David Alley**, professor, and **Dolores Rangel**, assistant professor, both in the Department of Foreign Languages, presented the paper "Hispanic Newspapers in the Southeast" at the Latino Immigration to New Settlement Areas: Trends and Implications Conference Oct. 11 at the University of South Carolina.
- **Yang Deng**, temporary full-time faculty member in the Department of Construction Management and Civil Engineering Technology, wrote a chapter in a recently published book. The book is titled "Landfill Research Focus," and the chapter written by Deng is titled "Physicochemical Removal of Organic Contaminants in Municipal Landfill Leachate."
- **Jose Manuel Hidalgo**, assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, delivered a paper on Medieval Spanish Literature titled "Estrecheces y angosturas in the Libro de buen amor" in Madison, Wis.
- **John Parrish**, professor of biology, presented his research on Southeastern American Kestrels in Georgia, at an invited symposium on American Kestrels, at the recent annual meeting of the Raptor Research Foundation held in conjunction with the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Allentown, Penn.
- **Krystal Dawn Tift**, assistant professor of theatre, will star in "Blessed Assurance" at the Averitt Center for the Arts Oct. 19-21. The play is directed by **Mical Whitaker**, emeritus professor in the Department of Communication Arts.