



Centennial edition of 'A Day for Southern' continues tradition

Volunteers who gathered at the RAC on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. heard the good news first-hand. The Centennial edition of "A Day for Southern" raised \$1,314,256, once again demonstrating the power of the event's permanent slogan: "Campus and Community: Together We Are Better."

More than 200 community volunteers started the day with a rousing kick-off breakfast at the Nessmith-Lane Building, enjoying the music of Michael Braz and inspiring words from this year's ADFS chair, Joe McGlamery, regional vice president of Morris Newspaper Corporation and president of the Statesboro Herald. They also enjoyed a vocal performance by Cyril Durant, a senior voice performance major and a native of Statesboro.

After learning that faculty, staff, and retirees had contributed \$324,062 so far, volunteers spread out to make visits to more than 1,100 businesses across Statesboro and Bulloch County. During the day volunteers returned to the Nessmith-Lane Building with generous donations to the Georgia Southern University Foundation and to the Southern Boosters.

"The community's support is vital to Georgia Southern," said Wendell Tompkins, director of Annual Giving. "These gifts provide resources for the University's 'margin of excellence' in academics and athletics."

Along with building scholarships that help recruit top students, ADFS gifts support cultural opportunities and outreach programs for the region, such as the Georgia Southern Museum, the Wildlife Education Center, the Botanical Gardens. ADFS also support the University's athletic teams.

Georgia Southern welcomes new international partner

The International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) has placed its operations in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) for the coming year. Following the year, the College is expected to become the permanent home of this international organization.

"We have this tremendous international opportunity thanks to a relationship forged years ago by the late Jiann-Ping Hsu, namesake of the College of Public Health," said Dean Charles Hardy. "In the 1990s, Dr. Hsu was active in the early growth of the ICSA and served at least one term as president of the organization. Her husband, Professor Karl Peace, is a member of our faculty and remains an active member of the ICSA."

"Knowing the importance of the ICSA to Jiann-Ping Hsu, Dr. Peace made a proposal to the ICSA Board of Directors in June 2006 to incubate their central office within the JPHCOPH," Hardy added. "That proposal became effective August 2007."

The ICSA office is staffed by Chungfeng Ren, a graduate assistant pursuing an MPH in biostatistics. Lili Yu, assistant professor of biostatistics, serves as a faculty advisor to Ren and oversees ICSA operations.

The ICSA office will be responsible for operating the organization's Web site and e-mail list and for producing the twice-yearly ICSA Bulletin. The office will also be responsible for sending notices of the annual meeting, taking registrations for those who plan to attend, and facilitating membership in the ICSA.

Membership in the ICSA is open to statisticians around the world. The ICSA holds an applied statistics symposium each year and an International Statistical Conference once every three years. More information about the ICSA is at <http://www.icsa.org/>.

For more information about the J.P. Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern University, go to <http://jphcoph.georgiasouthern.edu/>

USG creates Need-Based Scholarship at Georgia Southern

At their recent annual meeting, the trustees of the University System of Georgia Foundation Inc. approved a new Need-Based Student Scholarship Program for University System of Georgia (USG) institutions. Because it has a high number of students eligible for Pell grants, Georgia Southern is among the first of the institutions to receive a scholarship from this program.

"More than 28 percent of our students qualify for the Pell Grant, a federal indicator of financial need," said Georgia Southern University President Bruce Grube. "I am pleased to see that the USG Foundation's Board of Trustees has initiated this program, and I expect that as we see evidence of its success, the Need-Based Scholarship Program will continue."

The scholarship developed by the USG Foundation will cover tuition and mandatory fees for one student for four years. Criteria for the scholarship was set by the Board of Trustees.

To be eligible for the Need-Based Scholarship, a student must be a Georgia resident and a freshman in the fall of 2008. They must have a high school grade point average between 2.5 and 2.9, demonstrate financial need through eligibility for a Pell grant, and not be eligible for the HOPE scholarship.

To learn more about this and other scholarships at Georgia Southern University, contact the Office of Admissions at <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/>.

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.

September

- 17 **From Protest to Peace exhibit opens**, Museum.
- 19 **Women's Soccer** - The Citadel at Georgia Southern, 2 p.m.
Men's Soccer - North Florida at Georgia Southern, 5 p.m.
- 20 **Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Wind Symphony Concert**, Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 **International Conversation Hour**, Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
Women's Soccer - Marshall at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
"DAWN: Mission to the Asteroid Belt," Planetarium, 7 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Faculty Recital Series featuring David Murray and Michelle Murray, First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 **Football** - UTC at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.
- 24 **General Student Recital**, Williams Center, 1 p.m.
Cinema Arts presents "Dead Man's Shoes," Russell Union Theatre, \$2, 7:15 p.m.
Southern Georgia Symphony Concert, Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 **Men's Soccer** - Wofford at Georgia Southern, 5 p.m.
Faculty Recital Series featuring Linda Cionitti, Karla Qualls, Cheung Chau, Matt Fallin and Heidi Bindhammer, Trinity Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m.

AJC Editor Bert Roughton Jr. to present Fries Lecture Sept. 26

Bert Roughton Jr., managing editor of the print version of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, will visit Georgia Southern Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m., to present this year's Norman Fries Distinguished Lecture. His presentation, which is free and open to the public, will take place at the Performing Arts Center.

In addition to discussing his experiences as a working journalist for more than three decades, Roughton will explore the role played by newspapers and other traditional media in today's digital world.

Roughton began his college career at Georgia Southern in 1973. He moved to Beirut in 1974 and attended the American University of Beirut in 1975, studying economics and comparative political systems. He returned to Statesboro, but eventually transferred to Georgia State University in 1977. He began his career in 1979 at *This Week in Peachtree City* and was hired by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in 1981.

A working journalist for three decades, Roughton has spent most of his career as a reporter covering everything from routine school board meetings to major plane crashes, war and the business and politics of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

In 1997, Roughton won an AP first-place award for a series of stories on how well-connected consultants influenced real estate development in metro Atlanta. In 1998, he was posted to the London Bureau of Cox Newspapers, the chain of more than 30 papers that includes the AJC. While based in London he covered many topics, including the troubles in Northern Ireland, the war in Kosovo, and Europe's shift to a single currency, the Euro. He also wrote about the children orphaned by Africa's AIDS epidemic, a project that merited a prestigious National Headliner Award in 2000.

In 2003 Roughton was named Metro Editor and placed in charge of the largest local news staff in the southeast. Named managing editor of the AJC in February 2007, he is responsible for determining the newspaper's content and presentation and is playing a key role in reinventing the newspaper to compete in the digital age.

The Norman Fries Distinguished Lectureship Series began in 2001. It is funded by an endowment in honor of the late Norman Fries, who was the founder of Claxton Poultry. In his more than 50 years in business, Fries built the company from a one-man operation into one of the nation's largest poultry production plants.

Arts in the Heart Sept. 14-16

The Center for Irish Studies will be taking part in Arts in the Heart, the annual arts festival held in Augusta, Ga., and sponsored by the Greater Augusta Arts Council. Each year the festival highlights visual and performing arts from different ethnic groups. Approximately six groups representing 35 countries will be in attendance.

During the festival Howard Keeley, director of the Center for Irish Studies and assistant professor in the Department of Literature and Philosophy, will be presenting information on the peace murals of Northern Ireland. "The Center is trying to fulfill the mission of being integrated into the broader coastal community and building public and private partnerships," Keeley said. "We are really pleased they invited us to get involved."

For more information on the festival, visit <http://www.artsintheheart.com/>.

Evening Muse open-mike night Sept. 15

The Evening Muse will host an open-mike poetry reading Saturday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Averitt Center for the Arts. The event is free and open to students, faculty and the general public. Readers are asked to limit their selections to five minutes. Original work is encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact the Department of Writing and Linguistics at ext. 0739.

Boston Tea Party Sept. 17

The Government Documents Department of the Henderson Library is sponsoring a Boston Tea Party, Southern Style, Monday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library Atrium on the first floor. The first 200 visitors will receive a free gift courtesy of Congressman John Barrow.

Tea, cookies and an opportunity to register to vote will be available. The event is free.

Soweto Street Beat Dance Theatre performs Sept. 18

The Multicultural Student Center will present the Soweto Street Beat Dance Theatre Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Soweto Street Beat is the only professional South African dance troupe in the United States. The group came together in Soweto, an urban area in the City of Johannesburg, in Gauteng, South Africa, in 1989 and relocated to Atlanta in 1992. The mission of the group is to teach audiences of all ages the cultural arts and history of South Africa.

The group began as an organization targeting at-risk youth surrounded by crime and poverty in Soweto. The young men were taught to become professional dancers and learned methods of channeling their energies into positive and creative activities.

The performance is free and open to the community.

For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at ext. 5409.

Gaels of Music Sept. 18

The Center for Irish Studies will sponsor the second annual "Gaels of Music" variety concert Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Emma Kelly Theater at the Averitt Center for the Arts. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Eddie Ivie Scholarship for Study in Ireland.

"A noted Savannah chef and restaurateur, the late Eddie Ivie had a passion for Ireland, especially its poetry and music," said Howard Keeley, director of the Center for Irish Studies and assistant professor of literature and philosophy. "Musician friends of Eddie's want to build the scholarship fund and to that end have undertaken to present an annual benefit concert."

The show will be hosted by Harry O'Donoghue, who is no stranger to the Georgia Southern, Statesboro and Savannah communities. He has anchored Irish Folk Music Nights in Statesboro for a decade and uses his wit to bring the spirit of Ireland to life in music that appeals to people of all ages.

The headline performer is Mary Courtney, an expert on the guitar and bodhran. Courtney hails from a family distinguished in the performance of traditional Irish music. She and her band, Morningstar, include much from that rich legacy in their repertoire, but also showcase contemporary ballads and topical pieces.

Also scheduled to appear are: Frank Emerson, folk vocals and guitarist; Colleen Settle, fiddle; Bobby Hendrix, uilleann pipes; Stephen Faulk, classical tenor; Butch Elmgren, spoken word; and the Irish dancers of Savannah.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for students, senior citizens, active military and children under 13 and \$12 for all other groups. They may be purchased by calling the Averitt Center Box Office at 212-ARTS or Rebecca Malott in the Department of Literature and Philosophy at ext. 5471.

Professor hosting book signing Sept. 19

Annette Laing, assistant professor in the department of history, will be signing "Don't Know Where, Don't Know When," her new book for children and young adults, Wednesday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Starbucks in the Russell Union. Published by Confusion Press, her novel tells of the adventures of three kids who leave modern-day

South Georgia for England during World War II. To return home, they must first find George Braithwaite, but nobody they meet in 1940 England has heard of him.

"I wrote the book in Starbucks, so it seemed like the perfect place for an on-campus signing," Laing said. Laing and her book were recently featured in *The Sunday Post*, a national newspaper in Scotland. This event is free and open to the public. Copies of the book are available in the University Store.

Visiting artist Sept. 19

Ceramic sculptor Peter Callas will discuss his work during a free public lecture Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. in the Arts Building, Room 2016. His research in the rare, ancient style "anagama" kiln, a wood-fired type Callas prefers, has further expanded and defined the presence of ceramic sculpture in contemporary art.

In addition to his public lecture, Callas will share his technical expertise and creative aesthetic as artist in residence, working with ceramics majors to create an anagama style kiln at the Ceramics and Sculpture Studio.

The lecture is free and open to anyone interested. It is sponsored by Club Mud and the Photography Club with additional funding provided by CLEC. The event is part of the 2007-08 Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art Visiting Artist Program. For more information, contact Jane Pleak at jpleak@georgiasouthern.edu.

Third Thursday Brown Bag Sept. 20

The Women's & Gender Studies (WGST) Program Third Thursday Brown Bag will be held Thursday, Sept. 20, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2080. This month's speaker is Rosemarie Stallworth-Clark, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations & Reading. She will be speaking on "Women in Leadership for a World Civilization of Peace." This is an interactive workshop engaging issues of women's leadership, peace education and international alliances.

This presentation is part of the WGST Program Brown Bag Series. The program is designed to facilitate the research, teaching and service interests of WGST faculty, affiliates and students. Third Thursdays will feature focused discussions around a presenter's interests; these may include presentations of research, discussions of work-in-progress, investigations of teaching, service, and/or community outreach initiatives. They will provide an informal, social venue for interested faculty and students to discuss issues of concern, to network and to facilitate each other's work.

For a complete schedule of Brown Bag events, visit 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.

Planetarium presents public evening Sept. 21

The Georgia Southern Planetarium will present "DAWN: Mission to the Asteroid Belt" Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. JPL Solar System

Ambassador Becky Lowder will discuss the launch of DAWN to Asteroid Vesta and Dwarf Planet Ceres.

Star shows and telescopic observing of Jupiter will follow each presentation. NASA bookmarks, paper spacecraft models and more will be given away while supplies last.

The shows are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Department of Physics at ext. 5292.

Poetry reading to feature Georgia Southern student writer

Georgia Southern senior Zachary Bush will read from his two published books of poetry on Friday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at The Book and Cranny Bookstore, 721 South Main Street, Statesboro.

Bush, a Writing and Linguistics major, is author of "We Swallow(ed) a Spider" (Pudding House Publications, 2007) and "Outside the Halfway House" (Scintillating Publications, 2007). Both books are available at The Book and Cranny. He is co-author of "Next Exit: Four" (Kendra Steiner Editions) which will be released Sept. 25.

The reading is organized by the Department of Writing and Linguistics to support Bush's work and to celebrate the many publications he has achieved during his time at Georgia Southern University. Author and professor Martha Pennington, chair of the Department of Writing and Linguistics, describes Bush's poetry as "bullets of wisdom."

Bush, 24, writes poetry, fiction, nonfiction, poetry book-reviews, and literary interviews. He is the new poetry co-editor of Thieves Jargon, an online literary journal. His creative work has been published or is forthcoming in over 30 small press literary journals, e-zines, and one anthology.

More information about the Writing and Linguistics major is available at <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/writing/>.

Human Resources offers training

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

- Word Level I, Monday, Sept. 17, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., College of Education Building Room 2150. The workshop is for all campus employees, student workers and faculty who would like to increase their computer skills using Word.
- Leadership Listening, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Russell Union Room 2044. This workshop is designed for students.
- Interviews: Hiring the Right Person, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., HR Training Room. This workshop provides the techniques to transform participants into an extraordinary interviewer. It is interactive, giving all participants opportunity to practice and perfect new skills and concepts.
- Making a Statement: Professionalism in the Workplace, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This workshop is designed for students.
- Welcome to Georgia Southern, Thursday, Sept. 20, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., HR Training Room. This workshop is for new employees at Georgia Southern.

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Submissions may be sent to Georgia Southern *This Week*, P.O. Box 8055, Statesboro, GA 30460, or e-mailed to: 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.



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- Personnel Action Form (PAF), Friday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to noon, HR Training Room.
- PeopleAdmin, Monday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., HR Training Room
- Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Monday, Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., HR Training Room.
- Word Level II, Monday, Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., College of Education Room 2150.
- Building & Maintaining Interpersonal Relations, Monday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This workshop is designed for students.
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Wednesday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., HR Training Room. This workshop will cover the basic requirements of FERPA, including which records are covered by the Act and what obligations University employees have regarding those records.

Coming in October:

- Telling the World about Georgia Southern: Internal & External Communication Procedures, Wednesday, Oct. 3, HR Training Room. This workshop is for campus employees and faculty members who have an interest in promoting their programs or events.
- Workers' Compensation, Thursday, Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., HR Training Room. This workshop is designed for both University supervisors and employees to obtain a greater understanding of Workers' Compensation and what it entails.
- Management Training Series. All classes will be held in Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Session One - Becoming a Manager at Georgia Southern, Tuesday, Oct. 9; Session Two - Communication, Decision Making and Delegating, Thursday, Oct. 11; Session Three - Roles and Responsibilities, Tuesday, Oct. 16; Session Four - Developing Employees, Thursday, Oct. 18; Session Five - Creating a Positive Work Environment, Tuesday, Oct. 23; Handling Conflict, Thursday, Oct. 25.

To complete the Management Series, participants must attend all six 2 1/2 hour modules.

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.

Friday Lunch Series continues

The Fall Hotel and Restaurant Management Friday Lunch Series will continue Friday, Sept. 21

Future lunches are scheduled for Oct. 19 and 26; and Nov. 2 and 9. 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.

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

Study Abroad Fair Sept. 25

The 20th annual Study Abroad Fair will be held Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. The fair is an opportunity for students to obtain information about programs available through Georgia Southern and other institutions throughout the University System of Georgia.

Program directors from Georgia Southern and other universities within the system, as well as Financial Aid and the Registrar's Office will be on hand to discuss courses and countries available for studying abroad and how students may apply their financial aid toward these courses. Georgia Southern students who have studied abroad will be available to discuss their experiences with students who are interested in learning more.

For more information, contact Jeff Palis, study abroad and exchange coordinator, at ext. 1747 or visit http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/international/study_abroad.

Career Services hosts Dare to Declare Conference

Career Services will host the Dare to Declare Conference on Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Russell Union. The event targets freshmen and sophomore students who are undecided about their careers. Students may attend a series of interactive programs designed to "open the door to their futures." Programs include topics on career assessments, values and skills.

Students wishing to attend must register by Friday, Sept. 21. Students who attend the conference will have the chance to win up to \$200.

For more information on these events and the registration process, contact Career Services at ext. 5197 or visit the Web site at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career/>.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure in Statesboro Sept. 27

Georgia Southern will host Susan G. Komen for the Cure's community education and outreach tour, Komen on the Go™, on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the rotunda of the Russell Union Building. The tour is a nationwide initiative delivering life-saving breast health information to all generations of women. It is open to both the University and Statesboro communities.

The pink trailer that carries Komen On the Go™ converts into an interactive learning center. This fun, hands-on experience features computer kiosks, breast cancer educational materials, breast self-examination (BSE) guides, information on how to volunteer locally, registration cards for the Komen Race for the Cure, tips on supporting loved ones facing breast cancer and an eight-foot "graffiti wall" for students to share a memory or pledge their personal support in the cause to end breast cancer.

Local breast cancer survivors and health care professionals will be on hand to share their experiences and knowledge.

"We are delighted to have Komen on the Go™ visit Georgia Southern, because we have a very special tie to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization," said La'Shanda Johnson, assistant director of the University's Health Services. "The President and CEO of the organization is Hala Modellmog, a Georgia Southern graduate and chair of University's recent Campaign for National Distinction. At last spring's commencement, the University awarded her an honorary doctorate in recognition of her lifetime of accomplishments in both the business and nonprofit worlds."

The tour stop at Georgia Southern is one of more than 150 stops for Komen On the Go™ and one of the few stops in Georgia. The tour is traveling across the nation to heighten awareness of breast health and breast cancer and to drive a deeper commitment from women to choose everyday health habits that reduce their risk for the disease.

For more information visit www.komen.org/go, contact Johnson at ljohnso2@georgiasouthern.edu, or call Health services at ext. 5641.

Supplemental Retirement Fair Sept. 27

The Department of Human Resources invites all faculty and staff to the Supplemental Retirement Fair Thursday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

The fair is an opportunity to meet with vendors and ask questions about your unique goals and objectives for saving for retirement through a tax-sheltered 403(b) account.

The following 403(b) vendors will be in attendance: AIG VALIC, Ameriprise Financial, AXA Equitable, Edward D. Jones, Horace Mann, Lincoln Financial, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, New York Life, OppenheimerFunds and TIAA-CREF.

For more information, contact Samantha Melton at ext. 1538.

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, 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 or visit <http://chathameagleclub.org>

New season at Performing Arts Center will open with Roy Clark concert on Sept. 28

The 2007-2008 season of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) will open with a concert by one of America's most popular and talented artists. Country music legend Roy Clark will perform at the PAC on Friday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

A critically acclaimed guitar player and long-time member of the Grand Ole Opry, Clark has been named Entertainer of the Year by both the Academy of Country Music (ACM) and the Country Music Association (CMA).

He also served as co-host of the wildly popular "Hee Haw" television show for more than two decades.

Tickets for the Roy Clark concert are \$35 per person for the general public. Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students will receive a \$5 discount for each ticket.

In addition, if any tickets are available 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the performance, any Georgia Southern student with a valid University I.D. can purchase one ticket for \$10.

To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, call ext. 7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac>.

Training in HR and legal issues set for Sept. 28

Jeff Thompson, an attorney from the law firm of Constangy, Brooks & Smith, will be on campus Friday, September 28, for a training session on employee relations and the law. The session will be offered twice. Thompson's firm was retained by the University System of Georgia to provide all units of the system with training and updates on legal topics in the workplace. Sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., and both will take place in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building.

"This training is valuable for anyone in your organization managing employees and making decisions regarding employees," said Thompson. "We encourage all campuses to invite vice presidents, deans, department heads, managers, and supervisors to attend."

The training will cover critical areas of employment law that every manager should know:

- Best practices in hiring
- What you can and cannot ask during an interview
- How to properly motivate today's employees
- Traits of good documentation, i.e. progressive discipline, performance evaluations
- What should be contained in a disciplinary memo
- Employee searches and other constitutional protections
- Harassment and other misconduct
- Free speech rights
- Importance of preventative law

Any campus with particular points of specific interest may ask to have those topics included in the training.

The Department of Human Resources and the Office of Legal Affairs at Georgia Southern have collaborated to sponsor this training, and the President's Cabinet offered its support in bringing the training to campus. There is no need to register for this informative presentation. However, if you have any questions, please contact Training and Development at ext. 1687.

Friends of the Library Luncheon Sept. 28

The Friends of the Library will hold a luncheon on Friday, Sept. 28, at noon in the Family & Consumer Sciences dining room. The speaker will be Merryll Penson, executive director for Library Service with the Board of Regents. Tickets are \$20 per person. To make a reservation, contact the Henderson Library's dean's office at ext. 5115 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, Sept. 20.

The lunch menu will include a mixed green salad with grit croutons tossed in a fresh blueberry vinaigrette, pan seared cheese ravioli with marinara, sauteed lemon pork cutlet and parmesan duchess potatoes on a bed of fresh spinach deglazed with white wine, and creme brulee for dessert. A vegetarian alternative is also available.

Acclaimed Writer Peter Meinke to read Oct. 1

Award-winning poet and fiction writer Peter Meinke will read from his work on Monday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in Room 1115 of the College of Education Building. Earlier in the day, Meinke will meet with creative writing students for an informal question and answer session. The reading, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Department of Writing and Linguistics.

Meinke has published 15 books of poems, seven in the prestigious Pitt Poetry Series, the most recent being *The Contracted World* (2006), *Zinc Fingers* (2001), *Scars* (1996) and *Liquid Paper* (1996). His work has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic* and dozens of other magazines

His poetry has received many awards, including two NEA Fellowships and three prizes from the Poetry Society of America. His book of short stories, *The Piano Tuner*, won the 1986 Flannery O'Connor Award; another collection, *Unheard Music*, will be published this fall, along with his book on reading and writing poems, *The Shape of Poetry*.

He and his wife, the artist Jeanne Clark, have lived in St. Petersburg, Fla., since 1966. In the spring of 2008 he'll be Distinguished Poet-in-Residence at Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan.

For further information, contact the Department of Writing and Linguistics at ext. 0739.

Flying Eagles offers trip

In May, the Flying Eagles will be traveling to the Danube River. The trip will leave on Saturday, May 31, and return Monday, June 9. The eight-day journey will begin in Nuremberg, Germany, and end in Budapest, Hungary. Participants booking prior to Monday, Oct. 1, will receive a \$350 per person discount. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/traveldanube.html> or contact Sybil Fickle at ext. 5557.

DOAS Georgia Focus Training

Effective July 1, 2007, legislation passed new laws that affect Workers' Compensation claims and benefits.

Georgia Southern's Department of Human Resources will host Lisa Pratt of the Georgia Department of Administrative Services who will conduct a Georgia Focus Workers' Compensation workshop Friday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2911.

All Georgia Southern University management staff is strongly urged to attend this specific training that covers informative information to reduce or eliminate risks and hazards in order to prevent work related injuries.

Topics covered:

- Safety and Job Hazard Analysis
- Discuss what to do when an employee is injured
- Discuss the return to work process
- The proper method to report an incident
- How to prevent injuries by identifying potential hazards
- Identify what is involved if and when someone does get injured
- How to return and transition an injured worker to work

There is no need to register for this informative presentation. However, if you have any questions, please contact Training and Development at ext. 1687 or at humanresourcestraining@georgiasouthern.edu.

Alumni Relations upcoming fall events

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

- 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.

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."

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.

Cross-Cultural Conference Call for Proposals

The Cross-Cultural Conference announces the Call for Proposals for its 7th 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.

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*

E-mail items for *This Week* to thisweek@georgiasouthern.edu or use the online submission form at 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

- **Timur Mirzoev**, assistant professor in the Information Technology Department, was selected to be a Subject Matter Expert to participate in the CompTIA A+ Item Development Workshop for the 220-603 Remote Support Technician and 220-604 Depot Technician exams. CompTIA serves the IT industry as the world's largest developer of vendor-neutral IT certification exams. The workshop will take place in Chicago Sept. 17-21.
- **John Parrish**, professor of biology, published his book "Conservation and Demographics of Southeastern American Kestrels in Georgia."