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Kennesaw State exhibits traditional Italian paintings

As part of Kennesaw State University's Year of Italy celebration, the university presents...

Georgia (Jan 2, 2002) – Kennesaw State exhibits traditional Italian paintings

Staff

Abstract

As part of Kennesaw State University's Year of Italy celebration, the university presents the exhibition "Paintings of the Italian XVI–XVIII Centuries" from Bob Jones University Museum.

The exhibit will include paintings by Il Tintoretto, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, Guido Reni, Vincenzo Catena, Carlo Dolci and other noted Italian artists, and runs Jan. 16 – March 9 in the Sturgis Library Gallery on the Kennesaw State campus. The opening reception, Jan. 16, 7 – 9 p.m., is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the gallery office, 770-499-3223.

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2nd Annual Phenomenal Woman at 50 and Beyond Conference

The conference, sponsored by the Kennesaw State University CAREing Center, features...

Georgia (Jan 9, 2002) – 2nd Annual Phenomenal Woman at 50 and Beyond Conference

Staff

Abstract

The conference, sponsored by the Kennesaw State University CAREing Center, features keynote speakers Iris Bolton, executive director of the Link Counseling Center's National Resource Center for Suicide Prevention and Aftercare; and Janice Nadeau, a marriage and family therapist. Additional speakers include a storyteller, nursing home administrator and yoga instructor.

The conference is March 14, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the KSU Center. The cost is \$45 and includes breakfast and lunch. For more information call 770-499-3307.

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Establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at Kennesaw State University

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents today approved the request of President Betty L....

Georgia (Jan 10, 2002) – Establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at Kennesaw State University

Staff

Abstract

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents today approved the request of President Betty L. Siegel that Kennesaw State University be authorized to establish a major in criminal justice under the existing Bachelor of Science, effective January 9, 2002.

The approved major in criminal justice responds to documented demands of currently enrolled students, entering freshmen and presently employed criminal justice agency personnel. The proposed program will serve those constituents of KSU interested in careers in law enforcement, correction, courts (probation and parole) and private or industrial security. According to Linda Noble, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, "KSU has a strong history of program development that responds to community needs. Our new criminal justice program is innovative, progressive and designed to prepare criminal justice practitioners with a solid foundation of both skills and knowledge."

The U.S. Department of Labor's 2000 – 2001 Occupational Outlook Handbook indicates that "employment of police officers and detectives is expected to increase faster than average for all occupations through 2008." The Georgia Department of Labor's report entitled, 1996 – 2006 Planning for Tomorrow: Industry and Occupational Outlook, indicates that "employment in Georgia is projected to increase by more than 1 million jobs in the next 10 years. The service occupations related to criminal justice will increase by 30 percent." The Atlanta Police Department has a shortage of 480 police officers, or 26 percent of their force.

The objectives of the program include providing students with practical experience and knowledge of the criminal justice system, providing students with the skills to exhibit technological proficiencies in addressing criminal justice issues and providing specialized courses that will allow students to assume professional or managerial careers in their chosen area of practice.

According to Lana Wachniak, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Geography and Anthropology, "People not only want to have a better understanding of the crime problem, many also want to become a part of the solution. It is these individuals who will be the primary beneficiaries of the new criminal justice major at KSU. The secondary beneficiaries are members of the community; university educated criminal justice personnel make better criminal justice practitioners. The major was developed through input from academicians and practitioners. We believe that its timeliness, academic integrity and innovation will attract students who are already in criminal justice and those who are planning to enter the field.

The 120-semester-hour program will have an interdisciplinary focus, and the curriculum will reflect selective courses from the social sciences. Students may choose one of three concentration areas: criminal justice administration, forensic behavioral sciences and technology and crime. All students will be required to complete an internship, as well as courses in cultural diversity, ethics and a second language. The program will be administered through the Department of Sociology, Geography and Anthropology, located in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The institution anticipates enrollments of 60, 120 and 180 during the first three years of the program.

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Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project Winter Continuity Night

The presents Winter Continuity Night, Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 5:00 p.m. in the...

Georgia (Jan 15, 2002) – Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project Winter Continuity Night

Staff

Abstract

The Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project presents Winter Continuity Night, Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 5:00 p.m. in the Burruss Building at Kennesaw State University.

The evening will open with award-winning authors Tony Grooms and Greg Johnson, reading from their new books "Bombingham" and Sticky Kisses. After the reading there will be a question/answer session and book signing.

Grooms, winner of the 1996 Lillian Smith Award, is the author of "Ice Poems" and "Trouble No More: Stories." Johnson, twice named Georgia Author of the Year, has published in a range of genres, including the novel "Pagan Babies," a volume of poems, "Aid and Comfort" and "Invisible Writer: A Biography of Joyce Carol Oates." For more information about the Winter Continuity Night call 770-499-3654 or email kmwp@kennesaw.edu.

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The Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project, sponsored by Kennesaw State's English department, has been a National Writing Project site since 1994. The KMWP supports the national teachers-teaching-teachers program aimed at improving writing instruction from kindergarten through college by encouraging teachers' own development as writers through classroom-based research on writing instruction.

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Operating Your Business by the Numbers

This hands-on workshop teaches you how to financially evaluate your small business and the...

Georgia (Jan 15, 2002) – Operating Your Business by the Numbers

Staff

Abstract

This hands-on workshop teaches you how to financially evaluate your small business and the steps you can take to improve profits and cash flow. Learn the basic financial management skills necessary to run your business more profitably.

The workshop will meet in the KSU Center Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20. For more information call 770-423-6450.

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Kennesaw State University celebra a la comunidad y anuncia oportunidad

En enero del 2002, El Centro de Estudios Hispánicos (Center for Hispanic Studies) en Kennesaw...

Georgia (Jan 17, 2002) – Kennesaw State University celebra a la comunidad y anuncia oportunidad

Staff

Abstract

En enero del 2002, El Centro de Estudios Hispánicos (Center for Hispanic Studies) en Kennesaw State University patrocinará actividades encaminadas a la promoción de becas para la juventud Latina y a la formación de asociaciones entre la universidad y la comunidad.

Los días 22 y 24 de enero, de las 11 de la mañana a la 1 de la tarde, en Burruss Building 151, el Centro de Estudios Hispánicos ofrecerá una serie de Conferencias o "Conversaciones" con el tema "Oportunidades para la juventud Hispana en Georgia". Estas pláticas serán dirigidas por conocidos líderes de la comunidad.

El martes, 29 de enero, de las 4 de la tarde a las 8 de la noche en KSU Student Center University Rooms A & B, el Centro de Estudios Hispánicos dará una recepción "Kennesaw State University celebra a la comunidad y anuncia oportunidad" misma que también patrocina la facultad de Educación, Bagwell College of Education. Estudiantes potenciales, consejeros y maestros, así como padres de familia y miembros de la comunidad, están cordialmente invitados para que en esta ocasión conozcan el campo universitario y se enteren de los programas de estudio y de la ayuda financiera que ofrece la universidad.

Solicitudes para el Fondo Escolar Goizueta, becas de inscripción para la juventud Hispana/ Latina de escasos recursos financieros, podrán obtenerse durante la recepción. Para mayores informes favor de contactar al Sr. Julio España al 770-423-6500 o visite el sitio electrónico de la universidad: Kennesaw.edu

El restaurant-cantina, la Paz proveerá los deliciosos bocadillos para la recepción "Kennesaw State University celebra a la comunidad y anuncia oportunidad". Todos los eventos son gratis y abiertos al público en general.

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Kennesaw State University, una institución integral y progresiva, con un creciente estudiantado de 14, 0000, ofrece más de 50 programas académicos. De las 34 instituciones del Sistema de Universidades de Georgia (University System of Georgia) Kennesaw State University figura como la sexta más grande.

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Open House: A Celebration of Community and Opportunity at KSU

Kennesaw State University's Center for Hispanic Studies and Leland H. and Clarice C. Bagwell...

Georgia (Jan 17, 2002) – Open House: A Celebration of Community and Opportunity at KSU

Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University's Center for Hispanic Studies and Leland H. and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education will host an Open House: A Celebration of Community and Opportunity at KSU, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 4 – 8 p.m. in the KSU Student Center.

Prospective students, school counselors and teachers, as well as parents and community members, are invited to visit the campus to learn more about programs and financial aid available in the College of Education. Applications for the Goizueta Scholars Fund – need-based tuition scholarships for Hispanic/Latino youth – will be available.

LaPaz Restaurante & Cantina will provide refreshments for the open house. The event free and open to the public. For more information call 770-423-6117.

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Celebration of community and opportunity at KSU

In January 2002, the Center for Hispanic Studies at Kennesaw State University will sponsor...

Georgia (Jan 18, 2002) – Celebration of community and opportunity at KSU

Staff

Abstract

In January 2002, the Center for Hispanic Studies at Kennesaw State University will sponsor activities aimed at promoting scholarship opportunities for Latino youth and community partnerships with the university.

On both January 22 and 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Burruss Building 151 on campus, the Center for Hispanic Studies will host, "Conversations: Opportunities for Hispanic Youth in Georgia." These free workshops will feature:

Jan. 22

The former Consul of Mexico, Teodoro Maus

Honorary Vice Consul of Spain Ignacio Taboada

Jan. 24

Consul of Colombia Cesar Felipe Gonzalez

Honorary Consul of Bolivia George Handelsman

The speakers will present from 11 a.m. – 12 noon with questions from the audience to follow. Their topics will include:

An overview of the growth of Hispanics in Northwest Georgia;

Hispanic enrollment in public schools;

Opportunities for first generation Americans of Hispanic descent in education, business and government;

Working with the Hispanic community; and

The Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund.

On Tuesday, January 29, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the KSU Student Center University Rooms A & B, the Center will host an Open House, "A Celebration of Community & Opportunity at KSU," also

sponsored by the Bagwell College of Education. Prospective students, school counselors and teachers, as well as parents and community members are invited to visit the campus during this time to learn more about the school's programs and financial aid.

Applications for the Goizueta Scholars Fund, need-based tuition scholarships for Hispanic/Latino youth, will be available. For more information about attending KSU, contact Julio Espana in KSU Admissions at 770.423.6500 or visit the university's web site: www.kennesaw.edu.

LaPaz Restaurante & Cantina will provide refreshments for "A Celebration of Community & Opportunity at KSU." All events are free and open to the public.

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Free teacher workshops Students First: Engaging All Learners

The Center for Field Experiences and Partnerships in the Bagwell College of Education at Kennesaw...

Georgia (Jan 22, 2002) – Free teacher workshops Students First: Engaging All Learners

Staff

Abstract

The Center for Field Experiences and Partnerships in the Bagwell College of Education at Kennesaw State University is hosting a series of free workshops for high school, middle school and elementary school teachers. Presenters at the workshops include nationally board certified teachers, Georgia Teachers of the Year, master teachers and KSU faculty members.

The workshop for high school teachers is Jan. 28; middle school teachers, Jan. 29; and elementary school teachers, Jan. 31.

For more information or to register call 770-423-6734 or visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/CFEP>.

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Small Business Workshop: Record Keeping Basics

The Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center presents Record Keeping Basics. The...

Georgia (Jan 22, 2002) – Small Business Workshop: Record Keeping Basics

Staff

Abstract

The Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center presents Record Keeping Basics. The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service will teach record-keeping requirements the IRS way. Learn how accurate and complete records can help you:

Determine cash flow;

Figure profit or loss; and

Prepare information reports for financiers and government entities.

This free workshop will meet in the KSU Center Monday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For reservations or more information call 770-423-6450.

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Workshop: Minority Entrepreneurs: Access to Capital

The Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center presents Minority Entrepreneurs:...

Georgia (Jan 22, 2002) – Workshop: Minority Entrepreneurs: Access to Capital

Staff

Abstract

The Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center presents Minority Entrepreneurs: Access to Capital. This program is designed to teach minority entrepreneurs how to determine the amount of money needed for a small business and how to locate sources of capital.

The three-hour workshop will meet in the KSU Center Thursday, Feb. 7, 6 – 9 p.m. The cost is \$20. For reservations or more information call 770-423-6450.

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Free ESOL conference: Meeting the Needs of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students

The Center for Field Experiences and Partnerships and the Department of Special Education in the...

Georgia (Jan 23, 2002) – Free ESOL conference: Meeting the Needs of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students

Staff

Abstract

The Center for Field Experiences and Partnerships and the Department of Special Education in the Bagwell College of Education at Kennesaw State University, along with Dalton City Schools will host a free workshop for high school, middle school and elementary school teachers.

The workshop will take place at Dalton High School, Thursday, Feb. 7, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to register call 770-423-6734 or visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/CFEP>.

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The Candidate Training Project

The A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and the Political Science Department at Kennesaw State...

Georgia (Jan 25, 2002) – The Candidate Training Project

Staff

Abstract

The A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and the Political Science Department at Kennesaw State University, and the Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy at Clark Atlanta University are sponsoring a non-partisan program and discussion with candidates for local and state office on the integration of ethics into the design of a campaign.

When:

Saturday, Jan. 26

8:20 – 9:25 a.m.

Where:

KSU Center, Room 300

3333 George Busbee Drive

Kennesaw State University

Who:

Thirty-two candidates for state and local office will participate in this workshop, including four incumbents and 28 new candidates from across Georgia. The candidates are Democrats and Republicans, women, men and minorities running for the state House of Representatives, state Senate and local offices.

The program will begin with a discussion of Ethics in Campaigning by Brad Rourke, vice president of the Institute for Global Ethics. In his role as v.p., Rourke directs the institute's Project on Campaign Conduct, which promotes ethical decision making as campaigns move from origination to election day.

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Georgia (Jan 28, 2002) – KSU celebrates National Girls and Women in Sports Day

Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University will celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day by hosting The Bobbie Bailey Awards ceremony. The event will be held in the Stillwell Theater at KSU, Monday, Feb. 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The ceremony highlights the accomplishments of local high school female athletes nominated by their respective schools. Twenty-eight schools will be represented. The event is sponsored by the Health, Physical Education and Sport Science Majors Club. KSU also recognizes the accomplishments of their women's athletic teams.

NAGWS Day is a national celebration that was started 12 years ago in honor of Flo Hyman, an Olympic volleyball player who died of a heart attack in 1987. Hyman is remembered for her athletic excellence and her work to assure equality for women's sports. The year 2002 also marks the 30th anniversary of Title IX.

Susan Whitlock, an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science, as well as Senior Women's Administrator in the KSU Athletic Department, will emcee the program. Kelly Cagle, a forward/midfielder for the Atlanta Beat Professional Women's Soccer Team, will be guest speaker.

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Georgia (Jan 29, 2002) – Kennesaw State anniversary benefit only two weeks away

Staff

Abstract

As Feb. 9 approaches, the Kennesaw State University School of the Arts is making last-minute preparations for a grand benefit celebrating Dr. Betty L. Siegel's twentieth anniversary as president of Kennesaw State.

"Reservations were pouring in before we even sent out the invitations," says arts Dean Joseph Meeks. "We knew that people really respected Dr. Siegel, but we have been truly touched by the community's support not only of her but also for the arts at KSU."

To honor Dr. Siegel and her husband, Dr. Joel Siegel, and to celebrate their love of the arts, the School of the Arts and a committee of community volunteers have organized a gala benefit called "An Italian Affair." To be held at the Cobb Galleria Centre Feb. 9, the evening will begin in the foyer outside the ballroom with a festive Italian street carnival, complete with roaming musicians, theater performers and souvenir photos against backdrops of Venice's memorable landmarks. Guests will have the opportunity to peruse an extraordinary array of silent auction items including a trip to St. Andrew's Golf Course in Scotland, a holiday retreat in a private Tuscan villa, dinner for 15 catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill, Delta vacations, art, antiques, a fossilized dinosaur egg and much more.

Then, the celebration moves into the ballroom for an elegant dinner followed by live music performed by Grammy nominee Freddy Cole and his band. "We think guests will have a fantastic time," says benefit committee co-chair Leone Ackerly Hinzman, Founder/CEO of MiniMaid Services Inc. "What better way to start celebrating Valentine's Day early!"

In addition to ticket sales, items for the silent auction and event sponsors are continuing to multiply. Already Bank of America, Northside Hospital, AGL Resources, BellSouth Corporation, Town Center Mall, Jack Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Teague, C & S Paving, Bentley, Bentley & Bentley, Our Way/Bobbie Bailey, Rosser International, Riverside Bank, Cobb EMC, United Community Bank, Sarah Brown, JoAnn Durham, Bob Prillaman, Houston Brothers Inc., Hall Printing, Cobb Galleria Inc., Marietta Daily Journal, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Cox Printing Company Inc., Delta Air Lines and MiniMaid Services Inc. have made major contributions.

"If you haven't made a reservation yet, I recommend you do so soon," Dean Meeks says.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the KSU School of the Arts and the new, endowed Betty and Joel Siegel Theater Scholarship.

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Georgia (Jan 31, 2002) – ePublishing: Changing Landscapes for Libraries and Authors

Staff

Abstract

This ePublishing conference, Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15, will focus on how digital technology is changing the book and having an impact on the worlds of libraries and writers. The conference is sponsored by the Horace W. Sturgis Library and the Masters of Arts in Professional Writing program at Kennesaw State University. For more information or to register call 770-423-6795 or go to www.kennesaw.edu/library.

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Georgia (Jan 31, 2002) – KSU welcomes Israeli political scientist to campus

Staff

Abstract

Reuven Hazan, Israeli political scientist, consultant and commentator, will speak at Kennesaw State University on Thursday, Feb. 7, as a guest of the Department of Political Science and International Affairs.

Hazan studied political science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and received his doctorate from Columbia University in New York. He has worked on the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the Israeli parliament, as a reporter for the Jerusalem Post, as an academic officer with the Israeli Foreign Office and as a political analyst with the Israeli Defense Forces.

Currently Hazan is the advisor to the speaker of the Israeli parliament on reforming its internal structure, serves as a consultant for several of the political parties and works with Israel's top think tanks.

Hazan will speak to KSU's Politics of Developing Areas class.

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Students First: Engaging All Learners

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Georgia (Jan 31, 2002) – Students First: Engaging All Learners

Staff

Abstract

The conference, for elementary school teachers from nine area school systems, is sponsored by Kennesaw State University's Center for Field Experiences and Partnerships in the Bagwell College of Education.

When:

Thursday, Jan. 31

8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where:

KSU Center

Kennesaw State University

Who:

More than 200 area elementary school teachers from nine different school systems will take part in this conference. Speakers and attendees include four teachers of the year, a national board certified teacher, several principals, master teachers and KSU faculty. Workshop topics include:

Turning on to Learning

You're Not the Weakest Link: Helping Teachers Help Students

Engaging the Brain

Reading Comprehension in the Content Areas

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Georgia (Feb 1, 2002) – Former Sky Chefs CEO Michael Kay to Speak at KSU

Staff

Abstract

Michael Z. Kay, retired president and chief executive officer of Sky Chefs Inc. (now known as LSG Sky Chefs) will speak as part of the Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, Tuesday, Feb. 12. The lecture will be at 2:00 p.m. in Room 151 of the Burruss Building. The lecture is free and open to the public.

"Michael Kay is widely respected for being a turnaround expert," says Coles College Dean Tim Mescon. "This, and his recent experience with such a huge acquisition, makes him an invaluable resource for our students."

Kay recently completed the sale of Dallas-based Sky Chefs to Lufthansa Air Lines, creating the world's largest airline catering enterprise. LSG Sky Chefs, a unit of Deutsche Lufthansa AG, of Germany, has combined revenues of \$3.5 billion, and produces 427 million in-flight meals per year. The acquisition followed intensive study of the cultures and behaviors of both companies so the new enterprise would mesh the best of each.

He became president and CEO of Sky Chefs in 1991. Between 1992 and 1995, operating profits rose from \$28.5 million to \$64.7 million. By 1995, Sky Chefs was healthy enough to make a dramatic acquisition of a company that three years earlier was much larger than Sky Chefs.

Kay is currently chairman of the board of Magnatrx Corporation, and serves on the board of National Service Industries Inc.

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Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University's CAREing Center, in partnership with the English Department, sponsored a poetry competition for poets 50 years of age and older. Georgia Poet Laureate David Bottoms judged the competition. Winners will be announced at the celebration luncheon Thursday, April 25. In addition, prizewinners will read their works. KSU English faculty and other poets will lead afternoon poetry workshops. The cost for the celebration day is \$25. For more information call 770-499-3340.

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Gaining a Competitive Edge Through Service Excellence

This half-day workshop sponsored by the Kennesaw State University Small Business Development...

Georgia (Feb 7, 2002) – Gaining a Competitive Edge Through Service Excellence

Staff

Abstract

This half-day workshop sponsored by the Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center will focus on customer relationships and satisfaction. Topics to be covered include:

Actions leaders can take to create a service culture within their organizations;

Techniques front-line service providers can use to take service quality to the next level;

Pursuit of customer loyalty; and

Organizational benefits resulting from service excellence.

The course will meet in the KSU Center Thursday, Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. For more information call 770-423-6450.

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Kennesaw State University leads Georgia in undergraduate information security education

Kennesaw State University offers Georgia's first Certificate in Information Security and...

Georgia (Feb 7, 2002) – Kennesaw State University leads Georgia in undergraduate information security education

Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University offers Georgia's first Certificate in Information Security and Assurance beginning fall 2002. This certificate, a five-course, for-credit concentration at the undergraduate level in the College of Science and Mathematics, places Kennesaw State at the forefront of information security education in the Southeast. Also, in response to metropolitan Atlanta's need for more graduates with education and training in information security, the Computer Science and Information Systems Department, in cooperation with state and federal law enforcement agencies, state security officials and local businesses, has put forward this expansive security education program.

The Certificate in Information Security and Assurance consists of three core courses focusing on principles, technical applications and administration and policy in information security. Students build on this core by selecting one of five tracks: technical security, consisting of a Unix administration course and a communications protocols course; auditing, consisting of accounting information systems and auditing courses; computer law and ethics; computer forensics, which includes criminal justice or political science courses; or applied security centered on an applied internship or cooperative study.

According to Michael E. Whitman, designer and coordinator of the certificate, this program places KSU at the forefront of information security education in the Southeast and around the country. Kennesaw intends to make itself known as the information security education hub of the Southeast. He added, "Information security is the hottest job market in computing."

The university has also established a Center for Information Security Education and Awareness, a virtual center designed for those interested in information security education, training and awareness in the region.

The Web site: <http://infosec.kennesaw.edu> will provide information on for-credit courses at Kennesaw, continuing education and training opportunities at Kennesaw's Southeast Cybercrime Institute (<http://cybercrime.kennesaw.edu>) and various information security awareness programs. The center will also showcase student and faculty research, teaching and service activities and provide a central point of reference for other information security activities and agencies in the United States. Whitman has been appointed the founding director of the center.

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Starting and Managing a Small Business

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Georgia (Feb 7, 2002) – Starting and Managing a Small Business

Staff

Abstract

This series of classes sponsored by the Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center is designed for the potential or new business owner who wants training in the essentials of business management and instruction on writing a business plan. Topics to be covered include:

Financial information;

Accounting;

Legal issues; and

Writing a business plan (three nights).

The course will meet in the KSU Center six Thursdays, Feb. 21 – March 28, 6–8 p.m. Total cost is \$99 or \$30 per class if taken separately. For more information call 770-423-6450.

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Kennesaw State University offers new Master of Applied Computer Science degree

Kennesaw State University's status as an emerging leader in computer science and technology...

Georgia (Feb 8, 2002) – Kennesaw State University offers new Master of Applied Computer Science degree

Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University's status as an emerging leader in computer science and technology education was solidified recently when a new master's degree to be offered in fall 2002 was approved by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

The Master of Science in Applied Computer Science supports Kennesaw State's commitment to Yamacraw – a state-sponsored initiative aimed at making Georgia a world leader in the design of broadband communication systems and devices, as well as embedded systems.

"Our graduates are prepared to make an impact with their employer immediately," said Larry Peterson, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. "Ours is a very practical focus – to meet the needs of this job market here in Georgia and throughout the country."

That is certainly true of the new degree, which the Board of Regents fast-tracked to help meet the state's demand for technology workers.

The five-semester, 22-month program is designed for experienced professionals with at least two years' experience in information technology jobs who wish to increase the depth and breadth of their knowledge in high-demand areas of applied computing, including embedded and distributed systems, high-performance computing and software engineering. Administrators will coordinate their efforts with area employers, helping to identify candidates within their respective organizations who would benefit most from the new degree.

"Kennesaw State's niche in graduate programs is in the experienced professional arena," said CSIS Department Chair Merle King, citing examples such as the Executive MBA and the Master of Science in Conflict Management. "We've come in and taken what we know to be a successful model and adapted it to computer science. It not only complements what we do in the College of Science and Mathematics, but I think it reinforces the image of Kennesaw State University as the place where experienced professionals go for continuing education."

The new program, which is being directed by Ken Hoganson, will admit 25 students annually. A Unix certification is embedded within the program, meaning graduates will receive a master's degree in

applied computer science, as well as a Unix certification unique to KSU.

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Kennesaw State arts school names distinguished professors

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Georgia (Feb 15, 2002) – Kennesaw State arts school names distinguished professors

Staff

Abstract

Joseph Meeks, dean of the Kennesaw State University School of the Arts, recently announced the recipients of the arts school's 2002 Distinguished Faculty Awards.

The Distinguished Teaching Award was presented to Assistant Professor of Art Joe Remillard of Atlanta, who teaches a wide range of classes from required general education courses to advanced drawing and painting. He has led student trips to Paris, Rome and Washington and has taught in Kennesaw State's study-abroad program in Oaxaca, Mexico. Remillard combines his productive painting career with teaching to bring rigorous standards, global perspectives, historical insight and sympathetic encouragement to his students.

The Distinguished Scholarship and Creative Activity Award was presented to Professor of Music David Watkins of Acworth, who is listed among the greatest pianists in the world on Steinway's Roster of International Artists. His recent artistic projects include two solo CDs, lecture recitals, concerto performances, master classes and radio broadcasts. Despite his heavy performance schedule, Watkins dedicates himself to his students, several of whom have won international competitions.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Assistant Professor of Art Jeanne Sperry of Woodstock, who frequently lends her graphic design talents to the School of the Arts and Kennesaw State University publications. Her dedication to her students, her profession and her community have found expression in the Graphic Design Center for Non-Profit. Through the center, she and her students are able to stay current in the ever-evolving field by providing useful design services to worthy community organizations.

These three professors will be among those considered for university-wide honors later this spring.

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Georgia WebMBA Program Accepting Student Applications

The Georgia WebMBA program, which lets highly qualified professionals earn a Masters of...

Georgia (Feb 18, 2002) – Georgia WebMBA Program Accepting Student Applications

Staff

Abstract

The Georgia WebMBA program, which lets highly qualified professionals earn a Masters of Business Administration degree over the Internet, is now accepting applications. The deadline for applications is June 30, and online classes start August 27.

"It's an innovative and successful program," says WebMBA Director Joe Bocchi. "The WebMBA is extremely flexible and convenient. Our student associates can earn their MBAs with minimal interruption to their careers, since they do virtually everything online, from submitting applications to taking tests."

"Inquiries about the WebMBA continue to be the largest number of e-mail and telephone expressions of interest we receive at Georgia GLOBE [Global Learning Online for Business and Education]," said GLOBE Director Richard Skinner. "The online delivery of the courses is undoubtedly a factor accounting for the high level of interest, but the program's focus on 'real-world', hands-on content for a student body already somewhat experienced is what gives WebMBA its ultimate value."

The ten-course program is offered through a consortium of five regional University System of Georgia institutions: Georgia College & State University, Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, State University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University. All five institutions have MBA programs accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

"Associates in the WebMBA program typically work full time, have an average of six years of work experience, and are interested in continued career growth while obtaining the essential knowledge and skills required in today's competitive business climate," Bocchi adds.

A limited number of slots are available, and only the most qualified applicants are selected for admission. Applicants with solid business experience, a bachelor's degree in a business-related program, and competitive GPAs typically are the strongest candidates.

The Georgia WebMBA is quickly becoming one of the premier online MBA programs in Georgia and in the nation. Fifty-eight students are currently enrolled in the program, which boasts a 92 percent retention rate.

The program can be completed in less than two years. The WebMBA features an easy-to-use Web-based format. Program faculty with hands-on business experience provide a "high contact" learning environment. The cost is one of the most affordable among online programs offered regionally and nationwide.

"I would have to rate the Georgia WebMBA program as the best educational experience I have been involved with," says student Edward Haka, equipment maintenance manger for Lockheed-Martin Technical Operations. Haka lives in St. Mary's, and is earning his online degree through Valdosta State University.

"I highly recommend the Georgia WebMBA program," adds Roxanne Pennington, financial planning manager for The Milestone Group. Pennington, of Marietta, is pursuing her online degree through Kennesaw State University.

Associates accepted into the program are required to own a computer. Information on requirements, admissions, prerequisites and the GMAT test is available online at <http://www.webmbaonline.org> and at the Georgia GLOBE Web site at <http://www.georgiaglobe.org>.

The application process can be started through the WebMBA Web site, or by contacting the MBA director of an affiliate institution.

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Women in Business: Using technology to improve your business

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Georgia (Feb 18, 2002) – Women in Business: Using technology to improve your business

Staff

Abstract

This half-day conference sponsored by Kennesaw State University's Small Business Development Center will provide information on:

How technology can help, not hinder the development of business;

How to use technology to manage information;

How to decide when to develop a Web site; and

How much this technology will cost.

The workshop meets Friday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the KSU Center. The cost is \$10. For information or to register, call 770-423-6450.

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Family Business of the Year Winners Announced

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Georgia (Feb 19, 2002) – Family Business of the Year Winners Announced

Staff

Abstract

The Cox Family Enterprise Center at Kennesaw State University has announced the winners of the 2002 Family Business of the Year competition.

McStats' Printing of Cartersville won the small business category. The finalists were English for Internationals of Roswell and Katz Home Fashions of Columbus.

The Brunswick News of Brunswick placed first among medium-sized businesses. PBD Inc. Worldwide Fulfillment Services of Alpharetta, and SleeveCo. Inc. of Dawsonville were finalists.

Hayes Dodge, Jeep, Chrysler and Chevrolet of Lawrenceville won the large category. The finalists were The Paradies Shops of Atlanta and Wheeler's Building Supply of Rome.

Plant Telecommunications of Tifton won the Cox Century Award, which goes to a business that has been owned and family-operated for more than 100 years.

"In a time when trust in both family and business is more important than ever, these businesses embody the best Georgia has to offer," said newly-appointed Cox Family Enterprise Center Director Joe Astrachan, who holds the Wachovia Chair of Family Business.

"The winners and finalists in this competition have great reason to be proud," added Cox Center Founder Craig Aronoff, who holds the Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Private Enterprise. "They share a bond that will strengthen their families, businesses and communities."

The winners and finalists will be honored at a luncheon on Wednesday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m. in the Cobb Galleria. The keynote speaker will be John A. Fentener Van Vlissingen, the founder and CEO of BCD Holdings N.V., which has more than 8,500 employees in eight countries, and roughly \$5 billion in global sales. Based in the Netherlands Antilles, BCD Holdings is the parent company of three national travel companies and two financial services companies. Its U.S. headquarters is in Atlanta. In addition to being chairman of WorldTravel BTI and Park 'N Fly, Van Vlissingen is chairman of Business Travel International, the world's largest alliance of business travel management companies.

The sponsors of the Georgia Family Business of the Year competition include Wachovia Bank N.A., J. Smith Lanier & Co., Grant Thornton LLP, myCFO and the KSU MBA for Experienced Professionals program.

Winner, Cox Century Award: Plant Telecommunications, Tifton, Ga.

Plant Telecommunications began in 1895 with one magneto telephone line between the home of Ben and Lula Gleaton of Doles, Ga., and the farm home of Lula's parents. After they strung a second line to Ben's commissary, neighboring farmers expressed an interest in having access to the utility. The Gleatons strung more lines and set up a switchboard at the commissary. By 1929, there were still only 49 lines in operation. By 1980 Plant Communications would be serving more than 10,000 customers over 875 square miles. It also provides Internet service, including free service for the local schools, chambers of commerce, libraries, the United Way, local police departments and the YMCA. Seven of the 69 employees are family members. The family is now in it's fifth generation of service to the region.

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The Cox Family Enterprise Center: Since the center was founded in 1986, it has been a leader in family business research. Jack Dinos, former co-chairman and CEO of Southern Tea Company, helped lay the groundwork for the center by endowing the Dinos Distinguished Chair of Private Enterprise, held by Craig Aronoff. The center assumed the Cox name in 2001 in appreciation of the support given by Atlanta's Cox family, which owns the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, WSB-TV and media outlets across the nation. The center's programs include the Family Business Forum, in which business people confront issues important to the survival of their families and businesses; the Family Business Academy, which helps train new generations of family business owners; and the Georgia Family Business of the Year Awards, which honors the state's best family-owned businesses.

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Winner, Small Company Category: McStatts' Printing Company Inc., Cartersville, Ga.

Two generations of the McStatts family work long hours to sell, design and produce printing jobs and marketing materials. Anthony and Alice McStatts founded the company in 1968. Though the second generation has taken the reigns, the founders still spend most of their time at work. The company's goal to "under promise and over deliver" has won them many loyal customers. These days, when there seems to be a print shop in every strip mall, it is difficult to imagine that a Cartersville, Ga. printer would expand into Texas, but the abundance of customers in The Lone Star State prompted the family to make Dallas the location for a second store. The business aims to be Georgia's best printer, and eventually the largest privately-owned printing company in the Southeast.

Finalist, Small Company Category: English for Internationals Inc., Roswell, Ga.

Norma and David Hills and their staff of 37 teach English to newly arrived foreign nationals. They have taught more than 5,000 students since Norma opened the school in 1991. They've had many connections to the international community over the years; they once taught English to migrant workers in Wisconsin, and their son Mark, who studied in South Africa, married Chiu Hea, who is Chinese/Malaysian. Most language education is for young people, so the business is in a unique position to provide this specialized service to adults. The slogan for English for Internationals is, "Teaching the World to Communicate." All of the Hills' children have worked for them. Their son Brian is the school's administrator, and is in line to run the business when his parents retire.

Finalist, Small Company Category: Katz Home Fashions, Columbus, Ga.

Ed and Susan Grifenhagen run the business that Ed's grandfather Sol Katz started in 1938 when he began selling slipcovers door-to-door for "A dollar down and a dollar a week." Ed and Susan enjoy serving customers whose grandparents purchased home fashions from "Poppy Sol." They believe the reason Katz Home Fashions is a success is the quality of their employees. The staff works hard to do "101 little things to make customers feel special." Ed calls this "majoring in the minors."

Winner, Medium Company Category: The Brunswick News, Brunswick, Ga.

The Brunswick News has been run by four generations of the Leavy family, and is now in its 100th year. C.H. Leavy and his brother Louis founded the newspaper in 1902. C.H. was the editor and manager, and Louis was city editor. Today C.H. Leavy IV is president/editor and CEO, while his brother Vance Leavy is executive vice president and COO. They retain the same passion for the family business as its founders. The newspaper has survived two world wars, the Depression and natural disasters, and never once seen an unprofitable period.

Finalist, Medium Company Category: PBD Inc. Worldwide Fulfillment Services, Alpharetta, Ga.

PBD provides warehouse, distribution and fulfillment services for professional associations and book publishers, and is one of the top businesses of its kind in the country. In 1976, James E. Dockter founded Professional Book Distributors Inc., and worked from his home. He and his wife, Rebecca and two of their three sons, Scott and Gregory, run the company. In 1992 they purchased the Georgia Book Depository and began to distribute textbooks from 55 manufacturers to every school in the state. Their primary shipper is UPS, where the Dockters' son James is in sales management.

Finalist, Medium Company Category: SleeveCo Inc., Dawsonville, Ga.

SleeveCo, a premier supplier of stretch and shrink film labels, was founded in 1987. David Johnston assumed ownership of the company in 1992, and brought in members of his family, who had already proven themselves successful in other businesses, to help manage it. SleeveCo now has full flexographic and rotogravure printing capabilities, and it serves the entire North American market from its plant in Dawsonville. In the past five years SleeveCo's assets have increased by 250 percent, the number of employees has doubled to 80 and sales have increased by 64 percent.

Winner, Large Company Category: Hayes Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Chevrolet, Lawrenceville, Gainesville and Cornelia, Ga.

A.D. Hayes bought an Atlanta gas station in the 1950s. It grew to become Hayes Auto Service, and he welcomed his brother Donald and father C.A. Hayes to the team. A.D.'s and Donald's sons now

run the business, which includes automobile dealerships in Lawrenceville, Gainesville and Cornelia. Its mission is simple – to treat customers like family – and it works. Customers and their children return to Hayes year after year. The family is also committed to community – each store is a partner in education with two or more schools, and Gwinnett County's Teacher of the Year receives a free convertible to drive for the summer. Hayes donated \$21,000 to the Red Cross after the September 11 attacks, and its many charitable projects include Toys for Tots and the cancer fundraiser Relay for Life.

Finalist, Large Company Category: The Paradies Shops, Atlanta, Ga.

The Paradies Shops were founded in 1960, when I.J. Paradies and his sons opened a toy shop at Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport. The company grew to be a multi-million dollar enterprise operating more than 300 shops in 57 airports in the United States and Canada. It has more stores in more airports than any other company in the airport concession industry. It employs almost 2,000 people, and has exclusive licensing agreements with the PGA Tour, Brooks Brothers, Sharper Image, CNBC and others. After the tragedy of September 11, the company adopted a new business focus that allowed it to produce operating results similar to the previous year, even though airport traffic dropped 20 percent. The company is deeply involved in the community, and has raised funds for many charities including, Toys for Tots, Hands on Atlanta, United Way and others.

Finalist, Large Company Category: Wheeler's Building Supply, Rome, Ga.

In 1949, Tom Manis bought half interest in a hardware store for his oldest son Wheeler. Wheeler eventually bought out his partner and started opening new building supply stores, including one of the first drive-through cash and carry warehouses in the nation. Wheeler's sons Mark and Jim joined the business in the 1980s. Today Wheeler's is a contractor-oriented building materials manufacturer and distributor with 16 locations in Georgia and Alabama. Mark is now the CEO, and Jim is the president. Wheeler's has 500 employees and steadily increasing assets.

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Finding Money for Your Business

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Georgia (Feb 26, 2002) – Finding Money for Your Business

Staff

Abstract

This workshop sponsored by the Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center is for anyone interested in financing a new or growing business. Get an overview of the SBA Guaranteed Loan Program – who qualifies, how it benefits you and how to submit for an SBA Guaranteed Loan. The workshop also discusses alternative financing.

The workshop meets Tuesday, March 19, 6 – 8 p.m. in the KSU Center. The cost is \$20. For more information call 770-423-6450.

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IRS Comprehensive Seminar

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A two-day workshop sponsored by the Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center designed to provide an overview of federal and state reporting requirements. Topics include:

Filing;

Payroll and withholding;

Employer's annual federal tax form;

Employee or independent contractor;

Depositing and reporting federal employee taxes;

Advantages and disadvantages of business types; and

Due dates and extensions.

This workshop will meet Friday, March 22, 8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 23, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the KSU Center. It is free and open to the public. For information or directions call 770-423-6450.

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Financial Aid Fair

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Georgia (Feb 28, 2002) — Financial Aid Fair

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The Kennesaw State University Financial Aid Fair will be held Wednesday, March 27, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on the Campus Green. This fair will provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about scholarships, grants and student loans at KSU. There will also be food, games and prizes. If you have questions about the fair, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (770) 423-6074.

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Arts Events at Kennesaw State

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March 15 –17 Theater.

"The Decameron." Wilson Building Studio Theater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. \$5. 770-423-6650.

March 17 Music.

The Honors Recital. Outstanding student. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. 3 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

March 18 Music.

Atlanta Chamber Players. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. \$10. 770-423-6650.

March 19 Music.

Concerto Competition. KSU music students compete. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

March 20 – April 11 Art exhibit.

KSU Senior Art Major's Exhibition . Reception on March 20, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery, Kennesaw State University. Gallery hours: Mon – Thur. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Wed. – Thurs. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Free. 770-499-3223.

March 20 – April 10 Art exhibit.

Annual Faculty Art Exhibit. Reception on March 20, at 7 p.m. in the Sturgis Library Gallery, Kennesaw State University. Gallery hours: Mon – Thur. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Wed. – Thurs. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Free. 770-499-3223.

March 19 Music.

Women Composers Recital. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Music Building, Kennesaw State University. Free.

770-423-6650. March 23 Music. Keyboard Conversation with Jeffery Siegel, "The Classic Moderns."
Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. \$20. 770-423-6650.

March 25 Music.

Atlanta Symphony Brass Quintet. Stillwell Theater. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State
University. 8 p.m. \$10. 770-423-6650.

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Howard J. Weinstein has been chosen as the new entrepreneur in residence at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University. Weinstein is the former president, CEO and owner of Atlanta-based Monarch Wine Company, which was sold last year to Todhunter International. His responsibilities at the Coles College will include teaching an operations management class, mentoring students and consulting on the school's strategic focus.

"It is very gratifying to have an opportunity to work with the students and faculty at Coles, where there is always so much entrepreneurial electricity in the air," Weinstein said.

"Howard Weinstein's experience in acquiring, growing and selling a successful business is the type of real world perspective we strive to bring our students," said Coles College Dean Tim Mescon.

Weinstein earned his bachelor's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from Harvard, and spent 30 years managing businesses in the food industry. In 1970 he became president of the Mayflower Restaurant Division of New York-based -more- Kane Miller Corporation, where he was responsible for the operation and divestment of 90 full-service restaurants in 20 states. He became president of Kane Miller's Monarch Wine Division two years later, eventually rising to group vice president of the corporation. In 1985, he completed a leverage buy-out of Monarch Wines, becoming its president and CEO. Sales tripled and profits increased ten fold during his tenure, as Monarch gained a 75% share of the U.S. cooking wine market

In addition to being entrepreneur in residence, Weinstein also works as a business consultant in New York and Atlanta.

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Atlanta Chamber Players perform at Kennesaw State

The Atlanta Chamber Players, joined by Atlanta Symphony Orchestra principal flutist Christina...

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The Atlanta Chamber Players, joined by Atlanta Symphony Orchestra principal flutist Christina Smith, will perform at Kennesaw State University on March 18. The concert, titled "Exotica," features compositions by J.S. Bach, Dvorak, Martinu and Villa-Lobos.

"The program is an exotic blend of folk-inspired tunes and vigorous rhythms," says ACP pianist Paula Peace. Peace, violinist Christopher Pulgram and cellist Brad Ritchie form the core of the Atlanta Chamber Players, which was founded in 1976. They traditionally add guest artists, like Smith, to explore a larger repertory of chamber music.

The core ensemble will perform Dvorak's "Piano Trio in A Minor, Op. 90" or "Dumky." Smith will join them for Bach's "Sonata in A Minor," Villa-Lobos's "Assobio a Jato" or "Jet Whistle" and Martinu's "Trio for Flute, Cello and Piano."

"The Martinu piece is mildly contemporary in hot pepper content, and it's always well received by audiences because of the infectious excitement he creates with colors, textures and rhythms," Peace says.

The Atlanta Chamber Players have been in residence at Kennesaw State University since 1996, performing concerts and presenting lectures. In addition to producing several successful CDs, they regularly perform throughout the Atlanta area. They have appeared in more than 200 cities nationally. Last year, they made their international debut with critically acclaimed concerts in Paris, Orleans and Burgundy.

The "Exotica" concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Howard Logan Stillwell Theater. Tickets are \$10. Call 770-423-6650 for reservations.

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Kennesaw State brings classic Italian stories to the stage

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Long before Shakespeare and Chaucer, the master of storytelling was Boccaccio. In fact, Shakespeare and Chaucer regularly borrowed characters and stories from Boccaccio in a way that today's copyright laws would never permit.

On March 15 and 16, the theater department at Kennesaw State University will go back to the source with a storytelling performance of Boccaccio's "The Decameron." This timeless masterpiece of human comedy, brimming with passion, love, adventure and bizarre twists of fate, teaches wry lessons about the human heart.

"These are bawdy, delightful stories about romance, adventure, love lost or love found, and the foibles of humanity," says director John Gentile, acting chair of the theater department. "The tales are filled with all the humor, the color and the passion of medieval Italy."

Gentile calls the show a "masterwork of literary and folk narratives" because Boccaccio's time-honored tales were based on the Italian folktales of his era. Gentile has often brought folktales to the stage. In recent years, he has adapted handed-down stories from Appalachia, Germany and Ireland.

"The Decameron" is presented as part of the KSU celebration of the Year of Italy. Seating is limited for the two 8 p.m. performances in the Wilson Building Studio Theater. Tickets are \$5. Call 770-423-6650 for reservations. The performance features adult themes and is not suitable for young children.

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Free Tax Seminar

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Staff

Abstract

An eight-hour tax seminar will be presented by the Georgia Department of Revenue, Sales and Use Tax Division, and the Small Business Development Center at Kennesaw State University. The seminar, which will be presented once April 2 and again April 4, includes:

General sales and use tax law

Local taxes

Exemptions

Audit preparation

Form preparation

The seminar will meet in the KSU Center, Tuesday, April 2, or Thursday, April 4, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. For information call 770-423-6450.

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Singer Hillary Hight Reception/CD signing

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Georgia (Mar 11, 2002) — Singer Hillary Hight Reception/CD signing

Staff

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When:

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

Where:

Kennesaw State Bookstore

Kennesaw State University

Why:

Soprano Hillary Hight will sign copies of her solo CD, "Americans in Paris," released by ACA Digital last fall. The CD is a vocal celebration of the music of Americans who found their musical inspiration in Paris. Hight, a professor of music at KSU, found much of her musical inspiration as a student in Paris where she studied with Nadia Boulanger. On this CD, Hight includes works by Samuel Barber, Leonard Bernstein, Charles Ives and others. The piece "Six Maxims of de la Roche Foucauld," was written especially for Hight by Robert X. Rodriguez, another of Ms. Boulanger's American students.

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Arun Gandhi lecture: "Lessons from Grandfather – Peace in the Age of Terrorism"

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Staff

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This event is part of Kennesaw State University's Chautauqua Lecture Series and is free and open to the public.

When:

Thursday, March 14

7 p.m. Press Conference

8 p.m. Lecture

Where:

Press Conference in the Leadership Room Lecture in the University Rooms James V. Carmichael Student Center Kennesaw State University

Why:

Arun Gandhi carries within himself the same guiding principles of peace and nonviolence as his grandfather, the spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi. Arun Gandhi and his wife, Sunanda, founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence headquartered in Memphis, Tenn. The institute's mission is to foster understanding of nonviolence through workshops, lectures and community outreach.

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Conference: ePublishing: Changing Landscapes for Libraries and Authors

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Staff

Abstract

This conference, sponsored by the Horace W. Sturgis Library and the Master of Arts in Professional Writing program at Kennesaw State University, will focus on how digital technology is changing "the book" and having an impact on the worlds of libraries and writers.

A reception and the keynote address, Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., are free and open to the public. Hypermedia fiction author M.D. Coverley will be the speaker. For a complete schedule go to www.kennesaw.edu/library.

When:

Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15

Where:

Burruss Building Room 151

Kennesaw State University

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Conference on Disaster and Violence in the Schools

Monette Park, a social worker at Columbine High School at the time of the attack there...

Georgia (Mar 15, 2002) – Conference on Disaster and Violence in the Schools

Staff

Abstract

Monette Park, a social worker at Columbine High School at the time of the attack there, will be the featured speaker at the "Disaster and Violence in the Schools" conference. The conference, presented by the Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership at Kennesaw State University, will be Friday, April 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The conference is open to the public; the cost is \$45. For information or to register call 770-499-3398.

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Poetry of the Golden Generation: A Celebration of Southern Poets 50 Years of Age and Older

Kennesaw State University's CAREing Center, in partnership with the English department...

Georgia (Mar 20, 2002) — Poetry of the Golden Generation: A Celebration of Southern Poets 50 Years of Age and Older

Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University's CAREing Center, in partnership with the English department, sponsored a poetry competition for poets 50 years of age and older. Georgia's Poet Laureate David Bottoms judged the competition and will award prizes to the winners at a celebration Thursday, April 25. Keynote speaker will be Memye Curtis Tucker, poet and senior editor of "Atlanta Review." KSU English faculty and other poets will lead afternoon poetry workshops. The cost for the celebration day is \$25. For reservations or information call 770-499-3340.

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Health Fair 2002

The Kennesaw State University Center for Health Promotion and Wellness, in partnership with...

Georgia (Mar 25, 2002) – Health Fair 2002

Staff

Abstract

The Kennesaw State University Center for Health Promotion and Wellness, in partnership with the health, physical education and sport science, and nursing departments are sponsoring their annual spring health fair.

The health fair will be Wednesday, April 3, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. in the Carmichael Student Center University Rooms A and B. The fair is open to the public.

The cholesterol and PSA screenings are \$15 each; all other services are free. For more information call (770) 423-6394.

The following services are among those that will be offered:

Blood pressure

Heart rate

Body composition

Pulmonary function

Breast and testicular self-exam teaching

Vision screening

Stress evaluation

Nutrition evaluation

Spinal evaluation

Cholesterol screening (Cost: \$15) *Offered 8 a.m. to noon. Must fast for eight hours.

Prostate specific antigen (Cost \$15)

Hemoglobin screening

Glucose screening

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Local students design Atlanta theater production

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Georgia (Mar 26, 2002) – Local students design Atlanta theater production

Staff

Abstract

Two Kennesaw State University theater majors have been selected to design a production of "Glengarry Glen Ross" at Whole World Theatre in Atlanta. The production opens April 16.

Ashley Holmes of Snellville will design costumes for the show. Ari Gratch of Marietta will design scenery and lights. The students' work is being overseen by professional theater designer Jamie Bullins, who is an instructor of theater at Kennesaw State.

"Ashley and Ari have done excellent work at KSU," Bullins said. "When the play's director, Stephano Andreas, asked me to put together a student team, I didn't hesitate to invite them to participate."

Kennesaw State offers a major in theater with study tracks in acting, directing, design/technology and musical theater.

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School of the Arts April 2002 events

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Art exhibit. KSU Senior Art Major's Exhibition. Gallery hours: Mon – Thurs. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Wed. – Thurs. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Free. 770–499–3223.

through April 10

Art exhibit. Annual Faculty Art Exhibit. Sturgis Library Gallery, Kennesaw State University. Gallery hours: Mon – Thur. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Wed. – Thurs. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Free. 770–499–3223.

April 16–21

Theater. "The Grapes of Wrath." Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. Tues.–Sat. 8 p.m. and Sun. 3 p.m. Tues.–Sat.\$15. 770–423–6650. Adult language, brief moments of nudity and gun violence occur during this production.

April 17–May 8

Art exhibit. 19th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition. Reception and awards ceremony April 17, at 7 p.m. in Sturgis Library Gallery, Kennesaw State University. Gallery hours: Mon – Thur. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Wed. – Thurs. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Free. 770–499–3223.

April 17–May 9

Art exhibit. KSU Senior Art Major's Exhibition. Reception April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery, Kennesaw State University. Gallery hours: Mon – Thurs. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Wed. – Thurs. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Free. 770–499–3223.

April 21

Music. Opera Scenes performed by the KSU Opera Scenes Workshop. Recital Hall, Music Building, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770–423–6650.

April 23

Music. Spring Choral Concert featuring the KSU choral ensembles. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. \$5. 770-423-6650.

April 24

Music. KSU Jazz Ensemble. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. \$5. 770-423-6650. April 25 Music. KSU Wind Ensemble. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. \$5. 770-423-6650.

April 27

Theater. "Love Letters." Performed by KSU President Betty L. Siegel and her husband, Dr. Joel Siegel, to benefit theater scholarships. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. \$20. 770-423-6650.

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Starlight Concert Series 2002

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May 5

Music. "Tribute to the Classics." KSU Jazz Ensemble. Presented by the Starlight Summer Concert Series. Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

May 19

Music. "Portraits in Clave." Vecinos del Mundo. Presented by the Starlight Summer Concert Series. Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

June 9

Music. "A Train to Night Train." League of Decency. Presented by the Starlight Summer Concert Series. Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

June 27

Music. "Star Spangled Spectacular." The Army Ground Forces Band. Presented by the Starlight Summer Concert Series. Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

July 14

Music. "All That Jazz." Swing Shift. Presented by the Starlight Summer Concert Series. Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

July 19-21

Theater. "Godspell." Presented by the Starlight Summer Stock Series. Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

August 4

Music. "Starlight Summer Highlight: Grammy-Nominee & Verve Recording Artist Regina Carter." Presented by the Starlight Summer Concert Series. Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater, Kennesaw State

University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

August 18

Music. "Fiesta Latina." KSU Jazz Ensemble. Presented by the Starlight Summer Concert Series. Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater, Kennesaw State University. 8 p.m. Free. 770-423-6650.

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Kennesaw State announces jazz competition for high school musicians

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Georgia (Mar 27, 2002) — Kennesaw State announces jazz competition for high school musicians

Staff

Abstract

Dean Joseph Meeks of the Kennesaw State University School of the Arts recently announced the first annual Young Performing Jazz Artists Competition recognizing outstanding young musicians from the world of jazz. The winner of the competition will be invited to perform with the KSU Jazz Ensemble at the final concert of the Starlight Summer Concert Series and will receive a \$250 cash prize.

"This wonderful new program reaches out to area students and schools," Meeks said. "We want to continue expanding our community involvement and the community's interaction with us."

Entrants must be high school juniors or seniors enrolled in the instrumental or choral programs at school. They must also sing or play an instrument commonly found in jazz ensembles, such as the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar or drums.

Contestants must perform an assigned selection for a panel of judges. However, the contestant may choose to improvise or compose his or her own work for some solo sections.

"The competition is an opportunity to encourage young musicians to play jazz," Steven Watson, director of the KSU Jazz Ensemble, said. "Also, we want to let them know that we have a great jazz program at Kennesaw State."

Interested students should contact Mr. Watson at 770-423-6151 for an application and nomination form. The forms are also available online at www.kennesaw.edu/arts. The deadline for entry is April 12.

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Georgia (Apr 8, 2002) – Distinguished Secondary School Science Teacher award presented

Staff

Abstract

The Kennesaw State University chapter of Sigma Xi honor society recently awarded Pebblebrook High School chemistry teacher Debbie Phelps its 2002 "Distinguished Secondary School Science Teaching" award. Sigma Xi is an international honor society for the promotion of scientific research.

Phelps, a Kennesaw State graduate, was honored at the Sigma Xi Spring 2002 lecture, April 10, for her student-centered, hands-on science teaching. The honor comes with a cash award.

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Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University had an economic impact in Cobb County of more than \$300 million during FY '01, according to an economic impact study commissioned by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents' Office of Economic Development.

The USG study was conducted by the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia, and confirms the results of a similar study conducted by Kennesaw State's Econometric Center. The USG study looked at three categories of university-related expenditures:

Spending by the institutions themselves for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses, and other budgeted expenditures;

Spending by the institutions on capital projects (construction); and

Spending by the students who attend the universities.

The study also showed that KSU accounted for 3,649 jobs in the area during FY '01. This figure includes both on-campus jobs and off-campus jobs generated by spending related to the institution.

"Not only does Kennesaw State directly employ 1,300 people, but these employees spend money that support other jobs," said Roger Tutterow, director of the Econometric Center. "Even in a county where employment is more than 300, 000, our economic impact is significant."

The complete USG report is available on their Web site (www.usg.edu) under "Publications."

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Criminal profiler to lecture at Kennesaw State University

Nationally known criminal profiler Brent Turvey will lecture on "Criminal Profiling and Sexual...

Georgia (Apr 9, 2002) – Criminal profiler to lecture at Kennesaw State University

Staff

Abstract

Nationally known criminal profiler Brent Turvey will lecture on "Criminal Profiling and Sexual Homicide Investigations" at Kennesaw State University Friday, April 12, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Burruss Building, Room 151.

Turvey teaches courses on criminal profiling, serial rape and serial homicide through his company Knowledge Solutions LLC, in Bend, Ore. In addition he maintains a full caseload as a criminal profiler, working with both law enforcement agencies and defense clients throughout the United States.

"I am a forensic scientist first," says Turvey. "I look at little bits of evidence from the crime scene and form the big picture with what they tell me. The evidence may say 'who did it,' the profiler doesn't."

Turvey appears at Kennesaw State at the invitation of Jason Whitmire, a student in the Criminal Profiling and Analysis course taught by Adjunct Professor Stan Crowder. Turvey wrote the course textbook "Criminal Profiling: An Introduction to Behavioral Evidence," that Crowder uses.

"I saw a documentary on HBO about the West Memphis three murder case," says Whitmire. "Brent Turvey was one of the experts they filmed. When I saw we'd be studying that case in class and that he had written our textbook, I wanted to hear more from him. So, I e-mailed him and asked him to come speak if he was ever in the area."

Crowder chose Turvey's textbook because he agrees with what Turvey says about criminal profiling. Turvey teaches that profiling is "a learned skill, not some mysterious, intuitive ability limited to just a few practitioners," says Crowder.

Turvey's book will be available and he will be autographing them following the lecture. The lecture is free and open to the public. Many area law enforcement officers are expected to attend.

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Kennesaw State presents American classic

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Staff

Abstract

Classic TheaterWorks, the resident theater company at Kennesaw State University, will present "The Grapes of Wrath" in Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, April 16–21. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by John Steinbeck, the play was adapted by Frank Galati and earned a Tony Award during its Broadway run in the 1990s.

"This is such a powerful story about the indomitability of the human spirit," said director Laurence Ruth. "It is full of symbolism about the true meaning of life and family."

The play takes place during the Dust Bowl in the 1930s when thousands of families were displaced by catastrophic economic and climatic conditions. The Joad family struggles to remain together on a hazardous journey across the country from Oklahoma to California, where they hope to find new opportunity.

"After decades of poor farming methods, these people's farms were literally picked up by the wind and blown away," said Kennesaw State's resident dramaturg, Julia Matthews. "The photos from the period are almost unimaginable; tremendous clouds of dust devastated the midwest which, like the rest of the country, was already suffering from the Great Depression."

Despite the difficulties they encounter and several tragedies along the journey, the Joad family emerges more united and stronger in the end.

"This is an American tale not just because it was written by an American," Ruth said, "But also because it identifies so strongly with America's faith in the ability to overcome the most difficult of circumstances by sheer determination."

Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 through Saturday, April 20 and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 21. The Thursday performance will be preceded by a public symposium at 7 p.m. and followed by a brief chat with the actors. Adult language, brief moments of nudity and gun violence occur during this production.

For tickets or more information, contact the KSU box office at 770-423-6650

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The Emerging Suburban Century: Patterns, Opportunities and Challenges

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Georgia (Apr 9, 2002) – The Emerging Suburban Century: Patterns, Opportunities and Challenges

Staff

Abstract

This conference will explore the ramifications of America's transition from an urban-dominated society to a suburban-dominated one. In metro Atlanta, one of the fastest growing regions in the country, the growth and transition over the past 20 years have been phenomenal.

This conference, sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Geography, Anthropology and Criminal Justice at Kennesaw State University, will examine:

Suburban demographics

Physical and human environments of suburbia

Transportation

Planning

Images of suburbia

The impact of crime

Who:

Participants include representatives from business, non-profit and government agencies.

The keynote speaker will be John J. Palen, a leading researcher and scholar on urban and suburban issues.

When:

Friday, May 10, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Schedule:

9 a.m. – Keynote speaker

10 a.m. – Geographic Information Systems presentation. GIS is a computer-based system of storing, displaying and manipulating geographically referenced data.

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. – Panel discussions

Where:

Burruss Building, Room 151

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Staff

Abstract

The first-ever undergraduate psychology research conference in the state of Georgia will be held at Kennesaw State University April 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., in the Carmichael Student Center, University Rooms C, D and E. Student presentations are scheduled throughout the day.

"Generally, conferences such as this are held only for graduate students," said conference co-chair Leslie MacGregor. "This is the first one ever in Georgia for undergraduate students."

Andrew Harrison, a KSU senior psychology major participating in the conference, explained the importance of this opportunity. "Research experience is invaluable to students who plan to apply to graduate school. Also, it looks great for the university to represent the state of Georgia in psychological research."

Students from 15 institutions in Georgia and Tennessee will present their research findings. In addition, area high school students have been invited to attend and learn more about psychology programs in the state.

KSU senior psychology major Stella Michael is also presenting at the conference. "I've been doing research for over a year and believe it's important to share my findings with others who are interested," she said. "The conference also gives me the opportunity to see the studies of my peers."

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KSU nursing program honored by Board of Regents

An innovative online program designed by Kennesaw State University faculty members allowing...

Georgia (Apr 10, 2002) – KSU nursing program honored by Board of Regents

Staff

Abstract

An innovative online program designed by Kennesaw State University faculty members allowing registered nurses to complete their undergraduate education outside of a traditional classroom setting was honored recently as a 2002 recipient of the Research in Undergraduate Education Award given by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

The RN to BSN Online Nursing Completion Program addresses the urgent need for more baccalaureate-prepared nurses by reaching out to those students who find it inconvenient or impossible to complete their coursework in a traditional manner.

"The great thing about the program is it allows registered nurses who have full-time jobs to complete their education from home," said David Bennett, chair of Kennesaw State's Department of Baccalaureate Degree Nursing.

Accepting the award at the Board of Regents' May meeting in downtown Atlanta were three faculty members who have been instrumental in the development and implementation of the program, Beverly Farnsworth, Christina Horne and Janice Flynn.

"I wanted them to accept the award because they have done much of the work," Bennett said. "They have been the leaders of this online project."

The roots of the program date back to 1997, evolving from a desire among faculty members in KSU's College of Health and Human Services to incorporate modern instructional technology into nursing education. The result is a program that allows students to take courses exclusively online if they choose, with the added bonus of scheduling hands-on course activities according to their own personal schedules.

To ensure the quality of the online courses was at least as high as those offered in a traditional classroom setting, the developers first sought training in the design of Internet-based courses. They also conducted research, revealing that participants in the online program made higher grades than traditional students and felt the courses were more comprehensive than their on-campus counterparts.

A total of five University System of Georgia faculty members and three academic programs were cited during the Board of Regents' annual awards program, which recognizes outstanding teaching that significantly improves both student performance and the teaching discipline.

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Third annual High School Invitational World Geography Bowl

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Georgia (Apr 16, 2002) — Third annual High School Invitational World Geography Bowl

Staff

Abstract

When:

Friday, April 19

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The championship round will begin at 2 p.m.

Where:

Burruss Building, Rooms 152 and 105

Kennesaw State University

Who:

Participating schools:

Cherokee High and Woodstock High – Cherokee County Schools

Grady High – Atlanta Public Schools

Hiram High – Paulding County Schools

Harrison High, North Cobb High, Pope High, Walton High and Wheeler High – Cobb County Schools

North Springs High – Fulton County Schools

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Why:

Geographers in the department of sociology, geography & anthropology instituted the first High School Invitational World Geography Bowl in spring 2000, as a community outreach initiative during KSU's Year of Collaboration. The competition sought to stimulate interest in the study of geography by local high school students to counteract negative media reports focused on the lack of geographic knowledge of

U.S. students when compared with students in other countries.

The KSU World Geography Bowl is patterned after successful college-level bowls and is limited to ninth graders in world geography classes.

KSU geographer Garrett Smith notes, "The students have a lot of fun and the competition underscores the importance of geography, especially in today's world."

Sponsors include: John Wiley & Sons Publishers and Globular Innovations Inc.

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Disaster and Violence in the Schools conference at Kennesaw State

The Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership at Kennesaw State University presents "Disaster...

Georgia (Apr 17, 2002) – Disaster and Violence in the Schools conference at Kennesaw State Staff

Abstract

Who:

The Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership at Kennesaw State University presents "Disaster and Violence in Schools," with keynote speaker Monette Park, a social worker at Columbine High School at the time of the attack there.

When:

Friday, April 19

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where:

Science Building Room 109

Burruss Building Room 150

Kennesaw State University

Why:

"With violence so much a part of our lives now," said Associate Professor of Social Work Anne Hicks-Coolick, "we need figure out ways to prevent it, especially for our children."

More than 140 people are expected to attend, including the crisis team from Cobb County schools, members of the Cobb County district attorney's office, counselors and social workers from Northwest Georgia public schools and various law enforcement and military personnel.

Breakout sessions include "Critical Incident Debriefing" and "Bullying Prevention."

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The Kennesaw State University Students in Free Enterprise team matched its educational outreach projects against those of other SIFE teams at the 2003 Students In Free Enterprise Regional Competition and Career Opportunity Fair held April 7 in Atlanta. The Kennesaw State team was named regional champions for its league, and captured finalist awards for both the National Entrepreneurship Month and Kauffman Foundation Entrepreneurship Assistance Program. Awards included three trophies and a total of \$2,500 in prize money.

Students in Free Enterprise encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, and to use their knowledge to better their communities through educational outreach programs. The 17 projects presented by the KSU SIFE team included an online Global Economics Game, the Austell Community Task Force, the Boy and Girl Scout Entrepreneurship Day, a teaching trip to the Republic of Antigua and the Belmont Hills Elementary Bear Cave Store, just to name a few.

Teams were judged during a 24-minute presentation on the project's effectiveness and were evaluated on creativity and innovation, results of education programs, success in utilizing resources and documentation of activities. Regional champions named at twenty-two competitions held around the country will present their projects at the 2003 SIFE USA National Exposition, hosted by the Kansas City Business Community, May 11-14 in Missouri. The national champion in the 4-year division will travel to Frankfurt, Germany, to compete at the SIFE World Cup 2003, October 12-14.

Kennesaw State University SIFE students also met with dozens of corporate representatives from the Atlanta business community to discuss job opportunities.

Dr. Gary Roberts, KSU professor of management and entrepreneurship, serves as advisor for the SIFE team and was named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow in recognition of his leadership and support of the SIFE program at Kennesaw State. "SIFE provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to apply their academic knowledge in ways that make a difference in our community," said Roberts. "No other experience demonstrates how important the combination of 'know how' and 'know who' is to business success. I'm proud of our students and what they do each year."

Founded in 1975 and active on more than 1,400 college and university campuses in 33 countries, SIFE is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to

provide students the opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

For more information, contact SIFE World Headquarters in Springfield, Mo., at 1-800-677-SIFE or Kennesaw State University, Dr. Gary Roberts, (770) 423-6078 or visit

<http://coles.kennesaw.edu/pages/sife/>.

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KSU student part of World Trade Center search and rescue

Jodi Witte, Kennesaw State University chemistry major, spent time in fall 2001 with her ...

Georgia (Apr 23, 2002) – KSU student part of World Trade Center search and rescue

Staff

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Jodi Witte, Kennesaw State University chemistry major, spent time in fall 2001 with her Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT-1) providing medical assistance to the search and rescue dogs at the World Trade Center site. Deployed to Ground Zero Sept. 12, VMAT-1 spent 18 days working alongside the rescue teams.

The KSU Chemistry Department will recognize her contribution at their awards ceremony Thursday, April 25, 12:30 p.m. For more information on VMAT-1, go to <http://www.vmat1.org/index2.html>

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Georgia (Apr 24, 2002) — Kennesaw State University celebrates Earth Day

Staff

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When:

Thursday, April 25

See schedule below

Why:

"The annual observance of Earth Day reminds us of the responsibility to use the goods of the earth with care," said Kennesaw State's Environmental and Health Safety Director Gerald Donaldson.

This year's celebration includes the kickoff of a new campus recycling effort, which will eventually feature mini-recycling centers on each floor of each building, and the planting of native saplings throughout campus.

Schedule:

10:30 – 11 a.m., Legacy Gazebo "Native Earth" presentation designed to raise awareness of environmental responsibility.

11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Campus Green Tree Booth Planting of 100 native hardwood saplings.

Noon – 1 p.m., Campus Green Ribbon cutting and kickoff of the new recycling effort. Representatives from the EPA and Keep Cobb Beautiful will join campus officials.

1 – 2 p.m., Carmichael Student Center University Room A Birds of prey demonstration.

1 – 3 p.m., Campus Green Demonstrations by KSU mounted patrol and bike patrol, KSU police dog and Atlanta Zoo Mobile, which will feature some endangered species.

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Kennesaw State Day at Zion Baptist with tribute to Betty L. Siegel

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Georgia (Apr 26, 2002) — Kennesaw State Day at Zion Baptist with tribute to Betty L. Siegel

Staff

Abstract

When:

Sunday, April 28

10:30 a.m.

Where:

Zion Baptist Church

165 Lemon Street

Marietta, GA

770-427-8749

Who:

This year's service marks the 17th year of partnership between Kennesaw State and Zion Baptist. The Reverend Harris Travis of Zion Baptist will be the morning speaker. The theme of the program, "The Servant," will recognize Dr. Siegel's servant leadership at Kennesaw State and in the larger community.

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Meti man comes to Kennesaw State

What are undergraduate nursing students doing assessing patient breathing, treating them for...

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What are undergraduate nursing students doing assessing patient breathing, treating them for shock and administering medication? The behavior is not as risky as it may seem since the patient is the Kennesaw State University Department of Nursing's new meti man.

Kennesaw State's is the only nursing department in the area to have the meti man, which was acquired through a partnership with WellStar Health System. The Meti Human Patient Simulator is a computer driven, life-sized mannequin that breathes, has pulses and accurately mirrors human responses to medical intervention.

Associate Dean of the School of Health and Human Services Vanice Roberts said, "The meti man is an incredible teaching and testing tool that allows students to assess and respond to simulated medical conditions."

The Department of Nursing will host the ribbon cutting and a demonstration of the new Meti Human Patient Simulator Monday, April 29, 3 p.m. in the lab of the Nursing Building.

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Kennesaw State University Admissions Information

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Georgia (Apr 29, 2002) – Kennesaw State University Admissions Information

Staff

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The Kennesaw State University Office of Admissions will host a 90-minute information session and financial aid workshop for adult, non-traditional and graduate students on Thursday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. in Burruss Building Room 151. The number for information about this free event is 770-423-6300.

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Local students honored at Kennesaw State

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Georgia (Apr 30, 2002) – Local students honored at Kennesaw State

Staff

Abstract

At a recent ceremony, Kennesaw State University honored several School of the Arts seniors and recent graduates. Students from each academic program in the School of the Arts were recognized as "Outstanding Seniors."

However, the most prestigious award went to Karen Ann Wurl of Marietta, who graduated in December. She received the Regents' Academic Recognition Award. Only one student from each University System of Georgia institution is given this honor. Last year, Wurl was named the Outstanding Student in Theater at Kennesaw State. A prolific playwright, Wurl has already experienced post-graduation success with a recent staged reading of her play "Miss Macbeth," at Push-Push Theater in Atlanta. On April 27, the KSU Department of Theater presented a staged reading of another of her works, "Kim's Theory about the Struggle Between Good and Evil." She selected Dr. Julia Matthews, assistant professor of theater, as her faculty honoree.

Jennifer L. Turem of Acworth received the Outstanding Senior Award for Art Education. With a 4.0 grade point average, Turem excels in both art education and art production. In 1998, she was selected to exhibit a painting at the Georgia Board of Regents' office. Dr. Carol Edwards, associate professor of art education, was her faculty honoree.

Vanessa Cheverez of Marietta received the award for music education. Cheverez has performed on four different instruments with several ensembles, including the Cobb Symphony Orchestra, the Atlanta Wind Symphony and the College Band Directors National Association Intercollegiate Band. She tutors children in Spanish and English and teaches private music lessons. Mr. Peter Witte, assistant professor of music, was her faculty honoree.

Russell Allen Gunter of Acworth received the award for music performance. Gunter has studied saxophone and piano but chose to concentrate his efforts as a vocalist. In 1999, he won an outstanding performer award from the Georgia Music Teachers Association competition. He also sang the title role in KSU's production of Leonard Bernstein's "Candide." Dr. Oral Moses, professor of music, was his faculty honoree.

Kristen Michelle Walker of Atlanta received the award for theater. An active performer, leader and student, Walker has directed at KSU, performed professionally in local and regional theaters and held executive positions in several student organizations. She was also an inaugural member of the Presidential Fellows Program. Dr. Julia Matthews, assistant professor of theater, was her faculty honoree.

Jan DiPietro of Marietta received the award for visual arts. DiPietro is a model of artistic excellence, earning a 4.0 GPA while winning numerous awards for her artwork. She also was selected to design a mural for the new Visual Arts Building at KSU. Joseph Remillard, assistant professor of visual arts, was her faculty honoree.

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The application deadline for the Georgia WebMBA™ program, which lets highly qualified professionals earn a Masters of Business Administration degree over the Internet, is June 30. Online classes start August 27.

Student associates earn their MBAs with minimal interruption to their careers, since they do virtually everything online, from submitting applications to taking tests. Associates typically have an average of six years of work experience, work full time and are interested in continued career growth.

The WebMBA™ features an easy-to-use Web-based format. Faculty with hands-on business experience provide a "high contact" learning environment. One of the most affordable online programs in the nation, it can be completed in less than two years.

The ten-course program is offered through a consortium of five regional University System of Georgia institutions: Georgia College & State University, Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, State University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University. All five institutions have MBA programs accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

A limited number of slots are available, and only the most qualified applicants are selected for admission. Each school has its own published admissions requirements. Associates accepted into the program are required to own a computer. Information on technical requirements, admissions, prerequisites and the GMAT test is available online at <http://www.webmbaonline.org>. Other inquiries can be directed to Joe Bocchi.

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Kennesaw State University commencement

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Georgia (May 1, 2002) – Kennesaw State University commencement

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Abstract

Kennesaw State University will hold its sixty–eighth commencement honoring more than 1,000 graduates and undergraduates in two separate ceremonies on Tuesday, May 14, at the Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center.

The 10 a.m. ceremony will honor graduates of the Leland H. and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education, the College of Science and Mathematics, the School of the Arts and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The 3 p.m. ceremony will honor graduates of the Michael J. Coles College of Business and the College of Health and Human Services.

Daniel S. Papp, senior vice chancellor for academics and fiscal affairs of the University System of Georgia, is scheduled to speak at both ceremonies. Papp's complete biography is enclosed.

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For a photo of Papp, e–mail fweyand@kennesaw.edu

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Biography of DANIEL S. PAPP

Daniel S. Papp is Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics and Fiscal Affairs of the University System of Georgia. Before assuming this post, Dr. Papp was Director of Educational Programs for Yamacraw, the State of Georgia's initiative to become the global leader in broadband technologies and components. Dr. Papp has also been Interim President of Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia (1997–98), Executive Assistant to the President at Georgia Tech (1994–97), Founding Director of the Georgia Tech School of International Affairs (1990–93), and Director of the Georgia Tech School of Social Sciences (1980–90).

Papp joined Georgia Tech's faculty in 1973. While at Tech, Papp was also Visiting Professor at the Western Australia Institute of Technology; Research Professor at the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College; Senior Research Professor at the Center for Aerospace Doctrine, Research, and Education of the U.S. Air War College; and Visiting Professor at Fudan University in Shanghai. In 1993, Dr. Papp was selected Georgia Tech's "Distinguished Professor," the first time the honor was awarded to someone other than an engineer or a physical scientist.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dartmouth College, Papp received his Ph.D. from the University of Miami. His academic specialties include international security policy, U.S. and Russian foreign and defense policies, and international system change. His current research is on the impact of information and communication technologies on national security and the international system.

Papp is the author of "Contemporary International Relations" (5th Edition, 1997); "Soviet Policies toward the Developing World: The Dilemmas of Power and Presence" (1986); "Soviet Perceptions of the Developing World in the 1980s: The Ideological Basis" (1985); and "Vietnam: The View from Moscow, Peking, Washington" (1981). He edited the autobiography of former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, "As I Saw It" (1990); and co-edited "The Information Age Anthology" (1997); "International Space Policy" (1987); "The Political Economy of International Technology Transfer" (1986); and "Communist Nations' Military Assistance" (1983). He has published over 60 journal articles and chapters in edited books.

Papp's research has been funded by the U.S. Department of the Army, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Information Agency, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the U.S. -more- Department of Education, NATO, the NATO Defense College, Lockheed, IBM, Georgia Power, the Georgia Tech Foundation, and other organizations. Papp has traveled widely in the former USSR, China, Europe, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Africa. He is the recipient of the Department of the Army's "Outstanding Civilian Service" medal and was a finalist in the White House Fellows competition. He has held a Sloan Scholarship and a National Defense Education Act Fellowship. Papp has worked closely with the University System of Georgia as Director of the former Regents Global Center, Associate Chair of the Chancellor's Council on International Education, Director of the System Information Technology Inventory, and on project teams for the System Information Technology Strategic Response Initiative and Desktop Distance Learning.

Papp is past chairperson of the American-Soviet Relations and Southern Sections of the International Studies Association; Senior Fellow for International Security at the Southern Center for International Studies; and a member of the Society of International Business Fellows. He has presented papers and organized sessions at many conferences and frequently comments on policy issues on major media outlets. Papp's affiliations include the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the International Studies Association, the American Political Science Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

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KSU golfers fourth after one round at NCAA Southeast Regional

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Georgia (May 6, 2002) – KSU golfers fourth after one round at NCAA Southeast Regional

Staff

Abstract

SNEADS FERRY, N.C. – Four Kennesaw State University golfers shot par or better Monday as the Owls posted a school-record score in the first round of the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional tournament.

Kennesaw State finished the first 18 holes at 5-under-par 283, placing the Owls fourth in the eight-team field, 13 strokes behind front-runner USC Aiken. Frances Marion was second after one round with a 275 total, while third-place Armstrong Atlantic carded a 281 with help from individual leader Nick Cowper, a Harrison High graduate who blistered the North Shore Country Club layout to the tune of a 9-under 63.

Setting the pace for the Owls was the 68 shot by junior Luke Stephan. Freshman Andrew Allen was next with a 71, followed by sophomore John Tillery and senior Thomas Baker with even-par 72s. Freshman Bryan Hume added a 74 for KSU, although his score did not count toward the team total.

"I'm really pleased with that," Jon Dunlap, the Owls' first-year coach, said of his team's effort. "It's the start that we wanted. We've still got a chance to win."

The tournament continues through Wednesday, with the regional champion earning an automatic berth in the national tournament.

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KSU jumps to second after two rounds at NCAA Southeast Region

The Kennesaw State University golf team continued to blister North Shore Country Club on Tuesday...

Georgia (May 7, 2002) – KSU jumps to second after two rounds at NCAA Southeast Region

Staff

Abstract

SNEADS FERRY, N.C. – The Kennesaw State University golf team continued to blister North Shore Country Club on Tuesday, matching the school record set a day earlier to vault from fourth to second in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional.

The Owls posted their second straight 283 behind the strong play of junior Luke Stephan, who stands at 7-under 137 following a second-round 69. Kennesaw State's 566 total trails only the 552 put up by USC Aiken, which carded a 282 on Tuesday.

KSU currently holds a four-stroke cushion over Frances Marion (570), which slipped from second to third in the wake of a second-round 295. Next is Armstrong Atlantic (574), which fell from third to fourth with a 293.

The tournament concludes Wednesday, with the champion earning an automatic berth in the national tournament.

Individually, Armstrong Atlantic's Nick Cowper, a graduate of Harrison High School in Kennesaw, holds a 1-stroke lead over USC Aiken's Lee Harper thanks to a second-round 70 that put him at 11-under 133 for the tournament.

KSU golfers making their presence felt Tuesday included senior Thomas Baker of Canton, whose 2-under-par 70 left him at 142 for the tournament.

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KSU golfers finish second at NCAA Southeast Regional

The Kennesaw State University golf team knew it was better than a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Division...

Georgia (May 8, 2002) — KSU golfers finish second at NCAA Southeast Regional

Staff

Abstract

SNEADS FERRY, N.C. – The Kennesaw State University golf team knew it was better than a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional. Wednesday, for the third day in a row, coach Jon Dunlap's Owls went out and proved it.

Kennesaw State, which set and then tied the school record with a 283 total in each of the first two rounds, closed out the tournament Wednesday with another record performance at North Shore Country Club, shattering the previous mark by five strokes en route to a second-place finish behind USC Aiken.

"We wanted to prove to the field and to the region and to the nation that we're not a No. 6 seed (out of eight teams) in the Southeast," Dunlap said. "We did that."

Wednesday's 10-under-par 278 left the Owls at 20-under 844 for the tournament, nine strokes off the pace set by the Peach Belt Conference champion Pacers, who clinched a berth in the national tournament with their final-round 283.

Dunlap and his golfers will learn their national tournament fate Friday when the NCAA selection committee announces the eight at-large selections that will join 10 regional champions May 21-24 at Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. A trip to nationals would be a first for the golf program since KSU became an official member of the NCAA in 1994.

"The chances look good," Dunlap said. "We'll just sit back and wait until Friday afternoon and hope the phone rings.

"I'm happy and pleased," he added. "I'll be disappointed if we don't make it."

Individually for the Owls, senior Thomas Baker of Canton finished at 7-under 209 with help from a final-round 67. Baker's total equaled the score put up by junior Luke Stephan, who finished Wednesday's round at even-par 72 to tie his teammate for fifth place in the individual standings.

Like Baker, freshman Bryan Hume also broke 70 in the final round, firing a 3-under 69 en route to a 215 total. Another freshman, Andrew Allen, posted a 2-under 70 on Wednesday to equal Hume's final tally. Two strokes back was sophomore John Tillery, who closed out with a 1-over 73.

The individual champion was freshman Nick Cowper of Armstrong Atlantic, a graduate of Harrison High School in Kennesaw who carded a 71 on Wednesday to finish the tournament at 12-under 204, two strokes better than USC Aiken's Lee Harper.

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KSU golf team earns first-ever bid to NCAA national tournament

The Kennesaw State University men's golf team added another feather to its cap Friday by...

Georgia (May 10, 2002) – KSU golf team earns first-ever bid to NCAA national tournament

Staff

Abstract

The Kennesaw State University men's golf team added another feather to its cap Friday by accepting its first-ever invitation to compete in the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship.

The Owls, ranked No. 10 in the Precept Coaches Poll and 12th by Golfstat, will join seven other teams receiving at-large bids and 10 regional champions at Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. for a 72-hole tournament beginning May 21.

"It's a great day," said Jon Dunlap, head coach of the Owls and a former player at Kennesaw State, "not just for this team, but for the entire program."

Friday's announcement came on the heels of a record-setting performance by Dunlap's squad at the Southeast Regional earlier in the week. KSU, seeded sixth in the eight-team field, broke or tied the school record for scoring in each round of the 54-hole event. At tournament's end, that added up to a 20-under-par total and a second-place finish behind fellow Peach Belt Conference power USC Aiken.

In Dunlap's mind, that performance made it impossible for the NCAA selection committee to ignore his team.

"That was a big part of it," he said. "Those three days of just superior, solid golf by all the guys on the team really just put the stamp on it."

The same five players who powered KSU to a runnerup finish in the Southeast Regional, Thomas Baker, Luke Stephan, Bryan Hume, Andrew Allen and John Tillery, will make the trip to Florida for the national tournament.

"They're all pumped up and excited," Dunlap said. "After how we played at regionals, they were just happy that we weren't left out of something that we should have been a part of."

Although this year's team has already accomplished more than any other group of KSU golfers since the school became an official member of the NCAA in 1994, Dunlap doesn't expect his players to be satisfied by the bid alone.

"Their heart's desire is to go after that national championship," the first-year coach said.

For the KSU golf program, this will be the first national appearance of any kind since the 1993 team finished eighth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament. Jon Hough, currently one of the golf professionals at Marietta Country Club, gave Kennesaw State its only national championship in the sport when he claimed the NAIA individual title in 1986.

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Biography of Daniel S. Papp

Daniel S. Papp is Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics and Fiscal Affairs of the University System of Georgia.

Georgia (May 14, 2002) — Daniel S. Papp is Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics and Fiscal Affairs of the University System of Georgia. Before assuming this post, Dr. Papp was Director of Educational Programs for Yamacraw, the State of Georgia's initiative to become the global leader in broadband technologies and components. Dr. Papp has also been Interim President of Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia (1997–98), Executive Assistant to the President at Georgia Tech (1994–97), Founding Director of the Georgia Tech School of International Affairs (1990–93), and Director of the Georgia Tech School of Social Sciences (1980–90).

Papp joined Georgia Tech's faculty in 1973. While at Tech, Papp was also Visiting Professor at the Western Australia Institute of Technology; Research Professor at the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College; Senior Research Professor at the Center for Aerospace Doctrine, Research, and Education of the U.S. Air War College; and Visiting Professor at Fudan University in Shanghai. In 1993, Dr. Papp was selected Georgia Tech's "Distinguished Professor," the first time the honor was awarded to someone other than an engineer or a physical scientist.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dartmouth College, Papp received his Ph.D. from the University of Miami. His academic specialties include international security policy, U.S. and Russian foreign and defense policies, and international system change. His current research is on the impact of information and communication technologies on national security and the international system.

Papp is the author of "Contemporary International Relations" (5th Edition, 1997); "Soviet Policies toward the Developing World: The Dilemmas of Power and Presence" (1986); "Soviet Perceptions of the Developing World in the 1980s: The Ideological Basis" (1985); and "Vietnam: The View from Moscow, Peking, Washington" (1981). He edited the autobiography of former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, "As I Saw It" (1990); and co-edited "The Information Age Anthology" (1997); "International Space Policy" (1987); "The Political Economy of International Technology Transfer" (1986); and "Communist Nations' Military Assistance" (1983). He has published over 60 journal articles and chapters in edited books.

Papp's research has been funded by the U.S. Department of the Army, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Information Agency, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the U.S. Department of Education, NATO, the NATO Defense College, Lockheed, IBM, Georgia Power, the Georgia Tech Foundation, and other organizations. Papp has traveled widely in the former USSR, China, Europe, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Africa. He is the recipient of the Department of the Army's "Outstanding Civilian Service" medal and was a finalist in the White House Fellows competition. He has held a Sloan Scholarship and a National Defense Education Act Fellowship. Papp has worked closely with the University System of Georgia as Director of the former Regents Global Center, Associate Chair of the Chancellor's Council on International Education, Director of the System Information Technology Inventory, and on project teams for the System Information Technology Strategic Response Initiative and Desktop Distance Learning.

Papp is past chairperson of the American–Soviet Relations and Southern Sections of the International Studies Association; Senior Fellow for International Security at the Southern Center for International Studies; and a member of the Society of International Business Fellows. He has presented papers and

organized sessions at many conferences and frequently comments on policy issues on major media outlets. Papp's affiliations include the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the International Studies Association, the American Political Science Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

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The Kennesaw State University Fighting Owls will make history Tuesday with their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship.

Kennesaw State, ranked 10th in the Precept Coaches Poll and No. 9 by Golfstat, will join seven other at-large participants and 10 regional champions at Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. for the 72-hole national final. KSU is the only team from the University System of Georgia competing in this year's event.

KSU's at-large bid comes on the heels of a record-setting performance in the Southeast Regional. The Owls, seeded sixth in the eight-team field, broke or tied the school record for scoring in each round of the 54-hole event, eventually finishing second with a 20-under-par total.

Such success has been commonplace for KSU during the 2001-2002 season. The Owls have yet to post a losing record in any of their 11 previous tournaments, carrying an overall mark of 115-26-1 into the national final. They have placed in the top five on nine different occasions, including two tournament championships and four runnerup finishes.

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Kennesaw State University appoints vice president for academic affairs

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Lendley C. Black, Dean of Emporia State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has been named Kennesaw State University's Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Black is expected to assume duties in late summer.

An internationally regarded scholar of theater directing and published author, Black joins Kennesaw State after 20 years at Emporia State University in Kansas. His selection follows a comprehensive national screening led by Allan Ostar, former president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and current president of Academic Search Consultation Service in Washington, D.C. Black fills the position vacated earlier this year by former Vice President Edwin A. Rugg. G. William Hill IV has served as interim vice president.

"It's a great honor to be offered the position of vice president of academic affairs at Kennesaw State University," Black said. "It's an institution that has an outstanding reputation for innovation and success. I welcome the opportunity to join this distinguished faculty and be both a partner and advocate for the faculty, staff and students at Kennesaw State." Black plans to visit Georgia throughout the summer to meet with faculty and staff in preparation for the upcoming academic year.

Black is author/co-author of many significant publications, including a biographical book on the Russian actor Michael Chekhov, based on Black's research on Russian theater and drama. Concepts from his book are used regularly in teaching around the world, including Great Britain, Denmark and Germany. He has directed more than thirty major theater productions, including ones at Emporia State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Connecticut, the University of Tennessee, as well as numerous other venues. Black's scholarly presentations include topics in the arts and sciences, as well as issues facing public higher education.

Active in the National Academic Advising Association, as well as the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences for more than a decade, Black is currently working on CCAS's Comprehensive Institutions Committee. He recently served as 2001 Evaluator for the Kansas Award for Excellence, and is former president of the Association of Kansas Theatre.

Black is a longtime supporter of international education, having been active in helping establish new

international programs at Emporia State. He has a strong record of commitment to ethnic and gender diversity issues. For many years he has worked to promote and integrate diversity issues into the Emporia State's curriculum and culture. He established ESU's Ethnic/Gender Studies Program. Black's faculty achievements are distinguished by his commitment to outstanding teaching, scholarship and service. He is an accomplished public speaker and professional consultant on the subjects of faculty advising and academic program assessment.

"I want to thank the members of our excellent search committee, chaired by Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Services Nancy King, who presented us with a very fine slate of candidates," said KSU President Betty L. Siegel. "Dr. Black emerged from the finalists as the candidate best suited to assume the highest academic position at KSU, and we are very enthusiastic about his acceptance. Dr. Black's exceptional academic achievements and his management strengths as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Emporia State University exemplify the qualities identified by the search committee as necessary for advancing the future academic needs of Kennesaw State."

Black will be the third vice president for academic affairs in the university's 39-year-history. The position was created in 1984, and was first held by James W. Kolka from 1984-1987. Edwin A. Rugg held the position from 1987-2002.

Kennesaw State is an AACSB (American Association of State Colleges and Universities) institution in the University System of Georgia. Under the USG, the university is classified as a state university, and is the sixth largest of Georgia's 34 public colleges and universities, with 14,100 students representing 118 countries. Chartered in 1963, KSU is one of the fastest growing state universities in the University System of Georgia. The university currently has more than 650 full-time and part-time faculty members. Of the full-time faculty members, 81 percent hold doctorates or terminal degrees in their disciplines. Some 1,100 staff members support the university.

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The academic year at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University has ended with several outstanding students, organizations and faculty members receiving awards and honors.

Gary B. Roberts, Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship, was awarded the Kennesaw State University Distinguished Service Award for 2002. This award goes to the professor who demonstrates exemplary service to the university communities. This is the first time that a Coles College faculty member has received this award. Roberts was also awarded the University's "2002 Outstanding Advisor Award" for his work with the ROTC Club, the Students in Free Enterprise team, and the Kennesaw Entrepreneur Network club.

A. Frank Adams III received the "Instructor of Great Distinction Award" from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts. The letter that notified him of the honor said he provided members with excellent training, went beyond the call of duty, and put heart into every presentation.

The KSU Marketing Association received awards April 27 at the American Marketing Association International Collegiate Conference. The group was honored for "Outstanding Chapter Planning" and "Outstanding Marketing Week Activities." The AMA also gave the KSU chapter a \$500 grant, which will go toward efforts to prevent skin cancer.

Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – inducted 55 new members. Ed Baker, publisher of the "Atlanta Business Chronicle," was chosen as this year's honorary inductee for his outstanding achievements and dedication to the business community.

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The Kennesaw State University Department of Visual Arts will present the Atlanta Master Photographers Show in the university's Fine Arts Gallery, May 23–June 27. Many of the guest photographers will attend the opening public reception at 7 p.m. May 23.

"We are featuring some of the finest photographers in the region," said Assistant Professor of Art Valerie Dibble, who curated the show. "Visitors will see an array of forms, styles and techniques."

All of the exhibitors are members of the Atlanta Photography Group, a nonprofit organization that promotes the photographic arts through education, exhibitions, programming and support groups. Featured photographers include Lucinda Bunnan, Kathryn Kolb, Wendy Phillips, Michael R. Reese, Susan J. Ross, Ted Maloof, Jamie Cook, Frank Hunter, John McWilliams, Charlie McCollers, Nancy Marshall, Corinne Adams, Nancy Floyd, Mark Maio, Elizabeth Turk, Manuel Llaneras, Lynn Linnemeier, Deborah Whitehouse, Richard Gess, Benita Carr, Connie Thalkin, Amalia Amaki, Gretchen Hupfel, Sheila Turner and Mimi Fittipaldi.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Monday–Friday and 7–9 p.m. Thursday. The Fine Arts Gallery is located in the Joe Mack Wilson Building. For more information, call 770–499–3223.

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HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, Fla. — John Tillery's 2-over-par 73 set the pace Tuesday afternoon as the Kennesaw State University Fighting Owls made their debut in the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship.

The Owls, ranked 10th in the Precept Coaches Poll and 9th by Golfstat, carded a 309 team total on the par-71 layout at Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort, good enough for 10th place in the 18-team field. Leading the way is CSU-Bakersfield with an 11-over 295, one stroke better than USC Aiken. CSU-Stanislaus (297), North Alabama (298) and Rollins College (301) round out the top five.

Kennesaw State struggled with its chipping and putting on a windy day in central Florida, but still managed to stay within striking distance of the leaders. Despite their 25-over-par total, the Owls are only one stroke out of seventh place and three strokes out of sixth.

"Obviously, it came down to our short game today, and that's typically an issue of nerves," said Jon Dunlap, the Owls' first-year head coach. "Guys tighten up over putts because they put pressure on themselves.

"Everybody knows they could have played a few shots better," he added, "but the conditions were tough. We're sitting in 10th right now. We're content with it; we're just not satisfied."

The only KSU player to crack the top 10 individually was Tillery, whose 2-over-par total left him in a four-way tie for ninth, four strokes off the lead.

"He's been probably the most consistent guy all year for us," Dunlap said. "It's good that he was able to do what he was able to do today. If it wasn't for his round, our chances of coming back and winning this thing would pretty much get thrown out the window."

Junior Luke Stephan was second for KSU with a 6-over 77, followed by freshman Andrew Allen at 8-over 79. Senior Thomas Baker and freshman Bryan Hume added a pair of 80s for the Owls, who continue their national title quest Wednesday morning.

"I'm pleased with the fact that we haven't shot ourselves out of it," Dunlap said. "We definitely still have a chance to win a national championship, but it's going to take a lot of hard work out of all five guys over the next three days in terms of minimizing mistakes, because mistakes pop up extremely quick on this golf course."

Live coverage of the 72-hole tournament can be found online at golfstat.com.

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Abstract

The Kennesaw State University Students in Free Enterprise team won more than \$10,000 at the National Exposition held in Kansas City, May 12–15. No other SIFE team in the country won as many prizes or as much prize money as the KSU SIFE team.

In the words of Alvin Rohrs, President and CEO of Students in Free Enterprise, "Kennesaw State's SIFE Team dominated the special competitions this year!"

In special competitions against 750 other SIFE teams around the country, the KSU SIFE Team won second place in two of the competitions: the "Discover Card National Teach a Child About Business Week" and the "AT&T Best Use of the Internet for K–12." The team was a third-place winner in another two competitions: "SIFE Credit Awareness Week" and the Kaufmann Foundation's Entrepreneurial Assistance Project.

Two of the projects – Teach a Child About Business and the Kaufmann Foundation Award – involved working with Belmont Hills Elementary School in Smyrna to open a school store. The AT&T project was honored for two Web sites developed to help Boy Scouts earn the Entrepreneurship Merit Badge and the American Business Merit Badge. Those sites are:

<http://coles.kennesaw.edu/pages/sife/entrepreneurshipmb/> and
<http://coles.kennesaw.edu/pages/sife/americanbusinessmb/> .

Gary B. Roberts, professor of management and entrepreneurship, is the team's Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellow and team advisor. The Kennesaw Business Association and the Acworth Business Association serve as the KSU SIFE Team's Board of Advisors. The team's web page is at <http://coles.kennesaw.edu/pages/sife>.

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Staff

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HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, Fla. – A morning tee time helped the Kennesaw State University Fighting Owls gain ground in the second round of the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship, jumping from 10th to eighth by the time play was completed Wednesday afternoon.

The Owls carded their second consecutive 309 on the par-71 layout at Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort, making Kennesaw State one of only seven teams in the 18-team field to break 310 on a windy day in central Florida.

"It gradually got windier and windier as the day went on," said Jon Dunlap, the Owls' first-year head coach. "When we finished, it was blowing 20 mph with 30 mph gusts."

Those conditions wreaked havoc on the afternoon groups, helping the Owls stay within striking distance of the leaders despite their 50-over-par total.

"Our best golf, I think, is still to come," Dunlap said. "I don't see anything getting worse for us. I can see us moving up, that's for sure. We just need to take advantage of the opportunity that's been given us after the first two rounds."

The leaders heading into Round 3 are North Alabama and CSU-Stanislaus, both at 33-over 601. North Alabama posted a 303 in Round 2, one stroke better than the 304 carded by CSU-Stanislaus.

Florida Southern is third at 36-over 604 thanks to a second-round 298—the low score of the day—while CSU Bakersfield (605) and USC Aiken (607) round out the top five following rounds of 310 and 311, respectively.

The Owls are currently locked in a three-way tie for eighth with West Florida and Ferris State, all at 618.

Individually, junior Luke Stephan carded a 74 for KSU, leaving the Owls' team captain tied for 21st at 9-over 151.

"That's what you ask for is for your veterans to step up this time of year, and he's consistently done that the last two or three tournaments," Dunlap said.

Freshman Bryan Hume also contributed, opening with an eagle en route to a 4-over 75 that left him at 155 with 36 holes to play. Sophomore John Tillery, the Owls' first-round leader, slipped from 73 to 80 on Wednesday, giving him a two-round total of 153. Senior Thomas Baker carded his second consecutive 80 and finds himself at 160 for the tournament, while freshman Andrew Allen added an 83 for KSU and stands at 162.

"We have to do it tomorrow," Dunlap said. "We need to get at least within 10 shots of the lead to really have a chance at this thing.

"If you get within 10 on the last day," he added, "anything can happen."

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HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, Fla. – The Kennesaw State University Fighting Owls turned in their best performance of the week Thursday to maintain their position in the top half of the field heading into the final round of the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship.

After posting back-to-back 309s to open the tournament, the Owls shaved their team score to 299 on Thursday, the second-best round of the day. Their 917 total leaves them alone in eighth place, only 13 shots out of the lead.

"We've still got a chance at winning," said Jon Dunlap, the Owls' first-year head coach. "We started the day 17 back, and we're only 13 now. We've chipped away at the leaders, knocked four shots off their total. We're not as close as we'd like to be, that's for sure, but we're definitely within striking distance."

Bryan Hume, Thomas Baker and Andrew Allen set the pace for Kennesaw State, each carding a 3-over 74 on the par-71 layout at Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort. Luke Stephan was next with a 77, while John Tillery followed with a 78.

"Seventy-four is a good number out here, and a couple of those 74s could have been better," Dunlap said. "We need a couple of guys to shoot even par, if not under par, tomorrow to crack the top five and have a chance at winning."

Stephan, a junior from Chicago, is the Owls' individual leader at 15-over 228, leaving him in a five-way tie for 22nd overall. One stroke further back is Hume, who is tied for 27th along with five other golfers, among them Nick Cowper, a graduate of Harrison High School now playing for Armstrong Atlantic. Cowper posted a 72 on Thursday, an improvement of 11 strokes over the previous day.

Leading the race for the individual crown is Jason Vaughn of North Alabama, whose third-round 72 left him at 2-over 215 for the tournament.

In the team competition, North Alabama and CSU Stanislaus maintained their status as co-leaders, carding matching 303s to remain knotted at 52-over 904 through 54 holes. CSU Bakersfield is one stroke back in third place, while Rollins College is fourth, only two strokes out of the lead. USC Aiken and Florida Southern (tied at 909) round out the top five.

Only one other team, UC Davis at 912, boasts a better three-round total than KSU, which continues its pursuit of the leaders Friday afternoon. "It's going to be an interesting day tomorrow, for me and the players," Dunlap said.

"It's just going to be a dogfight."

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Memorial Day Tribute

Local Cub Scouts honor veterans for Memorial Day by placing American flags at the front of the...

Georgia (May 23, 2002) – Memorial Day Tribute

Staff

Abstract

Local Cub Scouts honor veterans for Memorial Day by placing American flags at the front of the campus at Kennesaw State University.

When:

Saturday, May 25

9:00 a.m.

Where:

Main Sign, Corner of Chastain Road and Frey Road Kennesaw State University

Who:

This is an annual tradition for Cub Scout Pack 422 to honor veterans of the United States Armed Services by displaying American flags during Memorial Day weekend. This year the troops chose to place flags in front of Kennesaw State University. In past years the boys have placed flags at the Veterans Cemetery in Marietta and at the Illinois Monument in Kennesaw National Battlefield Park.

Pack 422 provides scouting activities in the Northeast portion of Cobb County with 11 dens with about 100 scouts. The pack is based at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Kennesaw and led by Cubmaster Brad Wells and Committee Chairperson Bill Burson.

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The Kennesaw State University Department of Visual Arts will present "Ventana al Arte Latino...

Georgia (May 29, 2002) – Kennesaw State hosts local Latin American art exhibit

Cheryl Anderson Brown

Abstract

The Kennesaw State University Department of Visual Arts will present "Ventana al Arte Latino" (Windows to Latin Art) in the Sturgis Library Gallery, June 1–29. The opening reception, featuring music by Latinfeeling Band, will be held from 7–9 p.m. June 1.

The exhibition is co-sponsored by the KSU Center for Hispanic Studies, the KSU Foundation Inc. and the KSU Art Galleries.

The featured artists, all members of the Latin American Art Circle, include Jorge Arcos, JosÈ Ignacio CastaOeda, Marcio Curti, Valerie Dibble, Diamela Fernandez, Roberta Griffin, Ricardo Jabardo, Cesar Lima, JosÈ Mendez, Eugenio Molinet, J.F. Ochoa, Wendy Phillips, Nicolette Reim, Joe Remillard, Pedro Resendiz, Monica Ruiz Velez, Enrique Sanxhez, Jeffrey Skillings, Cristina Tamames and Jaime Valero.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Monday–Friday; 7–9 p.m. Wednesday–Thursday; and 1–4 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Sturgis Library on the KSU campus. There is no admission fee. For more information, call 770–499–3223.

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Georgia (May 30, 2002) — Student research, international collaboration attracts attention of CDC

Rick Woodall

Abstract

A quest for knowledge about the growing resistance of staph bacteria to antibiotics took Dorothy Don Davis and her students in Kennesaw State University's Department of Biological and Physical Sciences south of the border in 2001 for a research trip to Xalapa, Mexico—a journey that paid dividends both inside and outside the classroom.

Working hand-in-hand with researchers at the University of Veracruz medical school hospital, Davis and her students, Amy Walthour, Adam O'Bryant and Michelle Swann, added weight to research previously conducted at Kennesaw State, while also gaining first-hand knowledge of a country far different from their own.

Scientifically, the cross-cultural nature of the research benefited the study by showing that healthy adults in both countries carry resistant strains of staph bacteria that could prove deadly in certain circumstances. Resistance strains were even found to vancomycin, referred to as a "last-resort" antibiotic by Davis. Those efforts resulted in individual accolades for participants such as Walthour, who won Best Oral Undergraduate Presentation at both regional and statewide conferences, and also attracted the attention of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has advised the researchers on how to proceed in order to confirm their results.

"Obviously, it's been invaluable for us," Davis said, referring to the collaboration with Dr. Carlos Blazquez and his staff at the University of Veracruz. "We wouldn't have the data from Mexico if we hadn't been able to collaborate."

A staff member at KSU since 1989, Davis first came in contact with Dr. Blazquez during a faculty internationalization trip sponsored by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents in the summer of 2000. Their initial collaboration, which is still ongoing, compared health risks facing Mexicans in their own country to those who had immigrated to the United States. The success of that endeavor led Davis to involve Dr. Blazquez in her study of staph bacteria and its resistance to antibiotics, research that had previously been confined to the laboratories at KSU. She could not be happier with the results.

"I can't say enough about what it did for the students, their level of confidence, the things they learned as far as doing research, but also being exposed to a different culture," she said.

Veracruz staff members such as Vicky Mateu, Daniel Lopez and Dr. Sobeida Blazquez went out of their way to accommodate Davis and her students, going so far as to schedule a special mid-day meal for their American guests, rather than force them to adjust to the local custom of a light breakfast in the morning followed by a much larger meal later in the afternoon. Such hospitality made a lasting impact on the KSU contingent, and could pave the way for further collaboration.

"They have asked us to come back repeatedly," Davis said. "They have said we are welcome to come back. I think that's a testament to how well the students acted and performed while we were there. They were good ambassadors not just for KSU, but for the United States."

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Kennesaw State students selected for exhibition

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Georgia (Jun 14, 2002) – Kennesaw State students selected for exhibition

Cheryl Anderson Brown

Abstract

Three Kennesaw State University students have been selected to participate in the Small Exhibition at Eyedrum Gallery in Atlanta. Miniature paintings by Shelly Anderson of Marietta, Mike Devine of Roswell and Ron Underwood of Canton were chosen after a competitive national jury process. More than 100 artists were considered.

All Small is an exhibition treasuring deliberately small artworks. The show, which opens June 15 and runs through July 20, features artworks six inches and under in their largest dimension or 60 seconds and less if time-based, presented in such a way that each artist's grouping has its own integrity and the entire display has an impressive cumulative effect.

"The acceptance of these three students only helps confirm that Kennesaw State's art students are truly exceptional," said Assistant Professor of Art Robert Sherer, who encouraged these students to apply for the exhibition.

A free opening reception will be held 7–10 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at the Eyedrum Gallery, 290 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. in Atlanta.

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Applications being accepted for Certificate in Gerontology program at Kennesaw State University

The Center for Active Retirement Education at Kennesaw State University is accepting applications...

Georgia (Jun 18, 2002) – Applications being accepted for Certificate in Gerontology program at Kennesaw State University

Karen Kennedy

Abstract

The Center for Active Retirement Education at Kennesaw State University is accepting applications for the Professional Development Certificate in Gerontology program. The program is an interdisciplinary study of gerontology that combines the most current knowledge in the field of gerontology with applied field application.

The 2002–2003 class will meet one Tuesday a month for nine months beginning Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002 and ending June 10, 2003. The enrollment deadline is Aug. 1 or until the class is filled. For further information contact the CAREing Center at 770–499–3340 or jtrodahl@kennesaw.edu.

The Senior Citizen Council of Cobb County is awarding four full–tuition scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Scholarship applicants should be Cobb County residents currently employed in the field of aging, possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must submit a brief statement of need and commitment to the field of aging along with their application.

Kennesaw State also offers a graduate certificate in gerontology for which the Senior Council is providing two \$500 scholarships. For more information on the graduate certificate call 770–423–6225 or email ctiegle@kennesaw.edu. The deadline for application to the graduate certificate program is July 2.

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Students and friends of Kennesaw State University have a new way to show support for the school — ...

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Karen Kennedy

Abstract

Students and friends of Kennesaw State University have a new way to show support for the school — official state of Georgia car license plates. The tags, emblazoned with a gold "KSU" logo lined in black, have been commissioned as part of the Georgia Collegiate License Tag Program.

This program, which includes public and private institutions throughout the state, has been in existence for more than a decade, but this marks the first time Kennesaw State has participated since the mid-1990s.

"We're excited to offer this opportunity for members of the KSU family who are interested in showing their pride in our institution in such a visible way," said Bryan Ginn, director of state and local relations for KSU. "We encourage folks to buy one for all of their vehicles."

The Office of External Affairs and University Relations administers the license plate program. Those interested in obtaining a tag should visit the Web site, www.kennesaw.edu/ksutags.

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To honor a woman who spent her life in education, the family and friends of Jackie Dobbins...

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Karen Kennedy

Abstract

To honor a woman who spent her life in education, the family and friends of Jackie Dobbins Cobb have established The Jackie Dobbins Cobb Memorial Scholarship, a fully-endowed scholarship, at Kennesaw State University. Mrs. Cobb passed away unexpectedly May 10, 2002, while visiting her daughter who lives in Italy.

Mrs. Cobb, who attended Kennesaw State briefly before earning a bachelor's degree in education from Georgia College at Milledgeville and a master's from Georgia State University, spent much of her 20-year teaching career serving the children of Paulding County. Mrs. Cobb's ties to KSU and KSU's respected teacher education program led her family to establish the memorial scholarship at the university.

KSU's Bagwell College of Education is the second-largest producer of teachers in the state. Teacher candidates from the Bagwell College have a 90+ percent pass rate on the PRAXIS test – Georgia's teacher certification exam.

The Jackie Dobbins Cobb Memorial Scholarship will support Kennesaw State students who have graduated from a Paulding County high school and are majoring in elementary education. The scholarship may be used for tuition, fees or related education or living expenses.

For information on how to contribute to The Jackie Dobbins Cobb Memorial Scholarship or how to apply for it, contact the Kennesaw State University Office of Development at 770-423-6027.

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Kennesaw State hosts Atlanta Suzuki Institute

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Georgia (Jun 19, 2002) – Kennesaw State hosts Atlanta Suzuki Institute

Cheryl Anderson Brown

Abstract

The idea of a three-year-old with a violin might strike terror into the hearts of many -- will he smack his brother over the head with it or, worse, will she draw the bow across the strings creating a sound ten times worse than fingernails on a chalkboard?

Adherents of the Suzuki Method, however, willingly give young children violins without fear. When the Atlanta Suzuki Institute convenes on the campus of Kennesaw State University the week of June 23, more than 160 students, ages 3-17 from six states, will demonstrate their musical skills and study their instruments with master teachers from around the country while their parents sit in on every lesson.

"The Suzuki Method brings parents, teachers and students together," says institute Director Janalyn Lindley. "The parents are active participants in the child's training."

During the weeklong session, students will attend daily semi-private lessons and classes in repertoire, technique, movement and improvisation. They also will benefit from performances by their teachers, peers and special guests like the Amati Trio. More advanced students may also participate in one of three orchestras. Meanwhile teachers may attend a teacher-training seminar. Parents, in addition to observing their children's lessons and classes, will have sessions with the teachers to learn how to help advance their children's musical training.

Lindley, who has taught using the Suzuki Method for 30 years, says parents view the week as a family holiday. "Although the schedule is very intensive, it really offers them the opportunity to be together as a family and to be involved with an activity they all enjoy."

The Suzuki Method of Talent Training was developed by Shinichi Suzuki in Japan in the mid-20th century as an alternative to "traditional" violin instruction. The method is based partially on the idea that children should learn music the same way they learn language - a combination of total immersion and learning to speak before learning to read. Suzuki students begin training at a very early age, even as young as two. Often, Suzuki students listen to music recordings and observe other student's lessons before they are given an instrument. Then, they are taught techniques and memorize entire songs, even concertos, before they ever see a sheet of written music. In traditional music training, students usually are given their instruments and sheet music at the same time. Learning to read music is delayed in Suzuki training, although it is still a priority, according to Lindley.

"The Suzuki method frees young children from the written notes," Lindley says. "It allows them to learn in a more natural manner. It also helps develop their memorization and tonal skills. It is great training for the brain and the mind."

Although Suzuki techniques are now used for piano and flute training, the institute at Kennesaw State will focus only on violin, viola and cello. The institute begins with a group session at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 23 in Howard Logan Stillwell Theater. Classes, lessons and recitals occur daily throughout the week. During the Final Festival Concert at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, June 28, several student ensembles will perform in Stillwell Theater.

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July 29, 2002 Commencement Speech

Georgia (Jun 29, 2002) — Good morning and congratulations, graduates. Sounds good, doesn't it? And good morning, family and friends.

I am here today, really, because of a dog named Kenny. In the spring of 1936, when I was 10, my family -- six of us -- piled into our '26 Franklin automobile and headed from East Lake, in SE Atlanta, to a foreign destination called Kennesaw. It was a 45-mile trip -- an all-day journey. At the Kennesaw Kennels, we purchased a cocker spaniel with the distinguished title Sir Galahad of Kennesaw. We called him Kenny. He was our long-time family pet; and so, that once faraway place known as Kennesaw has, all my life, held a special place in my heart.

As years passed and time allowed, I wished to become involved in some way with a college in my community. So you can see why, in the early 80s when I was invited to become a trustee of what was then Kennesaw College, I jumped at the chance.

I was a child during the Depression. Parents had a tough time financially, but kids enjoyed so much freedom -- sandlot ball, endless roaming thru the woods -- I could and did ride my bike from East Lake to the Atlanta airport. Can you imagine a boy of 12 being able to do that safely today?

I lived across the street from a golf course. Several times I remember bi-wing mail planes, out of gas, having to land on the fairway. I would run to that spot. The pilot would give me an empty gallon can and 15 cents. I would hurry off to our country store and return with 10 cents worth of gas and a nickel candy bar for me. What was a dilemma for the pilot, was always a thrill for me. I've loved airplanes ever since!

Other than the lack of antibiotics and vaccines, it was a great time to be a kid. There was little need for words of caution. In my house the only rule was "be home for supper."

Along the way I know you have all had teachers and professors who have challenged you to be your best. You will always remember them!

Three of mine stand out vividly -- one in 6th grade who taught me respect -- one in 12th grade who pushed me to enter the statewide math contest -- and a professor from my alma mater, Lehigh University. In 1980, Lehigh's football team was in the Division 2 semifinals. My son and I drove to Kentucky for the game. During the victory celebration I caught a glimpse of the professor who tried to teach me physical chemistry. Wow! What an impossible course!

I walked up to him and said, "Dr. Zettlemyer, I am Fred Stillwell. I was in your p-chem class in 1948 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday." He stepped back. He took a long look at me and said, "Yes, and I was hoping I would never see you again." To say the least I was in shock. To this day I'm still trying to figure him out. Was it because I was not alert in class on Saturday mornings or did he say that to everybody?

As I said earlier, parents in the 1930s were struggling. My Dad traveled constantly and wasn't home nearly enough to suit me. So, I knew as a youngster, that when I had my own family, I wanted to be home while my children were growing up.

After 10 years with an Atlanta company and traveling most of the time, I was able to reach that goal. I ventured into the home building trade on my own. I built my favorite style -- two-story farmhouses with porches and bay windows. The growing Atlanta market liked them too.

From this success, an opportunity grew for me to become a residential developer. I loved finding the land, walking it and envisioning the neighborhoods that would materialize. Fortunately, this work allowed me to always be home for supper - even if sometimes a little late. Those evenings spent with my family were priceless.

And now, graduates, I must give you what my kids refer to as Dad's "Tiger" speech. Life is a series of events and accomplishments -- most of them small, a few momentous. Attention and attitude are the bricks and mortar that pave the way to success.

First, I urge you to pursue your life's work in a field you can enjoy. Everything requires close attention to detail and the ability to see the big picture. With a good attitude -- and liking what you do -- you will succeed. You will be able to see the forest as well as the trees. Next, treat all those around you with kindness and respect. Some occasions will call for tough-mindedness. It's OK to be tough -- if you're fair!

Lastly, set goals and when you reach them, recognize your accomplishments -- and feel pleased and proud. End of "Tiger" speech!

I cannot leave here today without telling you how much my tie with Kennesaw State has meant to me. It has been one of those momentous events in my life -- and one of long standing. The campus has been my second home, especially since my retirement.

Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of KSU. I have made so many wonderful friends.

Especially in baseball -- the many players that have come and gone over these past 13 years -- and particularly the coaches -- Mike Sansing, Bob Roman and Ryan Coe. I have given them lots of suggestions and they have listened with patience and then gone on about their business. In one tournament, Mike asked me who I thought should pitch, as most of our pitchers had already been used in this particular case. I responded by saying "Look, you pick 'em and I'll do the complaining. We're not switching roles."

I appreciate these coaches for letting me share both their teams and their families. They are my idea of success -- not just because they win national championships, but because, with their families, Barbara, Kyle, and Bradley, Michele and Hannah, and Cara -- they are stellar role models and an inspiration for the many young lives they touch.

Again, graduates, congratulations. Enjoy your very special day and your very special life. As Frank Capra and Jimmy Stewart taught us so well -- It's a Wonderful Life!

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Georgia (Jul 1, 2002) — Kennesaw State University researchers to develop documentary in conjunction with the PeachStar Education Services Division of Georgia Public Broadcasting on women presidents in Georgia higher education

Jennifer Hafer

Abstract

Funded by a grant from Phi Kappa Phi honor society, Dean Mary Lou Frank and Assistant Professor Anne Hicks-Coolick will begin making a documentary this summer to honor the work of female college and university presidents.

"These women have taken uphill journeys that virtually were uncharted 30 years ago," Frank said. "Their voices need to be recorded and studied to document their accomplishments, as well as to understand their leadership styles, chronicle their development as presidents and create a model for other women who aspire to leadership in higher education."

As president of the Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education, Frank recently met with Hicks-Coolick to discuss ideas for the association's annual conference. From those discussions, the documentary, "Leadership, Vision and Excellence: A Study of Women Presidents in Higher Education," was born.

Frank is dean of undergraduate and university studies at Kennesaw State University; Hicks-Coolick serves as director of the Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership and is an assistant professor of social work.

"The numbers of women presidents are not on the rise, they're on the decline," Frank said. "Even though 16 to 18 percent of college and university presidents are female, the majority of them are at the helm of two-year schools. Our gains are not quite as large as what they may seem."

The pilot study of women presidents of colleges and universities in Georgia will include an initial documentary of six of the 15 women presidents in Georgia and a scholarly article describing the content of the interviews.

The researchers hope to use the prototype documentary, which is being produced in collaboration with PeachStar Education Services, a division of Georgia Public Broadcasting, in requesting further funding to expand the documentary to all women presidents in Georgia. Their long-term goal is to work with the Public Broadcasting Service in taping a documentary of all women college and university presidents in the United States.

"This will be a historical artifact for scholars in women's studies," Frank said. "A leadership model will be developed that will take into account the uniqueness of women's leadership styles in university settings, and this model will serve as a guide for other women who aspire to administration in higher education."

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Kennesaw State University students among those to study in China

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Georgia (Jul 1, 2002) – Kennesaw State University students among those to study in China

Staff

Abstract

Sixteen students from Kennesaw State University, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, University of Georgia, Clark Atlanta University and Agnes Scott left yesterday, June 26, for a six-week study program in China. The group will conduct weekend visits to Beijing, Nanjing, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Huangshan and Shanghai. During their time abroad, students will study Chinese at Yangzhou University as well as attend special lectures and presentations on Chinese history, international relations, economic development, education, art, women's issues, calligraphy, cooking and Tai Chi.

The program is administered by Dr. Dan Paracka at Kennesaw State University and is directed by Dr. Paul Foster at Georgia Tech and Dr. Yan Gao at Clark Atlanta University. This trip marks the fourth consecutive year for this highly collaborative and challenging program. Almost half of the previous participants have subsequently returned to China to work or continue their studies.

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Kennesaw State University to host forum on developmental disabilities

Kennesaw State University will host a regional forum on issues surrounding children with ...

Georgia (Jul 5, 2002) – Kennesaw State University to host forum on developmental disabilities

Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University will host a regional forum on issues surrounding children with developmental disabilities Monday, July 8, 9 a.m. to noon.

The meeting on the campus of Kennesaw State is one of several forums being conducted throughout Georgia as part of a larger state review and research project conducted by the National Association of State Boards of Education. The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, Project WINS (Winning Ideas Network for Schools) and Project Bridges are sponsoring agencies and projects. The results of the research project will enable the GCDD to develop policy direction for the education of children with developmental disabilities within the proposed educational reforms.

These meetings will address state policy in the areas of assessment, accountability and funding. The discussion will emphasize:

Issues related to inclusive education and district-wide reform, particularly based on the experiences of schools participating in Project WINS;

Identification of barriers to, as well as facilitating factors for, providing inclusive schooling practices; and

Identification of potential state and other resources for promoting inclusive education.

Participants will include parents, teachers, special education directors, school principals, school superintendents, legislators, advocates and other community members concerned with education issues. The forum is open to the public and will provide an opportunity for input to allow participants to express views on various issues related to the inclusion of school children with disabilities in the proposed reforms.

Registration is required.

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Juried art exhibition accepting entries

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Georgia (Jul 9, 2002) – Juried art exhibition accepting entries

Karen Kennedy

Abstract

The Center for Active Retirement Education at Kennesaw State University is coordinating a juried art exhibition of works by artists age 50 and older. The deadline for submission of artwork is Tuesday, Aug. 13. The exhibition, "Third Annual Art of the Golden Generation," runs Oct. 6 – Nov. 1, in the KSU Center.

Categories for submission include two-dimensional (acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, drawing, printmaking and photography) and three-dimensional (sculpture, ceramics, fiber art and mixed media). Photos or slides of work may be submitted for consideration; slides are preferred. Artists may price their work for sale during the exhibition.

Cash prizes will be awarded in both the two- and three-dimensional categories. In addition, a prize for best work by an emerging artist -- a person who has been creating work for three years or less -- will be awarded. For additional information or a "Call for Entries," contact the CAREing Center at 770-499-3340.

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Karen Kennedy

Abstract

Kennesaw State University Political Science Professor Helen Ridley has been asked to serve on the Georgia Commission on Language Interpreters. The commission was created by the Supreme Court of Georgia to address the need for qualified court interpreters arising out of Georgia's increasingly diverse, non-English speaking population. The mission of the commission is to provide professional, trained interpreters for non-English speaking individuals in the Georgia court system. Interpreters will help ensure the rights of non-English speakers by providing them the means to understand and participate in the legal process.

Ridley previously served on the Georgia Supreme Court's Ethnic and Racial Bias Commission and the Equality Commission. The Commission on Language Interpreters was developed based on the recommendations of the previous commissions.

"Kennesaw State University's participation in the development of training for court interpreters is part of the university's educational mission, which includes service to the community," said Ridley. "There is a tremendous need for interpreters and I am honored to be serving on the committee that will ensure that the mandated interpreters are well trained and certified."

As a member of the commission and co-chair of the education sub-committee, Ridley will help to plan and implement the training of new court translators. The most recent training session, held at Kennesaw State University, and provided by KSU's Hispanic Center, had 55 participants. Kennesaw State's Hispanic Center was founded in 1999, in part to respond to community and professional needs in the area of language and cultural training.

Training sessions are being offered around the state in order to provide certified interpreters to all 10 judicial districts. In addition, Kennesaw State's political science department and foreign language department are collaborating to develop an undergraduate certificate in court interpreting, which would allow students to move directly into interpreting following completion of the certificate requirements.

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Staff

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Kennesaw State has received \$270,000 in state funds to step up its efforts to combat the critical shortage of health-care professionals in the state of Georgia. The dollars will be used to fund the first year of an accelerated program to produce registered nurses.

KSU will be one of 13 institutions in the University System of Georgia to participate in the new "ICAPP Health Professionals Initiative." This \$4.55 million initiative is a part of the University System's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP) – the ICAPP Advantage Economic Development program.

"This new accelerated nursing program is designed to enroll motivated students and move them rapidly from other career fields into the field of nursing to respond to the critical shortage," said Kennesaw State University's Dean of the College of Health and Human Services Richard Sowell. "While we have moved up the time-frame in this program, we will still maintain high-quality academic standards and student performance."

KSU nursing graduates consistently have ranked high in passing rates on the NCLEX -- national nursing exam. "KSU currently has one of the highest passing rates in the system. We expect for students coming out of this new program to continue doing well," said Dean Sowell.

The new program looks to enroll 40 students for fall 2002. Compared to a typical 30-month nursing program, the accelerated program runs 16 months and requires intensive classroom and clinical training. Students entering the program will benefit from clinical experience with one of KSU's four health-care partners in this effort. They include WellStar Health Systems Inc. in Cobb County; and Emory Cartersville Medical Center, Floyd Medical Center and Redmond Regional Medical Center in Floyd County.

"While we have been long-time partners with WellStar hospital in Cobb County, we look forward to our work and partnership with northwest Georgia in the Rome area," said Sowell.

Following the successful ICAPP Advantage workforce development model, participating health-care employers have committed to providing jobs for program graduates. Work cancelable loans of up to \$7,500 may be available to eligible students through the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

Candidates interested in the new accelerated nursing program should possess a Bachelor of Science degree in another field from an accredited institution and meet other entrance standards. For more information contact KSU's Chair of the School of Nursing Dr. David Bennett, 770-423-6061.

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Karen Kennedy

Abstract

Susan Collins, newly-selected teacher in residence at the Georgia Teacher Center at Kennesaw State University, has recently received one of two Christa McAuliffe Fellowships given to classroom teachers in Georgia.

Collins received a grant for her proposal titled, "Using Sensors to Apply Mathematics." The proposal is based on a project she developed in her eighth-grade earth science class at South Hall Middle School in Gainesville, which shows how students use mathematics in the study of science. Collins' students collected data on weather and water quality using hand-held sensors. They then downloaded the data into a computer and applied mathematics to help analyze it. After successfully trying the project in her own classroom, Collins thought other teachers in Georgia could apply the tools and knowledge she had gained from the project.

Collins began her position as teacher in residence in June and will serve in that capacity for one year. During her tenure she will train teachers throughout Georgia and develop and implement a math/science academy based in part on her sensor project. Following her year at the Georgia Teacher Center, Collins will return to classroom teaching at South Hall Middle School.

"This fellowship and my position with the Georgia Teacher Center allow me to have an impact on the education not only of students in my classroom, but students all over Georgia," said Collins.

The development by Collins of a math/science academy meshes well with the goal of the Georgia Teacher Center, which is to support teachers-teaching-teachers in an effort to create a sustained increase in student achievement in Georgia schools.

The Christa McAuliffe Fellowship program was created in 1987 to provide fellowships to classroom teachers in memory of Christa McAuliffe, the New Hampshire teacher who served as an astronaut on the space shuttle Challenger in January 1986. The fellowships are presented to full-time public and private school teachers (K-12) who have been employed as teachers for eight or more years.

Each state, using federal funds, develops criteria for submission of proposals based on the needs of the state. With the funds from the McAuliffe fellowships, outstanding and experienced teachers are

able to assist in the development and implementation of their state's systemic education improvement initiatives, to enhance their own professional skills and to improve classroom instruction.

Christa McAuliffe's mother Grace Corrigan presented the award to Collins at a recent ceremony held in Washington, D.C.

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Cheryl Anderson Brown

Abstract

The Starlight Summer Concert Series premieres Kennesaw State University's first annual Summer-Stock Theatre production with "Godspell," directed by guest artist Hylan Scott. Performances are at 8 p.m. on July 19, 20 and 21 at the Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater.

Full of music, dance, comedy and games, "Godspell" fuses Bible stories with theater to explore the meaning of community. The diverse cast of young actors brings a unique, multicultural perspective to the presentation of Christian parables.

Hindu cast member Viveka Chandrasekaran said the play has helped her learn a lot about Christianity and about community. "I have seen "Godspell" before, but I couldn't understand the stories," she said. "In this production, I think we will be able to communicate to any audience member, no matter what their background is."

According to director Scott, that message is one of forming and maintaining communities to care and learn from each other. "This is not a sacred telling of Biblical stories; it is often done as a group of clowns," he says. "However, we want to strike a balance to maintain the integrity of the story."

A veteran of five productions of "Godspell" elsewhere, Scott knows the power of this play to entertain those who want to be entertained and to inspire those who want to be inspired. It was an Alabama production that began to lead him back to Christianity seven years ago. Scott had long since left fundamentalism in search of a variety of faiths. Through "Godspell," however, he realized he could apply Christian principles to his life to make it better. In the last year, he has been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

"Revisiting this play now is a gift," he says.

The seven ensemble players also see the play as a way of exploring their own faiths.

"These characters are extreme versions of ourselves," says Becky Shertenlieb. "They are searching for themselves and trying to figure things out, just like we are." She adds that the play is good for people of all faiths "because we are people of all faiths – it promotes the acceptance of all people."

The underlying seriousness of the play is conveyed through physical comedy, pop culture references and pop-rock musical numbers.

All three performances are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, the performances will be moved into the Howard Logan Stillwell Theater on campus.

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Editor's Note: Originally from Rockdale County, veteran actor, director and choreographer Hylan Scott is a graduate of Webster University in St. Louis. He has performed in several Broadway productions and in national and European tours. Now a freelance director and choreographer, he moved back to the Atlanta area a few years ago. Scott is in his second year teaching theater and dance at Woodward Academy.

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Grammy-nominee and Verve recording artist Regina Carter will headline the 2002 Starlight Summer Concert Series Aug. 4 at Kennesaw State University. All Starlight events take place at the Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater on the Kennesaw State campus and are free for the public. The series, which celebrates its fourth anniversary this summer, regularly attracts more than 1,000 attendees for each outdoor concert.

Regina Carter, the celebrated jazz violinist from Detroit, will perform her renowned mix of soul, swing and jazz. With four CDs to her credit, her release "Rhythms of the Heart" was selected as one of Time Magazine's top ten recordings in 1999 and the recent "Motor City Moments" is thrilling music lovers everywhere.

"Ms. Carter is absolutely fabulous," said Joseph Meeks, dean of the KSU School of the Arts. "Our Starlight fans have been looking forward to her performance all summer."

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"To Your Health," a unique program led by Kennesaw State University's School of Nursing, brings much-needed health and dental care services to mentally-ill adults in metro Atlanta, while providing a service-learning opportunity for student nurses in a mental health clinical rotation.

As part of the program KSU baccalaureate nursing students and faculty provide health care to mentally-ill clients served by Community Friendship Inc., an award-winning non-profit psychiatric rehabilitation center for people in metro Atlanta. The program is funded through a grant from the Willet Fund of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Inc. The KSU nursing department conducts health assessments, exercise and nutrition classes, basic health care screenings and offers referrals of primary-care physicians. In addition, the students lead activities and educational programs on issues such as stress, health-risk factors and healthy-living behaviors.

"Often programs [such as those provided by CFI] that treat persons with mental illness do not provide access to wellness programs, primary health or dental care," says Dr. Mary Ann Camann, a KSU nursing professor and director of "To Your Health."

Dr. Camann and the KSU Nursing Department responded to the lack of medical care and searched for a way to provide dental care. A partnership with the Georgia Perimeter College Dental Hygiene Clinic provided the answer. The clinic has been offering dental services to CFI clients as a pilot program, but hopes to be able to continue the project.

"It's a great opportunity for students to work with a wide variety of patients," says Dr. Ronda Karelitz, GPC's Dental Hygiene Department chair. "If students are not exposed to different kinds of patients, they might not be fully prepared to treat patients with different kinds of life situations. The more diverse the population, the better the students' preparation."

According to Camann the experience has been positive for everyone involved. "Everybody profits from this partnership," she says. "The students get a broad idea of rehabilitation and clients get the benefit of having someone who cares about their overall well being."

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Karen Kennedy

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Fred Stillwell, a retired Cobb County developer and longtime friend of Kennesaw State University, received Kennesaw State's sixth honorary doctor of humane letters at commencement ceremonies July 29 at the Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center.

Stillwell was honored with this doctorate for his years of support of Kennesaw State. "Fred Stillwell's generosity through the years has helped Kennesaw State to become a university of significance," said KSU President Betty Siegel.

His gift to endow the Howard Logan Stillwell Theater in memory of his father was the largest gift in the school's history at the time it was given. In addition to supporting the theater, Stillwell is known as the KSU Fighting Owls' biggest fan. The baseball team's Stillwell Stadium was built with his generous funding and bears the name of his family.

In his speech following receipt of the doctorate, Stillwell said, "Kennesaw State has been a second home to me. I'm proud to be associated with this excellent institution."

Currently, Stillwell serves as a member of the KSU Foundation Board of Trustees and as a member of the Athletic Complex Steering Committee.

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The Kennesaw State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi recently announced its new executive board for the upcoming academic year. Inducted were the following slate of officers:

President: Associate Vice President for Development Kathleen Neitzel

Vice President: Dean of Undergraduate Studies Mary Lou Frank

Secretary: Director of Media Relations Frances Weyand

Treasurer: Associate Professor of History Kay Reeve

Faculty Advisor: Associate Professor of Art Roberta Griffin

Student VP: Amanda Lynn McGrew

Historian: Asst. Director for Disabled Student Support Services Carol Pope

The Kennesaw State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, founded in 1990, is a member of the national organization of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, an academic honor society that is dedicated to the recognition and promotion of academic excellence in all fields of higher education. Founded in 1897, the Society currently includes 282 chapters on the campuses of colleges and universities across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Each year, only the top academic students are elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, including the upper seven and a half percent of juniors and the upper ten percent of seniors, along with a small number of outstanding graduate students, faculty and alumni. More than \$500,000 in national and local scholarships is awarded annually.

Nationwide, more than 1,200 faculty and staff volunteers give of their time to serve as officers of local Phi Kappa Phi chapters.

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Staff

Abstract

Paul M. Smith, former president of Kroger's Atlanta area operations, is the newest Executive in Residence at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University. Smith's goals include helping to tailor business education to better meet the needs of business, while making businesses more aware of the exceptional programs the Coles College has to offer.

"Paul's experience as a leader in the business community will be invaluable to our students," said Coles College Dean Tim Mescon. "He has already been invaluable as a member of our board, and we're thrilled to have him more involved in our outreach."

Smith's involvement with the school dates back several years. Among the programs he helped initiate are "Kroger University," "Produce University" and "Deli University," which offered Kroger employees on all levels the opportunity to pursue continuing business education.

After attending Western Michigan University majoring in marketing and food distribution, Smith joined Kroger in 1962. He held store management positions in Chicago, then worked with operations and merchandising in Louisville and Cleveland. In 1982 he was named senior marketing manager in Cincinnati, later becoming director of merchandising in Memphis. He was president of Kroger's Atlanta operations from 1985 until his retirement in October, 2000. During his tenure, Kroger grew from 87 stores in 1985 to more than 160 in 2000, with over 24,000 employees.

He is now a senior partner with National Megaforce, a retail solutions company. He also consults for companies in, and associated with, the food industry.

In addition to serving on the Coles College board, Smith is on the Board of Councilors for the Carter Center, the Visions Committee for Eagle Ranch in Chestnut Mountain, Georgia, and the Partner's of Children's Healthcare Atlanta Advisory board. He is also vice president of the Board of Trustees at Mill Springs Academy.

Smith, his wife Pam and their children live in Roswell, Ga.

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I say this with confidence, and I announce our theme—"From Success to Significance"—with similar faith. It is the confidence of knowing that the faculty and staff of KSU have always exceeded even our highest expectations for the university. Last year, as we celebrated "The Engaged University," I was reminded again and again of my good fortune in working with such forward-thinking colleagues. As I listened to representatives from each college and school detail their work in civic engagement, I knew that Kennesaw State was poised for yet another profound transformation.

The evidence for this is everywhere—in the reinvention of our Leadership programs, kicked off with such grand success by Staff Excel last spring; and in our collaboration with our sister colleges and universities in the Northwest Georgia Crescent Alliance; in our new Center for Leadership, Ethics, and Character, through which we will expand our efforts to educate purposeful, engaged citizens for the new millennium.

Everything we have accomplished during these last years—in academics, new programs, student success, technology, development, planning—has pointed to a larger transformation. During our campaigns of service, collaboration, and engagement, we have deepened our commitments both in and out of the classroom. We've achieved great things, and now we must consider how to live up to the challenge issued to us by Deno Curris, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. When he visited our campus last spring, he spoke of Kennesaw State as a prototype of "the people's college." If we can continue to earn that title—with all it means in terms of civic engagement and regional leadership—then surely we will perform work of lasting significance.

"From Success to Significance" is broad enough as a theme to allow countless interpretations, as each of us considers how best to achieve continued personal and professional growth. It is individual growth, after all, that makes the university's transformation possible. Leadership expert Max DePree reminds us that such growth "is much more an art, a belief, a condition of the heart, than a set of things to do." These are words to remember, for what separates us as an institution is our strong belief in what we can accomplish, and the large-hearted spirit of our faculty and staff.

I look forward to collaborating with all of you during yet another banner year for Kennesaw State University.

Sincerely,

Betty L. Siegel

President

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Rick Woodall

Abstract

High achievers from seven different area high schools were awarded Dell computers after completing a month-long course of study in Kennesaw State University's one-of-a-kind CyberTech 2K2 technology education program.

Approximately 130 graduates were honored during commencement exercises for CyberTech 2K2. Of those, 30 took home computers in recognition of their accomplishments in the program. This is the second year Dell has provided computers for this purpose.

"Dell is firmly committed to helping all students develop the 21st century skills needed to compete in the workforce of tomorrow," said Regional Sales Manager Scott Campbell. "Kennesaw State University's CyberTech 2K2 computer science program has great potential for increasing minority representation in the sciences and at the same time, favorably impacting science and mathematics education. We are proud to support them in this effort."

The innovative program was piloted in 2001 as a strategic educational initiative designed to increase interest and improve achievement in science, technology and mathematics, especially among minority groups traditionally underrepresented in those career fields.

"The bottom line," said Larry Peterson, dean of Kennesaw State's College of Science and Mathematics, "is to prepare these students for university-level science programs and ultimately, for careers in the technology field."

CyberTech has more than quadrupled in size since 2001, when participation was limited to 30 rising sophomores and juniors from South Cobb High School. This year, four more Cobb schools—Pebblebrook, Osborne, McEachern and North Cobb—took part, as did Bartow County's Cass High School and Dalton High School in Whitfield County.

"We were extremely pleased with the growth in the program," said Dale Benham, CyberTech director. "Quadrupling the number of students in the program was great, and we anticipate continued growth for next year."

Applicants were judged on a variety of criteria, including math skills, grade point average, disciplinary

and attendance records, and their overall interest in computer technology. Once accepted, students had the option of studying either programming or operating systems three hours a day, five days a week at computer labs located on the KSU campus.

Each participant received a scholarship in excess of \$1,000 to pay for the cost of the program, funded equally by KSU, the local schools and, in Dalton's case, Duke Energy.

"Really, the best thing about this year's program was the students," Benham said. "They were excellent in all aspects and will be tremendous representatives for the CyberTech program in each of their high schools."

Fittingly, the commencement speaker for CyberTech 2K2 was Herb Lehman, executive director of the Yamacraw Mission, a collaborative effort launched by Gov. Roy Barnes to make Georgia a world leader in the design of broadband communication systems and devices, as well as embedded systems. Though not officially affiliated with CyberTech, Yamacraw certainly stands to benefit from the only university-level program in the state that identifies high school students with an interest in technology and prepares them for careers in the computer science field.

"A real highlight of the program was our graduation speaker," Benham said. "Having the Yamacraw Mission recognize what we are doing at Kennesaw State University is a very strong endorsement for the CyberTech program."

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9–5, Art exhibit.

"On/Off/Over the Edge: American Print Alliance." 7 p.m., Opening Reception. Fine Arts Gallery, Kennesaw State University. Exhibition continues through Oct. 10. 770–499–3223.

9–11, Art exhibit.

"Kaleidoscope of Color: Paintings of Andrew Morgan." 7 p.m., Opening Reception. Sturgis Gallery, Kennesaw State University. Exhibition continues through Oct. 19. 770–499–3223.

9–13, Theater.

"Man and Superman – Don Juan in Hell." Benefit performance by KSU Theater faculty. 8 p.m., Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. \$5. 770–423–6650.

9–15, Music.

Mary Akerman, guitar. 3 p.m., Music Building Recital Hall, Kennesaw State University. 770–423–6650.

9–21, Music.

Divertissement, Russian Chamber Orchestra. 8 p.m., Stillwell Theater, Kennesaw State University. \$15. 770–423–6650. 28 Family event. Be–A–Part–Of–The–Arts Fair. 1–4 p.m., Kennesaw State University campus. Free. 770–423–6650.

9–28, Poetry.

"The Spoken Word! A Poets' Coffeehouse." 8 p.m., Studio Theater, Kennesaw State University. 770–423–6650.

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Graduate business students at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University will have a unique opportunity to learn from recent corporate accounting scandals. Starting with the fall semester, each student in the "Theory of Business Reporting" course will develop a portfolio on one of the all-too-familiar companies whose accounting and financial reporting practices have been called into question. Enron, Global Crossing, WorldCom, Qwest, Adelphia and AOL Time Warner are among the companies that will be analyzed.

"It is easy to assume that all of the issues are essentially the same, however, that is not the case," says Professor John P. McAllister, who chairs the Accounting Department at the Coles College. "It is only through the painstaking development of a deep understanding of a company that the current situation can be appropriately considered."

The students will document the history of each company, the nature of its business, the background of officers and board members, the behavior of its stock price in recent years, and key financial information.

Students enrolled in "Theory of Business Reporting" course (Accounting 8100) will be working towards either the Master of Accounting or Career Growth MBA degree. The fall semester gets underway August 24.

For more information about the course, or for perspective on the accounting scandals, contact Professor McAllister at 770-423-6084 or John_McAllister@coles2.kennesaw.edu. McAllister's opinions regarding recent financial reporting scandals have received international exposure through interviews on CNN and Voice of America, as well as commentaries in BusinessWeek and Fortune magazine.

To learn more about KSU's Master's of Accounting or Career Growth MBA, contact graduate program director Harry Lasher at 770-423-6041 or hlasher@coles2.kennesaw.edu.

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The Public and International Affairs Building at Kennesaw State University was named Willingham Hall, in memory of Harold Willingham, during an unveiling ceremony Aug. 16, hosted by Kennesaw State President Betty L. Siegel and featuring several dignitaries, including Gov. Roy E. Barnes, Chancellor Thomas Meredith, Regent Michael J. Coles, State Sen. Steve Thompson and Judge Bob Flournoy Jr.

Willingham, who passed away in 2000 at the age of 84, was an influential lawyer who is remembered for helping shape a progressive, cosmopolitan Cobb County. Among his many accomplishments as the county's representative in the Georgia Legislature from 1946 to 1962, Willingham helped establish the Cobb County–Marietta Water and Sewer Authority, the Acworth Lake Authority, the widening of I-75 and the moving of Southern Polytechnic State University into the county.

As one of the original members of the College Committee in the late 1950s, Willingham was a prominent decision maker who helped arrange the complex land and funding requirements to establish Kennesaw Junior College. Later, he was part of the group that influenced the Board of Regents to establish a four-year curriculum in the 1970s.

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The recent receipt of a \$655,000 federal Department of Labor grant will help the collaborative increase the standard of living among people in the county who most need assistance.

"One of the ways the center hopes to be involved in this initiative and others," said Dr. Anne Hicks-Coolick, director of the Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership, "is by providing training to the organizations that hope to provide neighborhood services, but don't have the experience. For example, if a group wants to set up a parenting class, we would help them learn how to develop programming, set up a board, whatever they need to make their program work." The center is housed in KSU's College of Health and Human Services.

The Compassionate Communities Workforce Development Initiative is part of President Bush's Charitable Choice legislation and marks one of the first times federal funds can be used by faith-based, social-service providers.

The Cobb Community Collaborative will administer the grant money to grassroots, nonprofit and faith-based organizations providing workforce training at the neighborhood and community level in Cobb, Cherokee and Douglas counties.

Sixth District Congressman Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., presented the grant check at a recent campus ceremony. "The Cobb Community Collaborative is a shining light," said Isakson, "recognized by President Bush as an example of the importance of meshing nonprofit and faith-based initiatives to provide service."

"The concept of working through a collaborative that could provide broad-based, partnership-oriented service made the CCC stand out," said Pat Keelean, executive director of the CCC, as she explained why the CCC was one of only nine organizations chosen for the grant out of 120 applicants nationwide.

Collaboration, partnership, service – important concepts at Kennesaw State, and concepts Hicks-Coolick is proud to support. "We in the center consider ourselves service providers. It is very rewarding to be able to work with the community," she said.

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The university experienced unprecedented application and early registration activity for the fall semester, translating into more than 2,000 additional applications over last year.

"These numbers represent a robust fall enrollment that may put us up over 15,000 students, depending on class availability," Dean of Enrollment Services and Director of Admissions Joe Head said. "We are most impressed with the first-time freshmen application numbers that are up 1,000 over last year."

Kennesaw State's new living and learning community, University Place, features everything from private bedrooms and baths for each of the development's 700 residents to a washer and dryer in all 196 two- and four-person apartments. The rooms are wired for cable, telephones and high-speed Internet service, and all appliances are included. With help from the KSU Foundation, the university also acquired and renovated KSU Place (formerly College Quarters, an apartment complex adjacent to campus). The projects were funded privately with tax-exempt bonds secured by the KSU Foundation and are managed by Place Management Group. Between them, the two developments will house more than 1,000 students, along with 26 resident assistants and a representative of KSU's Student Life Center.

"Many of these students we would have gotten anyway, and they just chose to live on campus to enjoy the new facilities and access to Atlanta without their parents too close, but several hundred others are coming due to the new campus-based housing," Head said.

Other factors helping KSU attract students include uncertainty in the nation's economy, the university's location in the growing northwest quadrant of the state and the affordability of tuition, Head said.

"Another advantage to attending KSU is that students can keep a local job without giving up an income," he said. "This is a nice perk to keep your job, rather than give it up and move away, which triples expenses."

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RAs work to create sense of community among KSU's first residential students

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These resident assistants, all full-time students at KSU, underwent months of intensive training in preparation for the Aug. 17 opening of University Place and KSU Place. As on-site representatives of KSU's new Residence Life Office, they will serve as the ultimate resource for students as they learn the lay of the land in their new surroundings.

Junior John Legg and sophomore Jessica Owen are ready for the challenge. Both were heavily involved in student activities before the first brick was laid at University Place, and they jumped at the opportunity to be among the first resident assistants in the history of the institution.

"It's going to be a chance to meet people and to get people involved," said Owen, a sophomore from Dalton. "I've always been really involved, and I really wanted to get a lot of people involved on campus. I think this is a good way to do it."

Legg shares her enthusiasm, looking forward to the opportunity he will have to live at KSU and participate in campus life without commuting to and from Stone Mountain each day.

"I really enjoy the student organizations on campus," he said. "So when the opportunity came to actually live here and be involved on the campus as a resident assistant, I jumped at it."

After distinguishing themselves during the selection process, the resident assistants chosen by the Student Life Center began learning everything they could about subjects such as team-building, conflict management and campus resources. The pace picked up considerably in mid-August, with the RAs arriving on campus a week ahead of other residential students in order to complete their training. In the early hours of move-in day, the resident assistants hit the ground running, donning bright yellow t-shirts, manning their positions and beginning the process of making their new neighbors feel right at home.

"It's been exciting to watch this place go up, having residents e-mail me and ask me questions," Owen said. "And then for this day to get here – I didn't have any trouble getting up this morning, because I was ready to go."

The majority of the RAs, Legg and Owen among them, live at University Place, which houses 700 of the 1,058 beds available on campus. Five have been assigned to KSU Place, the renovated apartment complex on the north side of campus. The RAs share the responsibility for seeing to the needs of the community at large, although they do have smaller, more defined groups to which they have been assigned.

"Some of us have 30 residents; some of us have 60," Legg said. "Finding something for each one of them that's going to make them feel at home is going to be a huge challenge, but I think we're all looking forward to it."

Each RA is required to plan seven activities over the course of the semester, based on the 'Wellness Wheel' model. This programming will help the residence life program fulfill its goal of providing students with a safe, healthy and attractive living environment which supports the educational mission of the university.

"We have a lot of responsibilities with programming and getting residents involved, but I think our main one is to be a resource," Owen said. "When our residents need us, we're there, for anything."

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Recently, Gov. Roy Barnes, University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas Meredith, Regent Michael Coles, state Sen. Steve Thompson, Cobb Judicial Circuit Senior Judge Robert E. Flournoy Jr. and other dignitaries were on campus for the dedication of Willingham Hall, named for the man who commissioned the writing and recording of "The Ballad of I-75."

The song came about after a long, hard-fought battle over the route the new interstate would take through Cobb County. One group wanted the highway constructed five miles west of Marietta, Judge Flournoy said, while another group, which included Willingham, wanted an eastern route that paralleled Highway 41.

"I-75 runs from Michigan all the way down through Tampa, Fla. to the Gulf of Mexico," Flournoy reminisced during the dedication ceremony. "The whole highway was built except for one section; that one section was Cobb County."

In the end, Willingham's group prevailed — obviously — and Willingham pulled out all the stops when it came time to cut the ribbon on the highway through Cobb County in 1978.

"Willingham raised \$15,000 for the event," Flournoy said. "It was vintage Willingham: a big to do in every way."

Another testament to Willingham's political might was the location of Kennesaw State University in Cobb County. Willingham was a member of the original "College Committee" that founded Kennesaw Junior College.

"Kennesaw has become one of the premier institutions not only in our region and our state," Gov. Barnes said, "but in the nation. It has nothing but a bright future, and we should remember those that helped bring this about."

Barnes, who once practiced law with Willingham, said his mentor's "handy work" can be seen throughout Cobb County. He was the driving force behind the founding of the Cobb County–Marietta Water and Sewer Authority and the Acworth Lake Authority. He helped to relocate Southern Polytechnic State University from Chamblee to Marietta, along with securing funding to widen I–75 through Cobb County.

"Harold always loved this county, and he always made sure it got its fair share," Barnes said. "Harold taught me a lot. He taught me that politics is a combat sport; he also taught me that politics was the way the will of the folks and the betterment of the community was delivered."

Formerly the Public and International Affairs Building, Willingham Hall is located adjacent to the Legacy Gazebo. KSU President Betty L. Siegel said it was only fitting that Willingham Hall is located in the Legacy part of campus.

"Harold Willingham was one of the great builders of Cobb County," Siegel said. "And like Atlas holding up the world, he held up the community and lifted it higher."

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Abstract

The Kennesaw State University Department of Theater faculty will present a readers theater performance of "Don Juan in Hell" at 8 p.m. Sept. 13. Proceeds from the \$5 tickets will benefit theater scholarships and programs at the university.

"This is the second year our faculty has presented a readers theater production," said John Gentile, chair of the theater department. "It is the faculty's gift to our campus, our community, our students and our theater majors."

Gentile will present the role of the Devil. He is joined by fellow KSU professors Dean Adams, Jamie Bullins and Karen Robinson.

In a dazzling and hilarious display of wit, the characters banter over the merits and detractions of heaven and hell, art and life, sex and marriage. A lively debate between Don Juan and the Devil will leave the audience laughing and thinking.

"Don Juan in Hell" was originally written as one act in the George Bernard Shaw play "Man and Superman," although it is more commonly performed as a separate piece. In its first readers theater production, the roles were played by Charles Boyer, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Charles Laughton and Agnes Moorehead.

The performance will take place in the Howard Logan Stillwell Theater on the Kennesaw State campus. Reservations may be made by calling the School of the Arts office at 770-420-4750.

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Staff

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Carol Mabe, vice president of strategic development at Russell Corp. will speak at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 2:00 p.m. The event, which is part of the Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series, will be held in Room 151 of the Burruss Building.

Mabe is responsible for identifying growth opportunities and acquisitions for Russell, the \$1.2 billion international branded apparel company based in Atlanta. Mabe, who began her career as an art director, has an impressive list of marketing and retailing credentials. After 13 years with Sara Lee Corp., she became vice president of marketing for Victoria Secret Stores in Columbus, Ohio. She then became vice president of strategic marketing for VF Jeanswear, which markets Lee, Wrangler and Britannia jeans. She joined Russell in 1999, quickly rising to become president and CEO of Russell Athletic before assuming her role in corporate strategic development.

The Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series is designed to bring top business leaders to the KSU campus. The public is welcome to attend, but space is limited.

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Consumer Advocate Clark Howard will speak at Kennesaw State University on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Carmichael Student Center University Rooms. Tickets are \$1 and a limited number will be available to the public beginning at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the KSU Alumni Association. Howard's new book, "Get Clark Smart: The Ultimate Guide to Getting Rich from America's Money-saving Expert," will be available for purchase and Howard will be signing it from 5:30 – 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by SunTrust Bank and News Talk 750, WSB Radio. For more information call 770-499-6333.

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Kennesaw State University's Center for Active Retirement and Education (CAREing), in partnership with several local organizations, is hosting a juried art exhibition of works of senior artists aged 50 and older. The 3rd Annual Art of the Golden Generation exhibition will be held Oct. 6 – Nov. 1, at the KSU Center on Busbee Dr. This year's exhibition will showcase 113 works by 84 artists. Categories include 2- and 3-dimensional work and prizes will be awarded. An Artists' Reception will be held Sunday, Oct. 6, 2 – 5 p.m. at the KSU Center. The public is welcome. For more information call 770-499-3340.

This program is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. The Council is a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. The Grassroots Arts Program grant is administered through Cobb County Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department.

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Georgia (Sep 16, 2002) – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards president visits KSU

Karen Kennedy

Abstract

Betty Castor, president of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards will speak at Kennesaw State University Wednesday, Sept. 18, on the importance of achieving national board certification for the success of students in Georgia.

Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes announced two years ago a goal of 1,000 national board certified teachers for Georgia by 2004. This initiative is so important to the state, that funds were set aside to help teachers pay for certification and a 10 percent increase in base pay is awarded to teachers who achieve this difficult and vital goal. Currently Georgia has more than 420 teachers holding national board certification, with 800 teachers having been through the process last year and now awaiting test scores. National board certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession.

Castor will visit the Georgia Teacher Center, housed on the KSU campus, and will address college and university level teaching faculty and public education teachers from around the state on the impact national board certification has on teacher quality and improved student learning.

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Affinity license plates offered to supporters of KSU

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Official state of Georgia automobile license plates, emblazoned with a gold "KSU" logo outlined in black, have been commissioned as part of the Georgia Collegiate License Tag Program. This program, which includes public and private institutions throughout the state, has been in existence for more than a decade, but this marks the first time Kennesaw State has taken part since the mid-1990s.

At the direction of President Betty L. Siegel, the program has been reinstated as a way to enhance the university's image and visibility throughout the region.

The tags – which bear the "KSU" logo on the left side, the tag number on the right and the words "Kennesaw State" underneath – are aimed at faculty, staff, alumni, students, retirees, administrators and any other members of the KSU community wishing to identify themselves with the institution.

Such tags are just one component of University Relations' new integrated media and marketing campaign, which includes redesigned publications, media pitches, an enhanced visual identity program featuring a new logo and advertisements on television and in print.

The Office of External Affairs and University Relations will be administering the program and those interested in obtaining a tag are encouraged to contact the office via e-mail at ksutags@kennesaw.edu.

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"These women have taken uphill journeys that virtually were uncharted 30 years ago," Frank said. "Their voices need to be recorded and studied to document their accomplishments, as well as to understand their leadership styles, chronicle their development as presidents and create a model for other women who aspire to leadership in higher education."

As president of the Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education, Frank recently met with Hicks–Coolick to discuss ideas for the association's annual conference. From those discussions, the documentary, "Leadership, Vision and Excellence: A Study of Women Presidents in Higher Education," was born.

Frank is dean of undergraduate studies and general education at Kennesaw State University; Hicks–Coolick serves as director of the Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership and is an assistant professor of social work.

"The numbers of women presidents are not on the rise, they're on the decline," Frank said. "Even though 16 to 18 percent of college and university presidents are female, the majority of them are at the helm of two-year schools. Our gains are not quite as large as what they may seem."

The pilot study of women presidents of colleges and universities in Georgia will include an initial documentary of six of the 15 women presidents in Georgia, including KSU President Betty L. Siegel, and a scholarly article describing the content of the interviews.

The researchers hope to use the prototype documentary, which is being produced in collaboration with Georgia Public Broadcasting, in requesting further funding to expand the documentary to all women presidents in Georgia. Their long-term goal is to work with National Public Broadcasting in taping a documentary of all women college and university presidents in the United States.

"This will be a historical artifact for scholars in women's studies," Frank said. "A leadership model will be developed that will take into account the uniqueness of women's leadership styles in university settings, and this model will serve as a guide for other women who aspire to administration in higher education."

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Lendley C. Black, dean of Emporia State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has accepted an offer to become only the third Kennesaw State administrator to carry the VPAA title on a permanent basis since the position was established in 1984. He is expected to take over for interim Vice President William Hill IV in late summer.

"It's a great honor to be offered the position of vice president for academic affairs at Kennesaw State University," said Black, a member of the Emporia State faculty since 1982. "It's an institution that has an outstanding reputation for innovation and success. I welcome the opportunity to join this distinguished faculty and be both a partner and advocate for the faculty, staff and students at Kennesaw State."

Black's selection is the result of a comprehensive search process that began following the announcement late last year that Rugg would give up the VPAA position he had held since 1987 in order to become director of KSU's new Center for Institutional Effectiveness. Rugg continued to serve as VPAA until April 1, when Hill took over on an interim basis.

Nancy King, vice president for student success and enrollment services, headed the 17-member search committee. That group, working in collaboration with Allan Ostar and the Washington-based Academic Search Consultation Service, whittled the initial list of 70 active candidates down to eight by the time on-campus interviews were conducted in early April. Four finalists returned to KSU later in the month, this time to meet with various constituencies both on and off campus. At the conclusion of those meetings, the search committee passed its recommendations, unranked, to President Betty L. Siegel, who made the final decision.

"I was extremely pleased with the process, and certainly with the outcome," King said. "Dr. Black was well received by all constituencies on campus when he interviewed."

Dean of ESU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences since 1993, Black is the author/coauthor of many significant publications, among them a biography of Russian actor Michael Chekhov resulting from his research into Russian theatre and drama. He has directed more than 30 major theater productions over the course of his career and delivered presentations on topics in the arts and sciences, as well as issues facing higher education.

"I think the fact that Dr. Black has had a very long tenure at Emporia State speaks quite well to his commitment to an institution," King said. "He was not someone who moved around a great deal.

"I do believe he will make a strong commitment here."

A longtime supporter of international education, Black has been active in helping establish new international programs at ESU. He also has a strong record of commitment to ethnic and gender diversity issues, working for many years to promote and integrate those topics into the institution's curriculum and culture.

"I want to thank the members of our excellent search committee, chaired by Nancy King, who presented us with a very fine slate of candidates," Siegel said. "Dr. Black emerged from the finalists as the candidate best suited to assume the highest academic position at KSU, and we are very enthusiastic about his acceptance. Dr. Black's exceptional academic achievements and his management strengths as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Emporia State University exemplify the qualities identified by the search committee as necessary for advancing the future academic needs of Kennesaw State."

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Master photographers on exhibit

The School of the Arts has opened a new exhibition featuring the finest works by some of the region's best photographers. "Atlanta's Master Photographers," which continues through June 27, includes mixed media, collage, large-scaled color and black-and-white works developed through a variety of processes.

Georgia (Sep 18, 2002) — "Visitors will see an array of forms, styles and techniques," said Assistant Professor of Art Valerie Dibble, who co-curated the show with guest consultant/photographer Lucinda Bunnan.

All of the exhibitors are members of the Atlanta Photography Group, a nonprofit organization which promotes the photographic arts through education, exhibitions, programming and support groups. Featured photographers include Bunnan, Kathryn Kolb, Wendy Phillips, Michael R. Reese, Susan J. Ross, Ted Maloof, Jamie Cook, Frank Hunter, John McWilliams, Charlie McCollers, Nancy Marshall, Corinne Adams, Nancy Floyd, Mark Maio, Elizabeth Turk, Manuel Llaneras, Lynn Linnemeier, Deborah Whitehouse, Richard Gess, Benita Carr, Connie Thalkin, Amalia Amaki, Gretchen Hupfel, Sheila Turner and Kennesaw State's campus photographer, Mimi Fittipaldi.

KSU curator Suzanne Talbott defines a "master" as "somebody who's been working in the field for several years and either teaching or mentoring people."

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Monday–Thursday and 7–9 p.m. Wednesday–Thursday. The Fine Arts Gallery is located in the Joe Mack Wilson Building. For more information, call 770–499–3223.

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"We're thrilled that the School of Nursing at KSU was chosen for these scholarships," said David Bennett, chairman of the School of Nursing. "It's going to help us tremendously to attract and retain students who want to go into the field of nursing. This is really important at a time when the vacancy rate has reached somewhere between 12–15 percent for registered nurses in local health care institutions."

Through a gift of \$25,000, the Audrey and Jack Morgan Foundation has endowed the Audrey Morgan Nursing Scholarship, which will benefit undergraduate nursing majors who have a 3.0 grade point average and a demonstrated financial need. A successful businesswoman, wife, mother and volunteer, Audrey Morgan is especially sensitive to the nursing shortage through her service as a member of the DeKalb Medical Center Board of Directors.

"The Morgans' generous gift to KSU was motivated quite simply through Audrey's first-hand knowledge of current health care issues and a desire to make a difference for people in this community," said Kathleen Neitzel, associate vice president for development. "Fortunately, their success and philanthropic spirit enabled them to do just that. The university is very grateful."

Kaiser Permanente's gift is part of a \$500,000 state-wide university scholarship initiative involving KSU, Clayton College and State University, Georgia Perimeter College and Georgia State University. KSU will receive \$25,000 each year for the next five years to assist its nursing majors. Recipients will not be required to work for Kaiser Permanente after graduation. A portion of this \$25,000 award will be set aside each year to fund and endow the Kaiser Permanente Nursing Scholarship, and the remainder used to fund approximately eight Kaiser Permanente Annual Scholarships a year.

"The nursing shortage is one of the most pressing issues in health care today and will continue to become even more severe unless we take proactive steps to address this critical problem," said Carolyn Kenny, president of Kaiser Permanente of Georgia. "Our \$500,000 commitment represents Kaiser Permanente's response to the growing shortage of nurses in Georgia. By helping nursing students prepare for their roles in the 21st century, we are building healthier communities."

A recent report released by the Georgia Hospital Association indicated that the number of vacancies for full-time nursing-related positions in Georgia hospitals has grown more than 38 percent since 1999. Additionally, the Department of Labor estimates that Georgia will need 27,000 new registered nurses between 1996 and 2006 to fill new and existing positions. Georgia ranks 44th out of 51 states (including the District of Columbia) in the number of registered nurses per 100,000 population.

"We've had a long-term relationship with Kaiser Permanente, and members of Kaiser's organization are on our advisory board," Bennett noted. "They've had an opportunity to see that we're a quality program and that we are serious about nursing education. I'm very pleased that they have chosen to include us.

"It's been a good spring semester for us," he added, referring to both the new scholarships and the Research in Undergraduate Education Award recently bestowed upon the RN to BSN Online Nursing Completion Program by the Georgia Board of Regents. "Obviously, we've been able to attract some attention and recognition, which has been very beneficial for us."

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The houses, which will add 50,000 square feet of roofed space, and another 9,000 square feet of patio, deck and porch space to KSU's inventory of facilities, will be used for a variety of purposes, including an "International House," a student health center and an alumni house, according to Vice President for Business and Finance Earle Holley.

"This purchase has been in the works for about a year, and we closed on the houses May 17," Holley said. "Our main interest in the homes was to provide a needed buffer between our new student housing and the Weatherbyrne Woods neighborhood, in addition to our need for more space and land."

The university is leasing the houses from the foundation, which is the owner of the properties, Holley said. The foundation has already taken possession of one home, and there are staggered take-over dates for the remaining eight homes between now and December.

"The use of houses by universities is not an exception," Holley said. "Many universities, particularly those with in-town campuses, use houses."

Other uses for the properties include housing a number of the university's centers, including the Center for Institutional Effectiveness, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and the Center for Election Systems and Science Collaboratives.

"We've got so many needs for space, that we had to prioritize our needs, and we're continuing to look at what the best uses of the space are," Holley said.

For the uses that have already been determined, including the "International House" and the student health center, the benefit of those houses to the university community will be almost immediate.

In the past, finding housing for visiting international faculty hasn't been a problem, Holley said, but transportation becomes an issue with off-campus housing. The benefits of having a student health center across the street from the university's new living and learning community are obvious.

"The International House will allow us to be more aggressive in the area of recruiting visiting scholars from other countries," he said. "That house will also be home to our Center For Hispanic Studies."

While plans call for the university to move in to the houses "as is," some minor renovation work will need to be done, Holley said, including installing the campus communications network into the houses.

"That's going to be a challenge," Holley said of transferring the functionality of the current campus communications systems into the houses, "but I think one of our biggest challenges will be to show the neighborhoods that our firm commitment is to be as good a neighbor as the former homeowners."

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The series, which celebrates its fourth anniversary this summer, regularly attracts more than 1,000 attendees for each concert. The first concert was May 5. It featured the popular KSU Jazz Ensemble in a tribute to Count Basie, Duke Ellington and other great composers of the big band era.

"In addition to our usual mix of jazz styles, we have added a few new items this year," Joseph Meeks, dean of the School of the Arts, said. "These include pyrotechnics at one concert and a theater presentation."

The pyrotechnic display will round out the Starlight Independence Day observation, "Star Spangled Spectacular," June 30. The Fort Mac Band will perform several rousing patriotic numbers to launch the community's celebrations. The new Starlight Summer Stock Theater Company will present "Godspell" July 19–21.

"We hope that this will be the first of many summer theater productions at KSU," John Gentile, chair of the theater department, said.

Regina Carter, the celebrated jazz violinist from Detroit, brings her renowned mix of soul, swing and jazz to the Starlight Concert Series Aug. 4. With four CDs to her credit, her release "Rhythms of the Heart" was selected as one of Time magazine's top 10 recordings in 1999 and the recent "Motor City Moments."

Also this year, the School of the Arts is launching the Young Performing Jazz Artist Competition, recognizing high school musicians of outstanding talent. The winner of the competition will be presented with a scholarship and will perform at the last concert of the series Aug. 18.

"We want every Starlight Series to be more memorable than the last," Meeks said. "This is our thank you to the community for its support throughout the year."

For a complete schedule of this season's events, check-out the calendar

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The Temple in Atlanta and the Kennesaw State University School of the Arts will host "A Kristallnacht Commemoration: Honoring the Victims and Survivors of the Holocaust" on Nov. 5 at The Temple.

The event is a concert of works related to the Holocaust, including the world premiere of "Fugitive Footsteps," a Holocaust memorial composition written by Kennesaw State Composer-in-Residence Dr. Laurence Sherr. He has dedicated this work to his mother, Alice Bacharach Sherr, a Holocaust survivor who moved to Atlanta after the war.

"Fugitive Footsteps" is a setting of poetry by Nelly Sachs, a Jewish poet who was awarded the 1966 Nobel Prize in Literature.

"I chose this particular Sachs' poem because it so strongly portrays the experiences of Holocaust survivors like Sachs and my mother," Dr. Sherr said. "It also speaks to the plights of the survivors of all tragedies."

"A Kristallnacht Commemoration" features performances by guest baritone Daniel Gale, the Cantor at Temple Beth Israel in Bay City, Mich., and the KSU Chamber Singers who sang to sold-out crowds with Barry Manilow earlier this year at the Fox. The Temple's Rabbi Alvin M. Sugarman and KSU Arts Dean Joseph Meeks also will present special addresses.

The commemoration takes place just four days before the 64th anniversary of Kristallnacht or "The Night of the Broken Glass" when Nazi storm troopers and their sympathizers wrecked Jewish homes and businesses, brutalized Jewish women and children and murdered many Jewish people throughout Germany, Austria and other Nazi-occupied areas of Europe. According to SS sources, 7,500 businesses were destroyed, 267 synagogues were burned and 91 were people killed. In a two-day period, about 25,000 Jewish men were sent to concentration camps.

"The horror that the victims of the Holocaust endured should never be forgotten," Rabbi Sugarman said. "One of the most profound traits of being a human is our ability to remember. When we remember innocent victims we make their memory sacred, because hopefully their lives should provoke us to stop the brutal violence that still endures."

The commemoration takes place at 8 p.m. on Nov. 5 at The Temple, 1589 Peachtree St. N.E. in Atlanta. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 770-423-6650.

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Editor's Note: Reporters and cameras are welcome during the final dress rehearsal on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 3. To make arrangements for interviews or photography, contact Cheryl Anderson Brown at 770-499-3417.

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The School of the Arts at Kennesaw State University is getting ready for some rip-roarin' fun as the faculty, staff and students prepare to welcome the community to the 8th Annual Be-A-Part-of-the-Arts Fair on Sept. 28. Intended for families with children ages 3-12, this free fair, held 1-4 p.m., features hands-on activities and performances especially developed with youngsters in mind. The events will take place in and around the Music Building, Wilson Building, Humanities Building, Visual Arts Building and Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater.

Families can start the afternoon at the face painting station where theater makeup artists transform children into animals and superheroes. Then, guests can visit the musical petting zoo, where children test their skills on symphony instruments from the flute to the violin to the tuba. And, don't forget the drums! From there, visitors can mosey over to the visual arts zone to create original masterpieces in paint, clay and other materials.

Along the way, families will want to stop in for special performances by the popular KSU Jazz Ensemble and the Georgia Young Singers of Kennesaw State University.

Before the afternoon is over, visitors should pop in for storytelling time with some of Atlanta's favorite storytellers, check out performances by area youngsters at the Our Kids Talent Display, learn some acting tips and register for great door prizes.

"The arts fair allows children the opportunity to really explore the arts and have a lot of fun discovering music, art and theater," said Joseph Meeks, dean of the School of the Arts.

There is no charge for any of the activities at the Be-A-Part-of-the-Arts Fair. For more information about the fair, call 770-423-6650.

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A graduate of Lehigh University with a B.S. in metallurgy, Stillwell began his career as a national sales manager with Amarlite in 1950. He began work in the construction business in 1961 and went on to found residential development firm Cotton States Property, where he served as chairman until his retirement in 1988. The firm was the leading East Cobb residential developer in the 1970s and '80s, creating more than 30 subdivisions.

As he neared retirement, Stillwell felt it was important to start to give back to the community, which led him to Kennesaw State. A fondness for the university has developed over the years. In addition to his work as a KSU Trustee, Stillwell has been an avid supporter of music, theater and athletics at Kennesaw State.

Known as the Fighting Owl's biggest supporter, Stillwell can be found at nearly every baseball game, talking to the players from warm-up through the last pitch. The coaches and athletes view him as not just a prominent booster, but as a genuine friend to the athletic program. This fact is evident at KSU's Stillwell Stadium, built with his generous support and named in honor of his family.

In 1992, Stillwell received KSU's first Erwin Zaban Prize for Entrepreneurial Spirit for his gift to endow the Howard Logan Stillwell Theater in memory of his father. At the time his gift was the largest in the school's history.

His thoughtful donations have also included personal items such as a violin handcrafted by his grandfather that is on display in the Stillwell Theater lobby. In addition, he has given the KSU Foundation an antique Model T Ford, on display in the KSU Center. The Stillwell family's generosity has endeared them to the students, faculty, staff and alumni at Kennesaw State University.

In 1997, Stillwell collaborated with Jerry Pallotta to write a children's picture book, *The Airplane Alphabet Book*, which has sold more than 25,000 copies. The book features pre-World War II airplanes and demonstrates Stillwell's lifelong fascination with aviation. Stillwell hopes this book will give children insight into the history of airplanes and a better understanding of a technology that they might otherwise take for granted.

Stillwell is married to Jane and has two children, Fred C. Stillwell and Julie E. Stillwell Duke. Fred C., a KSU alumnus (B.S. Education, '91), is a middle school teacher in Cobb County and Julie is an elementary school teacher in Gwinnett County.

KSU will always be indebted to Stillwell, who was one of the university's earliest supporters and who continues to devote his time and heart to the institution.

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The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recently approved a new bachelor of science in biotechnology degree program for Kennesaw State University. This program, which will be housed in the Department of Biological & Physical Sciences, is the first degree program in biotechnology in the university system and will officially begin in January 2003.

The program is designed to meet a growing need in the area of biotechnology in the state of Georgia. Since 1995, approximately 200 biomedical or biotechnology firms and related organizations employing more than 13,000 workers have been established. The biotechnology program will support the industry's growth by providing highly skilled employees and students who are prepared to obtain advanced degrees in the discipline within the university system. Four tracks will be offered: general biotechnology, cytogenetic technology, molecular diagnostics and forensic molecular biology.

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School of the Arts event calendar

Art Exhibitions

Georgia (Oct 2, 2002) — School of the Arts event calendar

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Oct. 22–Nov. 14

KSU Senior Art Majors' Exhibition. Painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, graphic design, photography and ceramics. Free. Fine Arts Gallery, Wilson Building, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. 770-499-3223.

Nov. 1–Dec. 12

KSU Alumni Biennial Exhibition. Outstanding works of art created by artists in the years following their graduation from Kennesaw State. Free. Opening reception: 7–9 p.m. Nov. 1. Sturgis Library Gallery, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. 770-499-3223.

Theater Productions

Oct. 31–Nov. 3

"The Bell Witch and Other Legends: Ghostly Storytellings from American South." A staged storytelling of the wrongs unavenged, loves unrequited and Civil War hauntings that permeated Southern folklore. 8 p.m. Oct. 31–Nov. 1 and 3 p.m. Nov. 3. \$5. Studio Theater, Wilson Building, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. 770-423-6650.

Nov. 19–24

"Shenandoah." In this moving musical drama, American life in the 1860s comes to life with folk ballads and country-dances. 8 p.m. Nov. 19–23 and 3 p.m. \$15. Stillwell Theater, Wilson Building, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. 770-423-6650.

Music Events

Nov. 2

Melanie Fuller, flute. A faculty artist recital. 8 p.m. Free. Recital Hall, Music Building, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. 770-423-6650.

Nov. 5

"A Kristallnacht Commemoration: Honoring the Victims and Survivors of the Holocaust." A concert of works including the world premiere of "Fugitive Footsteps" performed by Cantor Daniel Gale, the KSU Chamber Singers, and others. 8 p.m. Free. The Temple, 1589 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta. 770-423-6650.

Nov. 6

Rebecca Lanning, mezzo soprano. The Emerging Artist Series presents this rising Macon vocalist in recital. 8 p.m. \$15. Recital Hall, Music Building, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. 770-423-6650.

Nov. 7

Uzee Brown, baritone and Joseph Meeks, piano. Presented as part of the American Song Festival. 8 p.m. Free. Recital Hall, Music Building, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. 770-423-6650.

Nov. 8

Oral Moses, bass-baritone and Joseph Meeks, piano. Presented as part of the American Song Festival. 8 p.m. Free. Recital Hall, Music Building, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. 770-423-6650.

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Danny Hood, President of WorldTravel BTI -- the 3rd largest travel agency in America -- will speak to students and faculty of the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 5:00 p.m. The address will be in Room 151 of the Burruss Building.

Hood will speak as part of the Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series, which lets business leaders from around the nation share their expertise with the KSU community. The event is free and open to the public.

WorldTravel specializes in global travel management for corporations and universities. The firm has \$4 billion in sales, and 16,000 employees. Hood, who attended KSU, is also a founder of TRX, an e-commerce spin-off of WorldTravel, which is best known for pioneering e-fulfillment and customer care centers for large travel Web sites. One out of every six airline tickets on the Internet are issued by TRX.

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Cheryl Anderson Brown

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Tim Gettemy, director of the Kennesaw State University production of Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Buried Child," believes that the settings and themes in the play are just as relevant to post 9-11 America as they were when the play debuted in 1978. Playing in the university's Stillwell Theater on Oct. 15-20, the play dives deep into the themes of dislocation and loss of identity.

With this show, the KSU Department of Theater continues to produce challenging works that propel "artists to realize their fullest creative potentials," Gettemy says.

"Buried Child" follows the experiences of a prodigal son, Vince, who returns to a rather dysfunctional family. However, playwright Shepard leaves the audience guessing what direction Vince will follow – continue with his family's vicious cycles or break the chains that enslave him to shame. The director promises this production will leave the audience guessing. "Tidy endings are a disservice to theater," says Gettemy, a KSU alumnus who has become a successful professional actor and director.

With today's economic and political settings similar to those of 1978, "Buried Child" explores the loss of the American dream. "Vince, like so many of us today, must ask himself 'where do we go from here?'"

The play, which includes mature themes and adult content, will be performed at 8 p.m. Oct. 15-19 and at 3 p.m. Oct. 20. Tickets are \$20. For more information and reservations, call the KSU Box Office at 770-423-6650.

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Kennesaw State celebrates American music

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Georgia (Oct 21, 2002) – Kennesaw State celebrates American music

Cheryl Anderson Brown

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The School of the Arts at Kennesaw State University will celebrate National American Music Week with its first-ever American Music Fall Art Song Festival, Nov. 5–8. This series of public lectures and concerts focuses primarily on the American folksong but also touches on other areas including French, Creole and Jewish songs in the United States.

"We are really highlighting the work of John Jacob Niles who arranged volumes of folksongs," said Dr. Oral Moses, who is coordinating the festival with his Kennesaw State Department of Music colleague, Hillary Hight. "Every voice student in America has sung at least one of Niles's arrangements."

Niles's work includes such favorites as "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair," "Sweet Little Boy Jesus" and "The Gambler's Lament."

The festival opens at 8 p.m., Nov. 5 with "A Kristallnacht Commemoration," a unique concert at The Temple, 4789 Peachtree St. N.E. in Atlanta. Featuring the world premiere of KSU Composer-in-Residence Laurence Sherr's "Fugitive Footsteps," this choral event honors the victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

Then, the festival swings into full gear on Nov. 6 with a 10 a.m. lecture by musicologist Dr. Ron Pen, who curates the John Jacob Niles collection at The University of Kentucky. This is followed by a 3:30 p.m. masterclass, "Singing American Songs, with Dr. Uzee Brown of Morehouse College.

That evening, up-and-coming vocalist Rebecca Lanning, will perform. Her concert is also featured on KSU's new Emerging Artists Series.

"The Emerging Artist Series highlights musicians who are on the verge of becoming international performers," said Arts Dean Joseph Meeks. "Ms. Lanning has been teaching, directing and performing in Macon for a few years, but this year she really began to emerge as a future superstar after the National Association of Teachers of Singing named her a semi-finalist for its national Young Artist Award."

Other features of American Song Festival include a session on French songs in America and separate

performances by Dr. Brown and Dr. Moses. Dr. Brown will perform "An Evening of Spirituals and African-American Songs" on Nov. 8. Dr. Moses, accompanied by Dean Meeks, will sing Nov. 9.

All American Song Festival events are free and open to the public except the Rebecca Lanning concert. Tickets for that event are \$15.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit www.kennesaw.edu/music or call 770-423-6650.

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Cheryl Anderson Brown

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The School of the Arts at Kennesaw State University is sponsoring "Ghostly Words," a short story contest for Georgia high school students. Students are invited to submit spooky stories up to 750 words by Jan. 15. Winners will have their stories published on the KSU School of the Arts Web site.

Contest judges include Dr. JoAllen Bradham, author of "Some Personal Papers" and winner of the Georgia Writer of the Year Award in Fiction.

The contest originated from the original KSU theater production of "The Bell Witch and Other Legends: Ghostly Storytellings from the American South," a staged compilation of tales which will tour the Metro Atlanta and North Georgia area during the Halloween season.

Full submission guidelines and writing prompts are available online at www.kennesaw.edu/theater. For information by phone, call Cheryl Anderson Brown at 770-499-3417.

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Staff

Abstract

Kennesaw State University hosted the 20th Anniversary World Conference of the International Alliance for Invitational Education, Oct. 10–12. More than 600 educators, administrators and educational leaders attended the conference, including those from as far away as China and South Africa. Many local educators attended the three-day event and celebration as well.

Dr. Betty L. Siegel, president of Kennesaw State University, co-founded the IAIE in 1982. During her welcome she said, "We're many nations here, many states, but we're all together with the idea that we believe in the concept of invitational education – the basic assumptions of which are trust, respect, optimism and intentionality."

Siegel, along with other experts such as Dr. William Purkey, Dr. John Novak, Dr. Harry Wong, Dr. Ronald Takaki, Annette Breau and Dr. Charlotte Reed, presented general session topics ranging from "A History of Multicultural America" to "101 Answers for New Teachers and Their Mentors." Workshop strands included diversity, character education, service learning, inclusion, and teaching strategies and practices.

Comparing good teaching to bird hunting was just one of the analogies Dr. William Purkey related to a large and enthusiastic crowd. "If you shoot where they are, you're going to hit where they were. You've got to aim where they're going."

Purkey, a professor at the University of North Carolina–Greensboro, recently collaborated with Dr. Siegel on the book, "Becoming an Invitational Leader." The Virginia native spoke with both humor and conviction, remarking at one point, "If you are bored as a teacher, it is because you are boring."

Dr. Harry Wong, author of "The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher" and one of the country's leading speakers in the field of education, encouraged teachers to craft each year's first day of school very carefully. "The very first day, the very first minute, the very first second of school, teachers should begin to structure and organize their classrooms, to establish procedures and routines." He explained teachers should "begin work as soon as they walk into the classroom. That means an assignment is already posted, it's there every day, and it's in the same place every day."

Along with outstanding keynote speakers, musical performances, breakout sessions and an evening

of celebration, the program included an awards luncheon at which fourteen schools received the Inviting School Award for 2002. These K–12 schools from around the world were commended for representing the heart and soul of what being intentionally inviting means to a school and to the community it serves.

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The International Alliance for Invitational Education is chartered by the state of North Carolina as a not-for-profit organization. Members consist of an international network of professionals who seek to apply the concepts of invitational education including seeing all people as able, valuable, and responsible; valuing cooperation and collaboration; viewing process as product in the making; and developing untapped possibilities in all worthwhile areas of human endeavor.

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Karen Kennedy

Abstract

The U.S. Department of Education recently released the student loan default rates. While the national rate remained historically low -- 5.9 percent for FY 2000, the rate for KSU graduates was even lower -- 3.6 percent for FY 2000, the last year of available figures.

"Several factors contribute to this low default rate," said Dr. Terry L. Faust, director of student financial aid. "KSU students are graduating from very marketable academic programs and finding good-paying jobs. Also, the Office of Student Financial Aid has instituted loan counseling programs over the Web that help explain to students the dangers in defaulting on student loans." For more information about financial aid available at Kennesaw State, go to:

http://www.kennesaw.edu/financial_aid/.

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Mock political debate

On Oct. 31 a campus-wide mock election for the offices of governor and senator will be held.

Georgia (Oct 23, 2002) — Mock political debate

Staff

Abstract

Where:

Carmichael Student Center, University Room A, Kennesaw State University

When:

Thursday, Oct. 24, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Who:

Dr. Kerwin Swint, associate professor of political science, and the campaigns and elections class will present this mock political debate with students representing Gov. Roy Barnes, Sonny Perdue, Sen. Max Cleland and Rep. Saxby Chambliss.

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Georgia (Oct 29, 2002) – Local artists featured in Kennesaw State alumni exhibition

Cheryl Anderson Brown

Abstract

The Kennesaw State University Art Alumni Biennial Exhibition, running Nov. 1 through Dec. 12 in the Sturgis Library Art Gallery, features emerging artists in every medium.

"We are thrilled to present the diverse forms and eclectic tastes of these up-and-coming artists," said Joseph Meeks, dean of the School of the Arts.

The promising line-up includes: David Adams of Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Frances Geiger of Breckenridge, Colo.; Robert Witherspoon of Scottdale, Ga.; Richard Lewis of Jasper, Ga.; Jan Di Pietro and Susan Gardner, of Atlanta, Ga.; Ari Durham of Woodstock, Ga.; Lisa Filer and Carol Richane of Kennesaw, Ga.; Souham Lindstrom and Virginia Rogers, Acworth, Ga.; and Teresa Bagwell, Susan Bull, Sandra Crenshaw, Fernando D'Astoli, Jeffrey Skillings, and Chris Wilson, all of Marietta, Ga.

This exhibition is supported by the KSU School of the Arts, Department of Visual Arts, and the KSU Alumni Association.

For more information, call the KSU Art Galleries at 770-499-3223.

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Karen Kennedy

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The Association of General and Liberal Studies, a national organization that advocates for undergraduate general and liberal arts education, recently presented one of three nationwide faculty awards to Dr. Gail Schiffer, biology professor and general education science coordinator at Kennesaw State University.

Dr. Schiffer was recognized by the association for her work in developing and implementing new general education science curricula and for her support of the general education program at KSU.

This year marks the first time this award has been presented. Dr. Schiffer received it at the October AGLS conference in Louisville, Ky. For more information about AGLS, visit:

<http://www.bsu.edu/web/agls>.

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Civil War musical to be staged at KSU

When the Civil War came to the Shenandoah Valley, Charlie Anderson wanted nothing to do with...

Georgia (Nov 7, 2002) – Civil War musical to be staged at KSU

Cheryl Anderson Brown

Abstract

When the Civil War came to the Shenandoah Valley, Charlie Anderson wanted nothing to do with it. But, as residents of this area can tell you, a war in your backyard makes a lasting impression. That's why the Departments of Music and Theater at Kennesaw State University decided to stage Anderson's fictional story with the musical drama "Shenandoah," Nov. 19–24 in Stillwell Theater.

"Wherever you turn in this area, you run into remnants of the Civil War," Dr. John Gentile, chair of the theater department, said. "People who live here think about the war and its meaning. It is a part of the culture of our community, and we wanted to be able to connect to that." Based on the popular film of the same name, "Shenandoah" follows the story of Charlie Anderson and his family. Although Charlie refuses to take a side in the war and risk the lives of his sons, the youngest is taken captive by Union forces. The family splits up to search for the boy, struggling all the while to hang on to their family, their farm and their values.

"This is a very moving production," music director Hillary Hight said. "It is a musical, but it has a powerful, human message behind it."

Tuesday through Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. There is a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. Tickets are \$15. For reservations and information, call the KSU Box Office at 770-423-6650.

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The School of the Arts at Kennesaw State University announces an exhibition of paintings, collages, lithographs and etchings by the late Rodolfo Morales. Opening two years after the maestro's death, "Magical Stories of Mexico" brings the best of his paintings to the United States in a special engagement. The exhibition opens Jan. 15 with Mexican music and food in the university's Sturgis Library Gallery and continues through Feb. 26.

"By the time of his death, Rodolfo Morales had achieved international recognition for his art," said Roberta Griffin, Kennesaw State's director of galleries. "He also had the world's gratitude for devoting his energy and income to restore 14 colonial churches and convents in Oaxaca."

Griffin, who curated this exhibition, will present a gallery lecture at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 23.

Rodolfo Morales was born in 1925 in Ocotlan, a colonial town in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, where time moves slowly and where the past is always present in the architecture and traditional way of life. In his early twenties, he studied art in Mexico City and remained there, teaching art, for more than 30 years.

He worked alone in his studio, producing richly hued and dreamlike images of his childhood -- the ancient churches, the town square and arcaded shops, the colorful markets, the black toy-like trains and, always, the women of his town.

The women in Morales' paintings may be patiently sewing, playing in an orchestra in the plaza, sitting with a quartet of puppies at their feet, or holding huge masses of flowers in an enigmatic offering. The brilliant colors of the blooms contrast with their dark visages, their sturdy, black high-heeled shoes and embroidered white aprons. Their mute faces stare at the viewer and their wide eyes glow with an incandescent light.

Morales painted for 25 years before exhibiting his work. Then, Rufino Tamayo, a world-renowned Mexican artist and fellow Oaxacan, saw his art and became his mentor. Morales retired to Ocotlan, restored an 18th century colonial house and arose early each morning to paint in his studio. When he became famous, he used most of his income to restore the beloved churches he often depicted in his art. He was a quiet mentor to the younger artists of Oaxaca, encouraging them to find their own unique styles based on the experience of their lives, their dreams and memories. He died in January 2001.

Morales had previously exhibited his work at the university in the 1999 exhibition, "La Tierra Mágica: Contemporary Painters of Oaxaca."

"Magical Stories of Mexico" is presented as part of the KSU celebration of the Year of Mexico, co-sponsored by the School of the Arts, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the KSU International Center.

Most of the paintings in the exhibition are on loan from the Museo de la Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público at the Antiguo Palacio del Arzobispado in México, while many of the prints and several paintings are on loan from Nancy Mayagoitia, founder of the Fundación Rodolfo Morales in Oaxaca and a close friend of the artist. The family of Rodolfo Morales are also lending several paintings.

The public is invited to a fundraising pre-opening reception in the gallery on Sunday Jan. 12, followed by a buffet dinner prepared by a gourmet Mexican chef, live Mexican music and dancing. The cost of gala tickets is \$75 per person. Nancy Mayagoitia and the director of the Museo de la Secretaría de Hacienda will be guests of honor.

Many of the works owned by Senora Mayagoitia will be for sale before and during the exhibition, with 30 percent of the proceeds benefiting the KSU Art Galleries. These proceeds are tax deductible. Purchasers of work by Maestro Morales will receive two free tickets to the gala and their names will appear in the exhibition catalogue if work is purchased by Dec. 16.

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NOTE: Slides and digital images from the exhibition are available.

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A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., will arrive on campus Dec. 7 to examine all aspects of the Kennesaw State University Department of Public Safety's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services, KSU Public Safety Director Ted Cochran announced today.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the campus community are invited to offer comments at a public information session Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. The session will be conducted in Room 151 of the Burruss Building on the KSU Campus, located at 1000 Chastain Road in Kennesaw.

"Verification by the team that the KSU Department of Public Safety meets the commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation --a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence," Cochran said. "KSU's Department of Public Safety has to comply with 344 standards in order to gain accredited status. The self-assessment phase of the accreditation process, which we have recently completed in preparation for the assessors' visit, has allowed us to 'fine tune' our administration and operations in order to offer the highest level of law enforcement services to the campus community we serve."

The Accreditation Program Manager for the KSU Department of Public Safety Captain Kemper Anderson said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed and include Commander Brian Seastone, University of Arizona Police Department (team leader); Deputy Chief Daniel Strunk, University of Alabama at Birmingham Police Department; and Assistant Chief Dean Tondiglia, Kent State University Police Department.

"Once the commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status," Anderson said.

Accreditation is for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

Persons who cannot attend the public information session but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, may do so by calling 770-423-6945 on Dec. 10 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5

p.m.

Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the public information session, are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the Standards is available at KSU's Department of Public Safety by contacting Captain Kemper Anderson at 770-423-6206.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the KSU Department of Public Safety's ability to meet the standards for accreditation, or to obtain more information regarding CALEA, are requested to write to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2201.

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Afghan women receive specialized training at KSU

Kennesaw State University was one of only three universities in the nation to host a delegation of Afghan women during a recent visit to the United States. They came seeking ways to improve the lives of the people in their war-torn homeland.

Georgia (Nov 11, 2002) — "At the heart of a university is understanding diversity and international issues, so we see opportunities in this to make strong connections with people who are very different from us so we can build strong alliances and friendships," Kennesaw State Vice President for Academic Affairs Lendley Black said in his opening remarks welcoming four Afghan women to KSU Sept. 30.

The women — all midlevel managers in various Afghan government ministries — spent two weeks at KSU's Division of Continuing Education improving their English and computer skills and learning how to write funding proposals for much-needed international aid. The group also exchanged ideas with educators, community leaders and government officials, and visited local schools.

"This project was a tremendous success and touched the lives, personally and professionally, of everyone involved," Dean of Continuing Education Barbara Calhoun said. "This was our opportunity to make a real impact on the lives of women in Afghanistan, and thanks to the collaborative efforts of the KSU community, we were able to create a unique two-week program that exceeded all of our expectations, including the delegates, and gave these women tools they will bring home and use to make a difference in their communities."

More than two decades of civil strife and war have "devastated" the Afghan educational system, according to Alina Rassi, who, in an interview with a local newspaper reporter, estimated that only 2 percent of Afghans are educated. Rassi is a journalist with the Office of the Prime Minister.

"Even before the war, women in the rural areas of Afghanistan were not going to school, and schools that were in the cities have been destroyed," she said through a translator. "With the change in government, our educational system starts from zero, and that's just in the capital. You can't imagine outside the cities."

Kennesaw State was chosen to host the delegation after President Betty L. Siegel pledged the university's support to helping women reclaim their place in Afghani society following five years of oppression under the former Taliban regime. At Dr. Siegel's suggestion, 36 women university presidents and chancellors took out an ad in the New York Times, extending "the hand of friendship" to the women of Afghanistan. The presidents and chancellors each head campuses that are part of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

"As women presidents and chancellors, we offer our special support for the redevelopment of education for women in Afghanistan and add our voices to your own in the struggle for greater human rights and a more peaceful world," the ad stated.

While rebuilding the educational system in their country is a primary goal (security for the people of Afghanistan is foremost on their minds), the women said many Afghans lack basic necessities. They described a war-torn, drought-ridden country where most residents lack electricity and basic medicines, and where children often go to school hungry and without books.

Shukria Amani, staff assistant to Afghanistan's finance minister and a lecturer at Kabul University, said America, with its vast resources, will play a critical role in building a new Afghanistan.

"America is a great big powerful country that can help rebuild this little country," she said.

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A total of 19 Chinese CFOs arrived Nov. 6 to begin their training, which is being provided by professors from the Michael J. Coles College of Business, as well as continuing education faculty and speakers from major Atlanta-based corporations. The participants were selected by their individual employers to serve as representatives of the top 180 corporations in China. These companies are the equivalent of Fortune 500 corporations in the United States.

"The Center for International Training in Continuing Education began in 1992 and helps build international connections for program development at KSU and the business communities in Georgia," said Ken Jin, center director. "This financial management training program is an extension of international education programs on campus and serves the growing learning needs of Chinese government officials and business executives."

Jin has managed the Center for International Training in Continuing Education since 1993. In that time, the center has serviced the needs of more than 1,400 business executives and senior government officials representing China, Afghanistan, Taiwan and countries in Eastern Europe. The quality of its programs was highlighted in 2000 when Kennesaw State was designated as an official training base by the Chinese government, one of only a handful of universities to hold that distinction in the United States.

"We put a lot of time and effort into customizing training programs based on the requests of the participants," Jin said. "We are able to satisfy a wide variety of learning needs for our customers. Many of our programs are repeat business and generated by word-of-mouth."

Unlike past training programs conducted by KSU, this one reaches out to executives representing a wide variety of Chinese corporations, rather than 20 or more employees from one individual company.

"The program was referred to us through a previous program organizer at China Packaging Corp.," Jin explained. "The program organizer was very pleased with the quality of our training when the company trained with us in 2000. As part of China's state-owned Enterprises Supervision Committee, the organizer highly recommended KSU as the training provider for these 180 companies."

The areas of concentration for the pilot program are financial reporting, financial structures, mergers and acquisitions, and financial markets in the U.S. In addition to their on-campus training, participants are visiting Atlanta area businesses such as Ford Motor Co., Coca-Cola, Popeye's Chicken and UPS, and speaking with financial representatives at each.

"The classes and field trips help the delegates understand American business practices and considerations in investment decision making," Jin said. "The training benefits the CFOs with their operations in China."

Although this particular session will be completed Nov. 17, another group of CFOs is scheduled to arrive on campus in early 2003. Additionally, a training program aimed at chief information officers is slated to begin Nov. 29.

"Our quality programs have made continuing education at KSU stand out among other training programs," Jin said. "This is why we are recognized by the Chinese government as the best in the U.S. Each of our programs helps strengthen our international ties."

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Nursing students teach wellness to persons with mental illness

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In partnership with Community Friendship Inc., a presidential award-winning, nonprofit psychiatric rehabilitation center in Atlanta, students perform physical health assessments and teach exercise and nutrition classes for seven weeks each semester at the community center.

As important as the classes and assessments are, junior baccalaureate nursing student Anna Butterfield says, "Listening is the most important part of what we do." By listening to the concerns of the center's clients, students found they all have much in common — including a need for reminders about what is healthy behavior.

Client concerns about high cholesterol, heart problems and weight led to the introduction of exercise and nutrition classes at the center. Since the advent of the classes, which saw 110 participants last year, 23 of the clients have maintained or lost weight, often while taking medication that tends to cause weight gain. "The average person in America gains 10 pounds per year," says Camann. "So we view this as a real success."

The exercise classes gave clients Jonathan Phillips and Eugene Ellis the incentive they needed to get moving. They've taken what they learned from the KSU students and built an exercise regimen for themselves that includes regular workouts and a recent one-mile walk for charity.

Another client, whose life had become sedentary due to the effects of arthritis and obesity, learned about how exercise could help her and found a water-aerobics class to join. In addition to easing her arthritis pain and losing weight, she found a new group of friends and a reason to get out of the house.

"This class is a learning experience for the students as well as the clients," said Camann. "The students learn to treat the whole person and how to manage on-going problems. And because the students work at CFI for seven weeks, they get to see results."

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Atlanta artist and Kennesaw State University visual arts faculty member Robert Sherer opened a new exhibition of his work Nov. 15 at the Center for AIDS and Humanity in Atlanta. Several of the works in the exhibition were shown at the International Triennial of Contemporary Art in Paris earlier this fall. All of the paintings and drawings are done entirely in blood.

Sherer's earlier work consisted of rich, realistic oil paintings, but his more recent work has moved in a new direction. His current work focuses on sexual attraction in the HIV era. These are extraordinary paintings and pen-and-ink botanical drawings. However, instead of ink and paint, Robert uses his own blood as the medium.

Following a studio accident with an X-acto knife, Sherer began experimenting with the blood on his canvas. He consulted chemists to develop a process to prevent the fluid from coagulating and developed a canvas-preparation and finishing process to keep the color from turning too brown.

Then, Sherer began working on this series of paintings and drawings, marrying the subject and the medium.

"In the last several decades, because of the HIV epidemic, we have begun to think about and worry about blood a lot more often," Sherer said. "Even Robin Williams has joked that we should ask for blood samples before starting a new relationship. These works explore the dangers, fears and beauty we encounter in our relationships."

The exhibition, "Bloodworks: An Exploration of Sexual Attraction in the Age of AIDS," is presented by the Center for AIDS and Humanity, a partnership between the AIDS Survival Project, AIDS Treatment Initiatives and Positive Impact. The Center is located at 159 Ralph McGill Blvd., Suite 500 in Atlanta. The exhibition continues through Dec. 20. For hours and additional information, call 404-874-7926.

Robert Sherer is represented by the Trinity Gallery in Atlanta.

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Karen Kennedy

Abstract

Robert Moses, founder of the national math literacy program known as the Algebra Project, will deliver the 2002–2003 Distinguished Lecture in Diversity in the Curriculum at Kennesaw State University on Thursday, Nov. 14, 12:30 p.m., in Science and Math Building Room 109. Moses is also appearing as part of the Enplas Lecture Series in Science and Society, sponsored by the College of Science and Mathematics.

Moses was a civil rights worker in Mississippi who organized black voters in the 1960s. In addition, he is author of "Radical Equations – Civil Rights from Mississippi to the Algebra Project." Moses is founder and president of the Algebra Project, which teaches math literacy as a key to economic and civic equality.

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Editor's Note: Moses' bio -- <http://www.kennesaw.edu/diversity/bobmoses.pdf>.

Kennesaw State University's vision for diversity is to create a strong multicultural and diverse educational environment at KSU in order to promote an understanding and awareness of people from various backgrounds. In this way, KSU students will be educated for, and can effectively compete in the global society.

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The National Association of Schools of Art and Design has approved Kennesaw State University's application for national accreditation.

"With this accreditation, the School of the Arts at Kennesaw State reaches a significant milestone," said Arts Dean Joseph Meeks. "The entire school -- music, theater and visual arts -- is nationally accredited, making KSU one of only four institutions in the state of Georgia with all arts programs fully accredited."

The Department of Theater and Department of Music at KSU are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theater and National Association of Schools of Music, respectively. "This is remarkable recognition for our programs and faculty," said Assistant Dean Carol Edwards, who oversaw the accreditation application process in her former position as chair of the Department of Visual Arts. Assistant Professor of Arts Joe Remillard coordinated the writing of the self-study that resulted in accreditation.

Dr. Edwards notes that NASAD membership reflects the high quality of education at KSU. The two-year review process was completed with an onsite visit last spring. Program evaluators spent three days interviewing faculty and students, looking over academic requirements, visiting classes and inspecting KSU's new state-of-the-art Visual Arts Building.

"The committee was very positive when it left," Dean Meeks said. "We are pleased that they recognized the excellence of our art, design and art education programs."

With more than 350 students currently enrolled, the Department of Visual Arts offers the bachelor of science degree in art education and the bachelor of fine arts degree in art with concentrations in graphic communication, drawing and painting, photography and printmaking, and sculpture and ceramics.

"We are committed to our student's personal, individual and artistic development," Dr. Edwards said. "We believe the arts enhance the quality of life in our community."

To learn more about the Department of Visual Arts, visit www.kennesaw.edu/visual_arts.

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Staff

Abstract

Begins with journalists, academics and citizen advocates from around the world participating in online forum in November and December, followed by live Charter Meeting in January.

Where:

Live Charter Meeting at Kennesaw State University, outside of Atlanta

For more information and Online Forum go to: KennesawSummit.kennesaw.edu

When:

Live Charter Meeting Jan. 24–25, 2003.

Online Forum November and December.

Why:

When the Pew Center for Civic Journalism, currently the only central resource for civic journalism, closes shop in the spring of 2003, civic journalism will need a navigation vehicle to take it into the future. "That vehicle should be a professional journalists' organization like the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors, IRE, or the Organization of News Ombudsmen," said Leonard Witt, the Robert D. Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication at Kennesaw State University and former executive director of the Civic Journalism Initiative at Minnesota Public Radio.

Who:

Journalists, academics and citizen advocates from around the world are joining an online forum hosted by Kennesaw State to begin writing the society's new charter and to have a deliberative discussion about civic journalism. Many of these journalists, academics and citizen advocates will then attend the face-to-face meeting Jan. 24–25, 2003. The forum and live meetings will be a historic moment in the evolution of public or civic journalism.

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Additional material:

A Society of Civic Reporters and Editors

What's the next step for civic or public journalism? A cohort of journalists and academics believe it's a professional society of journalists who want to keep the movement's tenets alive.

A Charter Meeting for this new society is already set for January 24–25, 2003 at Kennesaw State University outside of Atlanta.

Drafts of the new organization's charter will be vetted in online forums during the months of November and December, 2002.

More than 50 journalists, academics and citizens from around the country and around the world have expressed keen interest in joining the conversation.

Gil Thelen, executive editor and senior vice president of The Tampa Tribune, said: "This society can be an important forum for continuing the vital conversation civic journalism has prompted for journalists. The society's work will extend this conversation for years to come."

Leonard Witt, Robert D. Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication at Kennesaw State University and former executive director of the Civic Journalism Initiative at Minnesota Public Radio, said, "We know that the Pew Center for Civic Journalism is closing shop in the spring of 2003. When it does, civic journalism will need a navigation vehicle to take it into the future. That vehicle should be a professional journalists' organization like the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors, IRE, or the Organization of News Ombudsmen."

"We know a lot, after 10 years, about civic journalism: We know it triggers civic behaviors, from voting to volunteering. It builds knowledge. It builds credibility. Citizens 'get' it and like it. And journalists find it dramatically improves their journalism," said Jan Schaffer, executive director of the

Pew Center for Civic Journalism, the nation's primary incubator for civic initiatives. "Civic journalists are eager for a professional society to share knowledge and innovation. The time is right."

Davis Buzz Merritt, one of the founders of the civic journalism movement, said, "The seeds of public journalism have been sown in many places over the last decade. It's appropriate now for journalists to imagine what its mature phase will be like, and this new organization is a good place to start."

In late July, at the annual conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Kansas City, academics will meet with the society's new officers and be invited to start student chapters.

Kathy Campbell, visiting journalism professor at the University of Oregon and co-vice chair of the AEJMC's Civic Journalism Interest Group, said, "The traditional 'great divide' between journalism and academia has never existed in civic journalism -- Buzz Merritt, Jay Rosen and Jan Schaffer have made sure of that. As we head into our second decade of experimentation and refinement with civic practices, it's crucial that we maintain and strengthen the bridge between us."

To join the conversation online or face-to-face in January at Kennesaw State University, contact:

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Karen Kennedy

Abstract

The Georgia Economic Development Association (GEDA) recently recognized "Georgia's Small Business Innovation Research Resource" (SBIR) program, housed in the College of Science and Mathematics at Kennesaw State University, with the GEDA TERRIFIC Education Award.

The TERRIFIC awards are presented annually to outstanding school-based programs that address workforce development issues. With the recent national economic downturn, workforce development programs have become increasingly important to the state.

"The TERRIFIC Award came about through the leadership of KSU's Dean of Science and Mathematics Laurence I. Peterson," said Board of Regents Assistant Vice Chancellor for Economic Development Annie Hunt Burris. "As a former vice president of research for two Fortune 500 companies, he brings a unique set of skills to his position."

The SBIR Resource program at Kennesaw State is a training and assistance program designed to make Georgia's small business scientists and technologists competitive in securing federal research and development grants.

The program is implemented through statewide workshops, seminars, Web sites and face-to-face advising designed to educate the business community regarding the availability of these federal grants, to identify specific funding opportunities, to teach successful grant writing and to establish partnerships with research and/or business faculty to enhance the applicants' chances of success.

Since the advent of the program at KSU in June 1999, federal grants awarded in Georgia have increased from \$3 million to \$14 million annually.

For more information on the SBIR Resource program at KSU, visit <http://cic.kennesaw.edu/>

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Artist with ties to the School of the Arts creates White House Christmas card

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Lu, who is represented by the Hammer Gallery on 57th Street in New York City, came to the President and First Lady's attention because one of their longtime friends has been collecting his work for many years.

Last spring, Lu spent a day at the White House with Mrs. Bush, the White House museum director, a White House decorator and others. He was able to tour the entire facility to select which image to depict on the card. He chose to include a Steinway piano in the work and had them move the piano from another location. Then, he created a series of sketches and photographs.

After he returned to his home in Kennesaw, Lu used his photos and drawings to paint a 38"x40" oil painting which Hallmark Greetings used to create the card.

President Bush recently presented Chinese President Jiang Zemin with a copy of the painting as a gift. The original artwork will remain in the permanent collection at the White House.

On Dec. 5, Lu, Chen and their daughter Grace visited the White House again for the press preview of this year's White House Christmas decorations and the first Christmas reception of the year.

"We were honored to meet and take photos with the President and the First Lady," says Chen, who has often recruited her talented husband to assist with KSU theater productions. "President Bush highly praised Lu's work."

In China, Lu's work focused on Chinese landscapes. When he came to America, he decided that his work should reflect his new homeland. However, he had no idea that he would one day be selected to paint one of America's most treasured landmarks, the White House.

"Lu feels very honored and fortunate to have had this incredible once-in-a-life time opportunity," Chen says.

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Construction of Bobbie Bailey Athletic Complex under way

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Ground was broken recently on the Bobbie Bailey Athletic Complex, a 20,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility to be located between the softball and baseball fields on the Kennesaw State campus. It will be named for Dr. Bobbie Bailey, a member of the KSU Foundation Board of Trustees and holder of an honorary doctorate from the institution. She was on hand for the Dec. 12 ceremony, along with President Betty L. Siegel, Regent Michael J. Coles and many friends of the university.

In her opening remarks, Siegel referred to Bailey as "a long marcher for this university: an inspiration to our women's athletic teams, a wise counselor on the development of our athletic programs, a valued member of the foundation. She was the primary catalyst behind this drive for a new athletic complex on our campus. Indeed, she made the original \$1 million challenge gift that inspired others to do it, dollar for dollar, and a little beyond."

In addition to Bailey's gift and other generous donations made through the "Step Up to the Plate" campaign, of which Bailey was honorary chair, the university committed \$1 million to help make the project a reality. The facility will be the first on campus dedicated solely to the athletic program.

"The degree of collaboration between the booster club, the foundation and the university was just something to see," said Earle Holley, vice president for business and finance. "And the individuals from each of those respective groups, the tenacity – trying to get everything they could out of that dollar – it was just a pleasure to be around them."

When completed in August 2003, the complex will feature office and locker room space for both the softball and baseball programs, along with a multi-purpose suite named for Bill and Sylvia Teasley — two major contributors to the project. Also incorporated into the design will be the home dugout for the softball team, as well as stadium seating for softball and a finite number of VIP seats for both fields.

"Today is a great day to be a Kennesaw State Owl," said softball coach Scott Whitlock, who has won two national championships during his tenure as head coach. "I'm in my 18th year here. When I got here, we didn't even have a fast-pitch program; we didn't even have a field."

The KSU athletic program has made tremendous strides since those days, and Whitlock, echoing other speakers, made sure to mention the numerous people who have helped out along the way. He had special praise for Bailey and the contributions she has made, not just to his own team, but women's athletics in general.

"For many, many years, Dr. Bailey has stood behind women's athletics, and saw to it that those who might not have got an opportunity did get an opportunity," he said. "And she's continuing that in this endeavor. I'm very proud to be associated with Dr. Bailey; I'm a great admirer of hers, and I know that she has been a shepherd of my task here at Kennesaw State.

"Some people talk the talk," Whitlock added, "but Dr. Bailey has walked the walk in just about every arena she's ever entered."

Baseball coach Mike Sansing, himself a two-time national champion since taking over the baseball program in 1992, shared Whitlock's enthusiasm for the new facility, noting, "It was a team effort, and I feel like today we're celebrating a national championship."

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KSU ranked one of nation's top publicly engaged institutions

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That is how the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) defines institutions that model engagement and stewardship. In a just released report, "Stepping Forward as Stewards of Place," AASCU ranked Kennesaw State University third in the nation for its public engagement activities.

"Stewardship is, to me, what we're all about," President Betty L. Siegel said. "It is truly in the best sense of the word, what we do — outreach."

Out of the 394 AASCU institutions surveyed, Kennesaw State was selected one of only six institutions to receive a follow-up site visit on the basis of its public engagement activities.

According to the report, the top score assigned to any institution was 110. KSU's score was 107, ranked third just behind Arizona State University West (108) and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (108).

To celebrate the AASCU ranking, the Center for Leadership, Ethics & Character — one of KSU's newest centers — hosted a "Showcase of KSU Centers," Nov. 12. Thirty-seven of KSU's centers were represented at the showcase, exhibiting examples of the university's work in the larger community to the campus community and other guests.

"The (AASCU) report's message is that if institutions are to be effectively engaged with their communities and regions, they cannot do so with activities at the margin," CLEC Director Judith Stillion said. "Engagement must become a core value of the institution and be incorporated into all key activities of the enterprise."

Among the centers represented at the showcase was the Center for Violence Prevention and Intervention. The center was formed in the aftermath of Sept. 11, in response to the community's request for an anti-violence initiative.

"Before this showcase, nobody knew how many centers we have or what they're doing," Siegel said. "The first thing I heard when I walked in this afternoon was, 'We didn't know that.' What a wonderful opportunity this is for networking and further collaboration."

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Reiff, who is more accustomed to the Broadway and classical styles generally studied by vocal majors, wasn't sure he should try out for the pop-focused show. However, in years past, he had performed at Six Flags Over Georgia with vocalist Ejay Day, who was one of the 10 finalists during this summer's "American Idol" contest.

"Ejay told me I should do it," Reiff says. Reiff decided his Broadway background could work well on some Motown classics and he began preparing for the Atlanta auditions. He had one other problem, though — a few too many pounds. All of the finalists this summer were sleek and beautiful, so Reiff started working on that, too. He dropped 35 pounds before his audition and another 25 since.

On the first night of the Atlanta auditions, Reiff sat outside all night. Then he sang The Temptations' "Ain't Too Proud" for the show's producer. Then, he sang Marvin Gaye's "I Heard it through the Grapevine" for the executive producer, before finally getting his shot in front of "American Idol 2" celebrity judges Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson.

"It was a bit intimidating," Reiff says, perhaps because the show's third judge Paula Abdul, renowned for being nice to contestants, wasn't there.

Jackson said he was impressed with Reiff. "You're one of the best we've seen all day," he told him.

But Cowell, who has earned a reputation for his downright nasty comments to singers, pulled no punches. "You could stand to lose some weight."

Reiff didn't let the curmudgeonly Brit intimidate him. "They were going to cut me until I told them how much I'd already lost."

Now, Reiff is in L.A. preparing for an emotionally and vocally grueling few weeks. If he's lucky, he'll miss the holidays and his January birthday (he'll be 22) as the contestant pool narrows

down for the show's Jan. 21 premiere.

"Luck" is a two-edged sword, though. Succeeding in the competition means missing another once-in-a-lifetime experience: the birth of his son Joshua Lawson Reiff Jr., due on Jan. 13.

"I didn't know what to do," Reiff says, but his new wife Melissa urged him not to pass up the opportunity. If her support counts for anything, she and Little Josh will watch him make it big and, maybe, fly out for the show's finale.

"It's a shot in the dark," Reiff says. "It's up to the judges whether I make it to the top 30. After that, the public votes and you can't control what they want."

You can follow the show's progress online at www.idolonfox.com.

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His life and work will be highlighted in the special "Year of Mexico" exhibition, "Magical Stories of Mexico," opening Jan. 15 with Mexican music and food in the Sturgis Library Gallery and continuing through Feb. 26.

Morales was born in 1925 in Ocotlan, a colonial town in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, where time moves slowly and where the past is always present in the architecture and traditional way of life. He produced richly hued and dreamlike images of childhood — the ancient churches, the town square and arcaded shops, the colorful markets, the black toy-like trains and always, the women of his town.

"Magical Stories of Mexico" is presented as part of the KSU celebration of the "Year of Mexico," co-sponsored by the School of the Arts, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the KSU International Center.

Most of the paintings in the exhibition are on loan from the Museo de la Secretaria de Hacienda y Credito Publico at the Antiguo Palacio del Arzobispado, while other works are on loan from Nancy Mayagoitia, founder of the Fundacion Rodolfo Morales. Morales' family is also lending several paintings to the exhibit.

A pre-opening reception in the gallery Jan. 12, including a buffet dinner prepared by a gourmet Mexican chef, live Mexican music and dancing, will help support the cost of the exhibition. Tickets are \$75 per person.

Many of the works owned by Mayagoitia will be for sale before and during the exhibition, with 30 percent of the proceeds benefiting the KSU Art Galleries. Early buyers will receive two free tickets to the gala.

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The facility, located between the baseball and softball fields on the Kennesaw State campus, will be named for Dr. Bobbie Bailey, a member of the KSU Foundation Board of Trustees and holder of an honorary doctorate from the university. She was on hand for the Dec. 12 ceremony, along with President Betty L. Siegel, Regent Michael J. Coles and many other friends of the university.

In her opening remarks, Siegel referred to Bailey as "a long marcher for this university: an inspiration to our women's athletic teams, a wise counselor on the development of our athletic programs, a valued member of the foundation. She was the primary catalyst behind this drive for a new athletic complex on our campus. Indeed, she made the original \$1 million challenge gift that inspired others to do it, dollar for dollar, and a little beyond."

In addition to Bailey's gift and other generous donations made through the "Step Up to the Plate" campaign, of which Bailey was honorary chair, the university committed \$1 million to help make the project a reality. The facility will be the first on campus dedicated solely to the athletic program.

"The degree of collaboration between the booster club, the foundation and the university was just something to see," said Earle Holley, vice president for business and finance. "And the individuals from each of those respective groups, the tenacity – trying to get everything they could out of that dollar – it was just a pleasure to be around them."

For many years, the baseball and softball programs at KSU have cultivated a well-deserved reputation for excellence among their NCAA Division II brethren. Soon, those two teams will have a home worthy of their lofty stature.

When completed in August 2003, the complex will feature office and locker room space for both the softball and baseball programs, along with a multi-purpose suite named for Bill and Sylvia Teasley, two major contributors to the project. Also incorporated into the design will be the home dugout for the softball team, along with stadium seating for softball and a finite number of VIP seats for both fields.

"Today is a great day to be a Kennesaw State Owl," said softball coach Scott Whitlock, who has won two national championships during his tenure as head coach. "I'm in my 18th year here. When I got here, we didn't even have a fast-pitch program; we didn't even have a field."

The KSU athletic program has made tremendous strides since those days, and Whitlock, along with other speakers, made sure to mention the numerous people who have helped out along the way. He had special praise for Bailey and the contributions she has made, not just to his own team, but women's athletics in general.

"For many, many years, Dr. Bailey has stood behind women's athletics, and saw to it that those who might not have got an opportunity did get an opportunity," he said. "And she's continuing that in this endeavor. I'm very proud to be associated with Dr. Bailey; I'm a great admirer of hers, and I know that she has been a shepherd of my task here at Kennesaw State. A lot of people don't know that.

"Some people talk the talk," Whitlock added, "but Dr. Bailey has walked the walk in just about every arena she's ever entered."

Baseball coach Mike Sansing, himself a two-time national champion since taking over the baseball program in 1992, shared Whitlock's enthusiasm for the new facility, noting, "It was a team effort, and I feel like today we're celebrating a national championship."

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Born in San Francisco in 1944, Umphenour began his career as an elementary school teacher after completing his education at Evangel College in Springfield, Mo. To supplement his income, he worked part-time as a counterperson for Arby's in Flint, Mich. After being promoted to night manager, he decided to make Arby's his full-time career. Within three years, and many promotions and transfers later, Umphenour became an executive vice president and a stockholder in an Arby's operation based in Louisville, Ky.

In 1973, Umphenour founded RTM by trading his stock in the Kentucky organization for 11 of their Arby's units in Georgia and Alabama. RTM rapidly grew into new markets in 10 states. Today, with 771 units, RTM is the largest franchisee in the Arby's system.

Beyond this leadership in the Arby's system, RTM also owns Winners International Restaurants Inc., the franchisor of Mrs. Winner's Chicken & Biscuits and Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. Winners International operates 148 company-owned restaurants and supports 180 franchised units owned by 90 franchisees. Winners International also is a franchisee of Del Taco Mexican Restaurants. This involvement has given rise to new opportunities, such as the dual concepts of Mrs. Winner's/Del Taco Restaurants and Mrs. Winner's/Arby's Restaurants.

Through creating a clear business vision, Umphenour has led RTM to its enviable position today, as a business organization with sales revenue of more than \$800 million and more than 25,000 employees. He lives in Atlanta, Ga., where he's actively involved with the RTM Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the RTM Restaurant Group.

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Prior to his appointment in Georgia, Meredith served as chancellor of the University of Alabama system since June 1997. In that capacity, he was responsible for three doctoral research universities that have a combined enrollment of 40,000 students; 17,000 employees; and an annual budget of \$1.8 billion.

A native of Owensboro, Ky., Meredith served from 1988 to 1997 as president and professor of education at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. He joined that institution from the University of Mississippi, where he served as adjunct professor of higher education, executive assistant to the chancellor and vice chancellor for executive affairs from 1984 to 1988. Before that, Meredith served as an academic programs officer and as associate director for programs and planning for the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning in Jackson, Miss., from 1974 to 1984. The chancellor has taught at Jackson State University, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi.

Meredith holds a bachelor of arts degree in social studies from Kentucky Wesleyan College, a master of arts degree in education administration and supervision from Western Kentucky University, and a doctor of education degree in administration and supervision with an emphasis in secondary and higher education from the University of Mississippi. He also completed the Institute for Educational Management program at Harvard University and participated in the October Higher Education Roundtable at Oxford University.

The chancellor serves on numerous boards. He was recently appointed by Gov. Roy Barnes to the Southern Regional Education Board and was elected by his peers to serve as the president of the National Association of System Heads. Meredith also is president-elect of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Beginning in 2004, he will be the first head of a university system to serve as president of AASCU.

The chancellor and his wife, Susan, have two married sons. Mark recently graduated from medical school and Matthew has completed his first year of law school.

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Dec. 20, 2002 Commencement Speech

Georgia (Dec 20, 2002) – President Siegel, faculty, staff and students, thank you for inviting me to be a part of this very special day in your lives. I am truly honored and pleased to be with you today.

During the year I have been in Georgia, I have gained a great appreciation for the University System, its Board of Regents, the presidents, faculty and staff. But I've been most impressed by the students who attend our institutions. I believe our future is in good hands.

There is an old saying that a speech doesn't have to be eternal to be immortal. I will keep this in mind today. It is an adage similar to the Irish birthday blessing, which says you have to be present for the party to occur, but no one expects you to say much! My remarks will be brief, but I hope effective.

You are special. You are unique. The fact is, only a small percentage of the adult population holds a college degree -- that's true nationally and it's true in Georgia. And as you prepare to graduate today you are at the end of a long pipeline. At the beginning of the pipeline -- in elementary school -- you were one in 10 students who began. Farther down the pipe, six of your original 10 classmates graduated from high school. Only three of you went on to college. And now today, just one of that original ten is graduating from college.

That one is you.

So you are unique and very special and in just a few minutes, you will join that elite group known as university graduates. You will occupy a special place in our society and you will carry more responsibilities simply because you are a university graduate.

The good news is that you will make more money in your lifetime because you are a university graduate. The latest data shows you will earn more than double the income of the average high school graduate.

You came to Kennesaw State four -- or five -- or six years ago. You arrived on the campus and said, "I've made a commitment to obtain more education. I want to be as prepared as I possibly can be to face life's challenges. I want to contribute to this world and I want to be successful."

You asked this institution to help you reach this next level. You could have chosen from colleges and universities around the country, but you wisely picked Kennesaw State. They accepted your challenge.

By reputation, I could guess that you encountered a competent and caring faculty and a supportive staff and administration along your journey. And it is obvious by the attendance here today that you have been well supported in many ways.

Many of you are the first in your family to earn a university diploma, as I was. Many of you are non-traditional, older students. Some of you have overcome special barriers, such as physical or financial ones, to earn a degree. You may have been earning a degree, working and raising a family -- all at the same time.

But the fact is, you made it. You are the survivor of the original 10 students. You have demonstrated a drive for success and the strength necessary to accomplish a goal. This demonstration should give you the confidence to take on anything, anywhere.

An old Chinese proverb says, "The gem cannot be perfected without friction nor the person perfected without trials."

By being here today, you are telling everyone you have what it takes. However, I must tell you that as good as you are, this is only the beginning! As you may have noticed, the title of this ceremony --

commencement -- tells the whole story. This is not the ending of your education, but rather the commencement of the rest of your lives and the commencement of the next phase of your education.

The intelligent person knows that the more we learn, the more we realize how much we do not know. Alex Goldberg said, "Progress is not impeded by ignorance, but by the illusion of knowledge." Those of us in education hope we have instilled in you the desire to want to know more -- not because someone is making you, but because you want to know. We can only hope to touch the fire to the wick of learning. You must keep it going!

Richard Franke, CEO of a major corporation, said: "Learning is an unending process that goes on during our entire lifetime. It is unrealistic and even sad to think that study and our education should end with graduation."

I also would add that because today's world is changing so rapidly, you must continue your development and your education in order to remain valuable and viable. And get ready for change. The average person changes jobs 11 times in his or her career. Even more startling, that average person changes careers three times in their working years ... not always by choice.

The workplace is in constant change. Projections are that by 2010, 70 percent of the labor force will be involved in making products not yet invented in 2000. Another projection states that by 2015, all of the knowledge known to mankind will be doubling every 73 days.

What you have learned so far will serve as an important base for the commencement of the rest of your learning. It cannot be the end.

Kennesaw State has prepared you well for the challenges in front of you. As you leave this institution, open the door for others by supporting this university with your financial support. It is important to the next generation of students that you support Kennesaw State. Stay involved and stay connected. Be philanthropic toward this great institution and help recruit new students.

Now those magic words, "Let me close with these thoughts."

What is inside of us is really what makes us successful. In that vein, let me ask you to do three things.

One -- always be a dreamer and then pursue your dreams. In other words, don't be satisfied with that which is easily attainable or easily within your grasp. Be a visionary! Dream and go for it! It requires more from you, but it is worth it. The bird that only glides stays at that level, at best. The bird that soars uses more energy, but rises to great heights.

Two -- always give more than is expected. No matter how monumental the task or how small the request, always give more than was asked. Whether we are talking about work, studies, families, friends or church, take one more step than was expected.

Three -- always be humane and caring with your fellow human beings. Take time to listen, to care, and to share. Mother Teresa said, "Kind words can be short and sweet, but their echoes are endless." Someone else said, "Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed."

So, one -- see farther than you can see and go for it; two -- always do more than is expected of you; and three -- be humane and caring. And of course: keep on learning. If you will do these things, then I guarantee you will be successful!

Luke 12:48 says: "To whom much has been given, much is required." You have been given much and you have used what you have been given to be here today. Now use those talents to make the great state of Georgia and our country a better place to be. Congratulations and good luck.

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