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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 17, 2007) — Funding for a new Health Sciences Building, which will allow Kennesaw State University to increase its number of nursing majors by 50 percent, was announced by Gov. Sonny Perdue Thursday when he unveiled a \$228 million bond package for the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

The bond package designates \$42.5 million for design and construction of the building. The university has committed to raising the remaining amount, approximately \$17.5 million.

The new Health Sciences Building was approved for funding by the Board of Regents last August after being added to a list of funding priorities for fiscal year 2008 last June.

“The inclusion of our new building in Gov. Perdue’s bond package for the Board of Regents is a huge step forward for Kennesaw State and is the result of a lot of hard work by many people,” said President Daniel S. Papp. “The new building will help us significantly increase the number of nurses and other health professionals we graduate, showing that Kennesaw and the university system are truly responsive to the needs of the people and the state of Georgia.”

One of those needs is for more nurses, according to WellStar College of Health and Human Services Dean Richard Sowell.

“This new building will make all the difference in our ability to grow and respond to the nursing shortage in Georgia,” he said. “It will have a major impact on the state, especially north Georgia.”

When complete, the proposed five-story Health Sciences Building will be the largest building on campus at 190,000 square feet. Furnished with the latest technology, it will feature a 300-seat auditorium, large tiered classrooms, standard classrooms, seminar rooms, distance-learning classrooms, study areas, faculty offices and science labs.

In addition to benefiting the WellStar College of Health and Human Services, the new building will also provide more space for the College of Science and Mathematics.

“The instructional lab space in the building for our biological and chemical sciences degree is critical to their continued growth and the strategic needs of the biomedical and biotechnology industries here in Georgia,” Dean Laurence Peterson said.

Construction could begin at the end of this summer and be complete by August 2009, according to

John Anderson, director of facility planning and design service. The Health Sciences Building will be located next to the existing nursing building, which will then be reconfigured for other purposes, he added.

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Georgia (Jan 1, 2007) — Kennesaw State University is working to curb the number of Georgia traffic accidents — the leading cause of death for Hispanics under the age of 34, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. A \$52,100 grant from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) has been awarded to Alan LeBaron, a distinguished service professor at KSU who is heading up an effort to promote highway safety among Hispanics, the fastest growing population in the nation. Georgia’s Hispanic population now exceeds 600,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

“I believe that we can do more to make the roads safer,” said LeBaron. “That is why the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and I have been working together to identify highway safety problems and develop solutions that are non-political and culturally sensitive.”

The grant will help fund DUI education programs for Hispanics in Cobb and Cherokee counties in addition to supporting the dissemination of educational materials, which will be handed out at venues where alcohol is served, as well as at local churches, events and festivals.

“Our goal is to reduce the risk of traffic accidents and injuries by providing education on traffic laws and the rules of the road to individuals who may not be accustomed to driving in the United States,” said LeBaron.

Efforts to reduce the risk of traffic accidents has already proven successful, as noted by the GOHS, which named LeBaron “Rookie of the Year” for his DUI education program. Since 2004, he has been awarded \$141,000 in grants in support of highway safety programs targeting Hispanics. LeBaron uses his extensive background in Central and South American history and his experience working with the Guatemalan Maya in northwest Georgia to maintain a program that is culturally relevant.

“Last year we reached approximately 2,000 Hispanics,” said LeBaron. “This year, our goal is to reach 5,000.”

LeBaron has been a professor at KSU since 1991, and he plans to publish his research findings to encourage others to develop similar programs.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 4, 2007) — The College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University will present an exhibition of the work of ten contemporary Vietnamese women artists who challenge the stereotypes and traditional roles of women in Vietnamese society. This touring exhibition includes 47 paintings, works on paper, installations and video and will open Wednesday, January 10, 2007 with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Sturgis Library Gallery.

“Changing Identity: Recent Works by Women Artists from Vietnam” is the first survey of women artists from Vietnam to tour the United States. The curator of the exhibition is Nora A. Taylor Ph.D., an associate professor in the School of Global Studies at Arizona State University, Tempe. The tour is organized by International Art & Artists, Washington, D.C.

The exhibition is supported in part by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation and The Henry Luce Foundation. Kennesaw State University is the first venue to exhibit the work before traveling to the Trammell and Margaret Crow Asian Art Museum in Dallas, Tex. in March.

Dang Thi Khue’s installation “Soul” suggests the female body by three silk scarves that were traditionally worn by Vietnamese women around the waist as part of the “Ao Tu Tham” or four-part dress. They hang on bamboo shades that represent women’s seclusions and hiding from public view.

Nguyen Bach Dan’s ink paintings are unique. They share nothing with the traditional Chinese style ink paintings that are executed with careful use of the brush. Her hand is vigorous and energetic as if she scratched the surface with a stick of bamboo. Yet, from afar they appear almost photographic.

Through the use of various media, subject matter, and aesthetic sensibilities, two generations of artists share views of their country and the changing status of women. Together their work provides a diverse view of Vietnam itself, reflecting a range of opinions and experiences.

The exhibition, Changing Identity: Recent Works by Women Artists from Vietnam, continues through Wednesday, Feb. 21 and is open to the public. All gallery events are free. For a complete schedule and more information, call 770-499-3223 or visit www.kennesaw.edu/arts.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 9, 2007)—The College of the Arts and Kennesaw State University is pleased to announce the return of the Core Ensemble with actress Georgina Corbo to present the chamber music theater production of “Tres Vidas.” This performance will take place at 8 p.m. on Jan. 24 in Howard Logan Stillwell Theater.

“Tres Vidas,” written by Marjorie Agosin, is based on the lives of three legendary Latin American women: Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salvadoran peasant-activist Rufina Amaya and Argentinean poet Alfonsina Storni. Georgina Corbo, the singing actress, will portray all three in both Spanish and English.

Frida Kahlo had a life marked by physical suffering beginning with childhood polio through a bus accident in which she was pierced by a pole through the pelvis. Her life was complicated by surgical operations, mechanical stretching and corsets. Many of her works were painted lying in bed. Her great love was the painter Diego Rivera, whom she married twice and to whom she dedicated a passionate diary. She also had many lovers, both men and women, including Leon Trotsky.

Rufina Amaya was a 38-year-old housewife in 1981 when the U.S.-trained Salvadoran army swept through her village at El Mozote in a campaign to root out guerillas and their sympathizers. In a shocking turn of events, nearly one thousand peasants were slaughtered, mostly anti-Communist evangelical Christians. Amaya was the only known survivor. She became and continues to be an outspoken and compelling witness to what may have been the largest massacre in modern Latin American history.

Alfonsina Storni was Argentina’s first feminist poet. Born in 1892, she was years ahead of her time in advocating for women’s rights. Her multifaceted career as an actress, shopgirl, teacher and market analyst, and her lifelong devotion to her illegitimate son, are the background against which her story is set. She lived at a time when women in Argentina were in total subjugation to husbands, fathers, and social convention, yet she broke away.

All three women will be celebrated in “Tres Vidas,” which has a musical score featuring arrangements of popular and folk music from Latin America, music by tango master Astor Piazzola and new music by Carlos Sanchez-Gutierrez, Osvaldo Golijov, Jorge Liderman and Michael DeMurga.

“Tres Vidas” is presented by the Core Ensemble, a trio that includes nationally and internationally known cellist Tahirah Whittington, pianist Hugh Hinton and percussionist Michael Parola. The ensemble will also participate in workshops with students during the day.

“We selected this program because of its emphasis on diversity and cross-cultural understanding,”

said Joseph Meeks, dean of the College of the Arts. “The Core Ensemble has an excellent reputation for delivering both outstanding performances and for instructing students through residency activities.”

Tickets for the Jan. 24 performance are \$20 and may be purchased online at www.kennesaw.edu/arts or at the box office. For more information, call 770–423–6650.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Dec. 18, 2006) — Honoring its commitment and support of education, particularly in the communities where their employees live and work, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, the second-largest poultry producer in the country, recently gave Kennesaw State University's Bagwell College of Education a \$25,000 gift.

"We greatly appreciate Kennesaw State University's commitment to excellence and its dedication to enriching the lives of so many young people in Georgia," said Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim, chairman of Pilgrim's Pride Corp. "Education helps form a strong foundation for success in today's global marketplace, and we are proud of our role in helping to provide continuing educational opportunities."

The company, based in Pittsburg, Texas, employs approximately 40,000 people with major operations in Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Pilgrim's Pride also has local operations in Canton, Duluth, Gainesville, Enterprise and Athens.

"We are pleased to receive this generous gift," Yiping Wan, dean of the Bagwell College of Education, said. "This underscores that the business community truly understands that educating children is a shared responsibility between us all."

For more information about Pilgrim's Pride, visit www.pilgrimspride.com. Go to www.kennesaw.edu/education to learn more about KSU's Bagwell College of Education.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 17, 2007)— The College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University will present an exhibition of the work of six Kenyan visual artists opening Thursday, January 18, 2007 with a reception 6:30–9 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery. Presented alongside 42 photographs by James Muriuki are six short videos by Evanson Kangethe, Patrick Mukabi, Kevin Odour, Frank Odweso and Jimmy Ogonga. This exhibition marks the 22nd year in which a related art exhibition is a major event as part of the “Year of ...” celebration on campus.

The six videos were commissioned by five myles gallery in Brooklyn, New York and are the creation of five young painters in Nairobi, Kenya. Each artist works with movement as seen through the lens.

James Muriuki’s photographs were recently included in “Snap Judgment,” the exhibition of contemporary African photography at the International Center of Photography, New York. In 2004, his photographs were included in the “Kenya Art” exhibition at five myles and the Brooklyn Public Library. Born in 1977, James Muriuki was educated at the University of Nairobi. He has exhibited at the Indian Ocean Biennale in Madagascar, and in Kenya he shows with Romoma Gallery in Nairobi.

The exhibition, “Kenya: Contemporary Photography and Video Art,” continues through Thursday, March 1, 2007. All gallery events are free and open to the public. Fine Arts Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7–9 p.m. (Closed on university holidays). The Fine Arts Gallery is located in the Joe Mack Wilson Building. For a complete schedule and more information, call 770-499-3223.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 17, 2007) — Working professionals don't have a minute to spare, especially those in computing and information technology. But how can they obtain a higher degree when they're pressed for time?

That's where Kennesaw State University's Master of Science in Applied Computer Science program comes in with classes as close and convenient as an iPod.

The degree program allows students to elect to attend lectures using distance technology, said Ken Hoganson, director of the MSACS program in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems.

"A notable feature where the MSACS is truly out in front of other programs is in our use of mobile devices — iPods, PDAs, smart phones — for lectures," Hoganson said.

All lectures, which are recorded, are converted into a format that allows students to download to their mobile devices. When the new Apple iPhone comes out this summer, the lectures will be viewable on it, too, Hoganson said.

The 36-hour graduate degree program covers different and growing areas of technology. New topics include the science behind popular Web search engines like Google and Yahoo!, as well as computer security.

Other areas include artificial intelligence, robotics, bioinformatics, biomedical devices and digital game design, as well as software architecture, computing systems and databases.

The premium-priced program includes conference travel, laptops, books, parking and an optional feature that pays for professional certifications for students as part of their graduate degrees.

Students in the five-semester, part-time program learn together as a cohort, taking classes in a step-by-step manner.

"It's a learning community where everyone knows each other," Hoganson said.

For more information on the program, visit <http://msacs.kennesaw.edu>.

For further information, or to schedule an interview, please contact the writer.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 18, 2007) — International opera sensation, and Marietta native, Jennifer Larmore will return to Cobb County to perform at Kennesaw State University on Feb. 3. The performance will take place at 8 p.m. in Howard Logan Stillwell Theater as part of the KSU College of the Arts' Premiere Series.

Larmore, whose family still lives in Cobb County, made her operatic debut in 1986 as Sesto in Mozart's "La clemenza di Tito" in France, marking the start of a brilliant international career in which operas of Rossini, Bellini, Mozart and Handel have come to figure prominently. After a decade in Europe, she returned to the states for her Metropolitan Opera debut as Rosina in "Il barbiere di Siviglia" in 1995.

Larmore has performed with the most renowned opera companies of the world, including those in La Scala, Lisbon, Geneva, Paris, Torino, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Bologna, Melbourne, Chicago and Vienna. She has performed at the Salzburg Festival, Klangbogen Festival in Vienna and at the Early Music Festival in Innsbruck, Austria. She has sung under the direction of the world's most acclaimed conductors, including Donald Runnicles, Günther Neuhold, Christoph von Dohnanyi, Kurt Masur, Andreas Delfs, Mariss Jansons, Marco Guidarini, Manfred Honeck and Seiji Ozawa among others.

Throughout her career, she has been an active recording artist. She now has more than four dozen recordings and five Grammy nominations to her credit. Among these are Semiramide, Orfeo, Gulio Cesare, Jennifer Larmore—A Portrait, Il barbiere di Siviglia, Carmen, Durufle's Requiem, Born in Atlanta (following her performance at the closing ceremony of the 1996 Olympic Games), Elisabetta d'Inghilterra, La Rimembranza, and, most recently, a solo CD, Bravura Diva, a collection of rare blockbuster arias by Rossini, Pacini and Mercandante.

Larmore's performance at Kennesaw State is the third event in the KSU College of the Arts' 2006-2007 Premiere Series. Her program will include works by Mozart, Rossini, Debussy and others. The program also will include selections from "Carmen." For ticket information, call the KSU Box Office at 770-423-6650 or order online at www.kennesaw.edu/arts.

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ATLANTA, Ga. (Jan. 18, 2007) – The Atlanta Media Bloggers Group and Kennesaw State University announced today they will host SoCon07, Atlanta's first, city-wide social media 'unconference' Feb. 9 – 10, 2007.

This event will bring together bloggers, new media pros, academics and people from across the spectrum of marketing, public relations, human resources and the executive ranks to discuss new media, including Web 2.0, social networking and open source, how they are evolving, who the local pioneers have been and are, what results have been achieved and what new media promises for all of us.

"We believe there is a lot of information to be shared, networking to be done and topics and techniques to debate and discuss, both between the experts and within the local business community," conference co-chair Leonard Witt, Kennesaw State's Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication said. "SoCon07 represents an outstanding opportunity to 'connect the dots' between all of the unexpected and interesting activities people have initiated in the Web 2.0 world."

SoCon07, with its theme "Connect Because You Can," intends to provide a venue for everyone with an interest or stake in new media to get together for the first time in Atlanta to talk, network, debate and discuss the opportunities that new media presents.

Conference chair Sherry Heyl, CEO of the Internet consulting firm "What a Concept!" explains, "New media, including the use of blogs, wikis, social networks, video and podcasting, is very much in its infancy here in the South. SoCon07 expects to galvanize and inspire all of the people and organizations that are using, or getting ready to use, new media resources in their business and personal ventures."

This unconference will be held at Kennesaw State University Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Attendance is free of charge, although pre-registration is required and can be done via the Web site: www.socon07.com. Selected SoCon07 speakers include:

- Christopher Klaus, founder & CEO of Kaneva, founder of Internet Security Services
- James Harris, CEO & co-founder of Atlanta-based ListenShare
- Jeff Haynie, previous co-founder and CTO of Vocalocity and current CEO of Hakano,
- Jonas Luster of Socialtext
- Josh Hallet, founder of Hyku
- Leonard Witt, Distinguished Chair in Communication, Kennesaw State University

Attendance is limited. Please register early.

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Here's a link to PJNet Today with video footage from the conference: [PJ Net Today](#).

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 19, 2007) — Local businessman Bob Feldberg and his wife, Elaine, recently endowed a music scholarship in the College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University in honor of his mother, Cynthia Feldberg. Bob and Elaine Feldberg own Repro Products, a Smyrna-based printing company that was selected as the 2005 Small Business of the Year by the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce.

An official scholarship signing ceremony was held on campus. It was attended by KSU President Dan Papp, Vice President for Advancement Wesley Wicker, College of the Arts Dean Joseph Meeks, Cynthia Feldberg, Bob Feldberg and his son, Mike Feldberg, who heads The Color Spot, a Smyrna business that specializes in tradeshow displays, banners and vehicle graphics.

Bob and Elaine Feldberg are also the immediate past chairs of the KSU College of the Arts Annual Benefit Gala. Under their leadership, the fundraiser garnered more than \$300,000 for scholarship endowments and student-learning initiatives. They began their relationship with the College by serving on this committee in 2003.

“The College of the Arts has a fantastic team of faculty and staff led by Dean Joseph Meeks,” Bob Feldberg said. “They have built extraordinary academic programs and outstanding community programs that are models for university arts everywhere. We have been very impressed by the talent and dedication of the faculty and the students.”

Last year, after hearing a student talk about the impact a scholarship had on his life and future career, the Feldbergs decided to make their connection with the College permanent by establishing the Cynthia Feldberg Endowed Piano Scholarship, which will be awarded each year in perpetuity. The scholarship honors Mr. Feldberg’s mother, a Boston native who now lives in Cobb County to be closer to her son and his family. Cynthia Feldberg grew up playing piano and has fostered a lifelong love of music. She graduated from the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Mass. She was both a classmate and a performing concert pianist with such notables as conductor Leonard Bernstein and contralto Eunice Alberts.

“I wanted to honor my mother, who is an inspiration to me,” Bob Feldberg said. “She knew hardship and made many personal sacrifices for me. She is a strong believer in education and a devotee of the arts.”

Cynthia Feldberg will be able to meet the recipients of her scholarship each year, which Bob says will “create an enduring impression of how much she is esteemed and loved and will perpetuate her giving spirit.”

Endowed scholarships are long-term investment to help secure the future success and quality of arts majors. To establish a new endowment at Kennesaw State, the minimum funding level is \$20,000, sometimes payable over a period of years.

“We have been honored to count the entire Feldberg family among the friends of the arts at Kennesaw State,” Dean Meeks said. “They are truly wonderful people and their generosity has had and will continue to have a very positive impact on our students.”

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 19, 2007) — *Suicide is often an unspoken issue that many are afraid to touch, especially when such tragedies happen to teenagers.*

But Kennesaw State's playwright-in-residence, Aaron Levy, deals with the topic head-on through the mind, memory and imagination of a 17-year-old character, using humor without being preachy to reach young adult audiences.

A staged reading of this award-winning play, "Pizza With Shrimp on Top," will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Carmichael Student Center. The reading is presented by the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project.

Levy, the university's playwright-in-residence and an English education professor, said the reading is for all — educators, teenagers and college students.

"We like to think that the play is as much about life as it is about suicide," said Levy. "The play approaches the subject with a lot of humor, but it makes you think."

In the play, Stuart, a 17-year-old high school senior has recently tried to kill himself by taking too many vitamins. The audience enters into a world of limbo with Stuart, to find a world with no pleasure and with physical wounds that never heal. Through interaction with his peers in limbo, he gains a better understanding and appreciation for life.

There will be a "talkback" session with the audience after the reading. Refreshments will follow, as will a chance to meet the new director of the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project, Dawn Kirby.

Copies of the play will be available at the event, and Levy will be available to sign copies after the reading. For more information about "Pizza With Shrimp on Top" and its author, visit Levy's Web site at www.aaronlevy.net. For more information about the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project, visit www.kennesaw.edu/english/kmwp.

For further information, or to schedule an interview with Levy, please contact the writer of this release.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 22, 2007)—Three Kennesaw State University music majors have been selected for the 2007 College Band Directors National Association Intercollegiate Band. They are Theresa Stephens of Kennesaw, who plays clarinet; Cole McDonald of Kennesaw, who plays horn; and Melissa Fultz of Gainesville, who also plays horn.

More than 275 students from across the nation were nominated for this elite group, but only 85 were selected. The CBDNA Intercollegiate Band will perform at the University of Michigan during the CBDNA conference in March 2007 under the direction of Frank Ticheli, a faculty member and composer at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music.

Theresa Stephens has participated in the southeastern division of this national band twice before. She has also performed with the National Wind Ensemble at Carnegie Hall for the last three years; she will return to that ensemble again in May 2007.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to play with other talented people from around the nation. It is always a good experience to play under other conductors and learn what you can from them," Stephens said.

Like Stephens, Cole McDonald also has performed with National Wind Ensemble at Carnegie Hall and the CBDNA southeastern band. Additionally, he has participated in the Honor Band of America.

"It is a great honor to be selected to participate in the CBDNA Intercollegiate Band," McDonald said. "I look forward to getting to work with Frank Ticheli."

This is Melissa Fultz's first national band experience. "I was so excited to be nominated and selected for this," she said. "To be able to play for Frank Ticheli is nothing short of amazing! He writes amazing music for horns, so I can't wait."

The repertoire for the 2007 CBDNA Intercollegiate Band includes three pieces composed by Ticheli as well as works by Percy Grainger and Donald Grantham.

The KSU Department of Music will cover the students' transportation and housing costs.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 22, 2007) – Kennesaw State University's softball team will host Army at KSU's home opener of the 2007 season, and men and women serving in the nation's military can attend free.

The game starts at 1 p.m. Feb. 16 at Owl Field, located off Kennesaw State University Road near Chastain Road.

Service members in uniform or with a valid identification card can get in for free during the Lady Owls' game, and every home KSU athletic event, excluding NCAA tournament games. National Guard and Reserve members can also attend free.

To get to the game, take Interstate 75 north to Exit 271 at Chastain Road. Turn left. Go one block to Frey Road and turn right. Visitors should park in the nearby East Parking Deck, located on the left off of Frey Road. Owl Field is located next to the baseball and intramural fields across from the East Parking Deck. For a campus map, visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/about/maps.shtml>.

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Kennesaw, Ga. (Jan. 29, 2007) – Some top Japanese business leaders will be honored at a luncheon this week hosted by The Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University.

The luncheon will be held Tuesday, January 30 at 11:00 am in the Leadership Room of the KSU Student Center. Speakers will include Japanese Consul General Shoji Ogawa and Coles College Dean Tim Mescon. Craig Lesser of McKenna, Long & Aldridge, LLP, former Commissioner of Georgia's Department of Economic Development, will deliver the keynote speech. Top representatives of Murata Electronics North America, Inc., Panasonic Automotive Systems Co. of America, YKK, the Japan External Trade Organization and others are expected to attend.

According to Georgia's Department of Economic Development, Japan is Georgia's second largest trading partner, with more than \$1.5 billion in exports. Japanese business invests \$7.6 billion in Georgia and employs 32,000 people.

"Japan is a global leader, and more than 300 Japanese businesses have Georgia offices," said Hope Torkornoo, PhD., Professor of Marketing and International Business. "This event celebrates the successful partnership between the Japanese business community in Georgia and the Coles College," he added.

Then, on March 3, twenty KSU students depart for a study tour of the powerful Asian nation. The MBA Career Growth course includes a ten-day study trip to Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka. Students will visit the Japanese offices of Hitachi, Panasonic, Murata, AFLAC and Coke.

"The experience will give students an opportunity to experience the Japanese business environment for themselves," Torkornoo said.

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Kennesaw, Ga. (Feb. 1, 2007) – The head of one of the nation's most prominent business news organizations will speak at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University this month. BusinessWeek Group President Bill Kupper will discuss his magazine and its evolving role in today's new media world.

The address is part of the Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series. Kupper's speech is set for Monday, Feb. 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the University Rooms of the KSU Student Center.

Kupper has worked aggressively to position BusinessWeek for the fast changing new media landscape. He will share his experiences, and share the magazine's perspectives on job prospects for business majors over the next four years.

Kupper joined BusinessWeek in 1995 as head of U.S. advertising sales and was soon promoted to head of global advertising sales. In 2000, he was appointed president of the BusinessWeek group. His accomplishments include the selection and successful transition of the editorial leadership team under Stephen J. Adler, editor-in-chief, and the formation of a respected and successful business team.

Before joining McGraw-Hill, he was publisher of Health Magazine, part of Time, Inc.'s Publishing Venture Group. During his 24-year career at Time, Inc., he held a number of senior sales management positions, including advertising sales manager for Sports Illustrated, advertising director for Life Magazine and international advertising director for Time magazine. Kupper holds a B.A. in business administration from Upsala College. He served in the U.S. Army's 1st Air Cavalry in Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star and Air Medal.

The Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series brings top business leaders to campus to interact with students and faculty members. The lecture is open to the public, but visitors are advised to arrive early, as space is limited. For more information, call the dean's office at 770-423-6425.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 29, 2007) — The Bobbie Bailey Awards, which will honor 32 young women from area high schools for athletic excellence, will be held Feb. 5 as part of Kennesaw State University's 17th annual celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Stillwell Theater of the Wilson Building at KSU. This year's theme is "Throw like a girl - lead like a champion!"

A list of the young women to be honored, hailing from schools in Cobb, Cherokee, Paulding, Bartow and Douglas counties, is at the bottom of this release.

The award is named for Bobbie Bailey, a longtime supporter of KSU academics and athletics.

The ceremony will also highlight the successes of Kennesaw State University's women's athletic teams. It is sponsored by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Science; the Health, Physical Education and Science Majors Club; the KSU Athletic Department; and the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

This year's guest speaker will be Karin Korb, the regional program director for the Eastern Region of BlazeSports America. Korb is ranked No. 2 in the U.S. and No. 20 in the world in wheelchair tennis. She is also a coach and mentor for young athletes with disabilities and was recently featured in Jodi Buren's book "Superwomen: 100 Women-100 Sports."

National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a day to honor the memory of Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman for her athletic achievements and her work to assure equality for women's sports. Hyman died of Marfan's Syndrome in 1986 while competing in a volleyball tournament in Japan. Since that time, NGWSD has evolved into a day to acknowledge the past and recognize current sport achievements, the positive influence of sports participation, and the continuing struggle for equality and access for women in sports. For more information on NGWSD, visit www.aahperd.org/ngwsdcentral.

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The recipients of the Bobbie Bailey Award for Athletic Excellence for 2006 are:

Asia Alexander Lithia Springs High School

Dorsie Boddiford Marietta High School

Jonna Capehart Lassiter High School

Kari Chambers Woodstock High School

Crystal Davis Campbell High School

Lisa Donachie Chapel Hill High School

Joanna Frasier Cartersville High School

Maggie Frederick BlazeSports Georgia

Heather Galante Walton High School

Kristen Hughes Kennesaw Mountain High School

Morgan Little Sequoyah High School

Alicia Manning Etowah High School

Jordan McCullers Harrison High School

Jennifer Meredith Wheeler High School

Ginny Miller McEachern High School

Jessica Mitchell East Paulding High School

Emily Morris The Walker School

Stephanie Morris Cherokee High School

Remoshay Nelson Douglas County High School

Jenna Newsome North Cobb High School

Lisa Ogide Paulding County High School

Sarah Sassler Kell High School

Dallas Smith Alexander High School

Nicole Smith Pope High School

Alyssa Stokes Sprayberry High School

Belle Thomas Adairsville High School

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Officials signed an agreement to establish the Robert and Alivia Lipson Endowed Arts Scholarship for students of Kennesaw State's College of the Arts.

The scholarship is named for the late Robert A. Lipson, president and CEO of WellStar Health System, and his wife, Alivia "Livvy" Kazer Lipson, who are both long-time supporters of KSU and the College of the Arts. Lipson passed away in November 2006, just weeks after an exhibition of his photography opened at KSU.

Mrs. Lipson and their daughter, Rachel Ellen Lipson, joined Daniel S. Papp, president of Kennesaw State in the signing ceremony at Kennesaw Hall, along with Joseph Meeks, dean of the College of the Arts, and Wesley Wicker, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the KSU Foundation.

"As we take a look back at Livvy and Rob's friendship and collaboration with Kennesaw State and the arts, we're so proud and so pleased that they are a part of our family," Papp said.

"They exemplify what it means to be friends of the arts," Meeks said. "Not only did they give to us financially, but they were interested in what we're doing."

The scholarship is funded by money generated from the college's annual benefit gala. The Lipsons have attended every gala since its inception in 2002, even just hours after returning from an overseas trip.

"Rob and Livvy could literally get off the plane at five in the afternoon, and they would still be at our event," Meeks said. "That's true friendship, and true interest."

The scholarship will provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in the College of the Arts at KSU, and may be used for tuition, fees and/or related educational or living expenses. In order to qualify for the scholarship, a student must be enrolled full time at KSU, have a declared major in the College of the Arts, be listed in good academic standing and maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

The Robert and Alivia Lipson Scholarship is endowed at \$20,000.

An avid photographer, Lipson's photography was featured during a month-long exhibit at KSU's Sturgis Library Gallery. The 48-piece collection included vivid color photographs he snapped over a 35-year period.

Another exhibition of Lipson's photography is anticipated later this year at Kennesaw State, in remembrance and celebration of his life and work.

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State Superintendent of Schools brings international visitors to Kennesaw State

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Superintendent Cox asked Traci Redish, director of KSU's ETTC, and her staff to give a brief presentation about the current state of technology in Georgia schools and ETTC's role in helping schools with technology.

"We provide service, consulting and professional learning opportunities for Georgia educators in order to advance the effective use of technology for teaching, learning and leading," Redish said. "Our instructors also train educators in the use of the Georgia Standards Web site."

ETTC is part of a partnership between Kennesaw State and the Georgia Department of Education. Cox emphasized the importance of this partnership to the British Council.

"ETTC has been very instrumental for my department," Cox said. "For example, this group stepped up to the plate, helping 181 school districts receive adequate training to satisfy new U.S. Department of Education mandates, and we were the first state in the country to get it done."

The center, one of 13 locations strategically located throughout Georgia, provides instructional and technical training and assistance for every school system in the entire state.

After leaving campus, Cox took the international visitors to several K-12 schools in the area.

The British Council is a nonprofit group based in London. According to its Web site, the council connects people with learning opportunities and creative ideas from the United Kingdom to build lasting relationships around the world.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Feb. 6, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's Department of Geography and Anthropology will host its first Georgia Geographic Alliance GeoFest Feb. 10. Approximately 25 social science teachers from Cobb and Cherokee counties are expected to attend.

"The educators will learn new teaching strategies for content knowledge and applicable classroom skills," said Dr. Garrett Smith, chair of the Department of Geography and Anthropology. "We expect teachers to come away from GeoFest with a new-found enthusiasm for geography."

The Georgia Geographic Alliance is a consortium of professors and K-12 teachers who believe in geography. The program was formerly housed at Georgia State University for 18 years before recently coming to Kennesaw State. GeoFest is funded by a grant from the National Geographic Education Foundation.

To schedule an interview with Dr. Smith or to cover the event, please contact the writer.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Feb. 8, 2007) — Monique Wilson, entrepreneur and business owner/principal consultant of The Wilson Connection, will speak at the upcoming Siegel Institute's "Why Leadership and Ethics Matter: A Speaker Series" Feb. 28 at Kennesaw State University.

The [Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Character](#) promotes ethical leadership for the common good throughout the world for all individuals representing all walks of life. The institute serves KSU and its communities through academic courses and other learning opportunities designed to develop ethically competent leadership for education, business, government and all other sectors of society.

Who:

A natural public relations specialist who effortlessly establishes instant rapport and trust relationships, Monique Wilson will discuss "Establishing Trustworthy Relationships: Rapport, Cultivation and Connection – Real Success Depends on it."

When:

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. light refreshments; 7 p.m. lecture. The event is free and open to the public.

Where:

KSU Student Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Room 300

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Business leader speaks at Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series

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Kupper delivered his remarks as part of the Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series of the Michael J. Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State.

Since 1990, the lecture series has attracted some of the nation’s great leaders to the Kennesaw State campus, giving undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to interact with great role models from business and industry.

Kupper, who was named publisher of the magazine in 1999 and president in 2000, said the retirements of the baby boomer generation will start hitting the business world around 2010, giving today’s students a great opportunity.

“There will be a huge gap in leadership when boomers retire,” Kupper said to an audience of students, faculty and staff at KSU’s James V. Carmichael Student Center. “You have a tremendous opportunity to really achieve and excel.”

Kupper gave pointers to students in building careers, urging them to be confident, questioning and creative during job interviews, giving themselves the chance to stand out during the process.

Kupper, whose business group is part of the McGraw–Hill Companies, also spoke about media transformation, as Internet and mobile news formats have posed challenges to traditional print news media companies.

“As much as it is a challenge for some people, it’s an opportunity,” Kupper said. “Today, you want information when you want it, and how you want it.”

He also advised the audience to embrace change, follow their passions and be firm in making decisions.

“Don’t wobble. Don’t waffle. Make it,” he said.

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Kennesaw, Ga. (Feb. 14, 2007) – The [Cox Family Enterprise Center](#), based at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, has announced the winners of the 2007 Georgia Family Business of the Year Awards.

Fred Gretsch Enterprises of Savannah, which makes world-famous Gretsch guitars and drums, has won the Cox Century Award. This award goes to a Georgia based business that has been in operation for at least 100 years.

The winners and finalists in the individual categories are:

Large Business

Winner:

Southwire, Carrollton

Finalists:

J & J Industries, Dalton

Eagle Group International, Atlanta

Medium Business

Winner:

Bowen Family Homes, Duluth

Finalists:

Pull-A-Part, Atlanta

Nioxin Research Laboratories, Lithia Springs

Small Business

Winner:

Blalock Machinery, College Park

Finalists:

Ocmulgee Fields, Macon

Parkers Heating and Air Conditioning, Americus

“For sixteen years, the Cox Family Enterprise Center has honored the best in Georgia-based family businesses,” says the Director of the now twenty-year-old Cox Family Enterprise Center, Joe

Astrachan, Ph.D. "Once again we have a great group of winners and finalists who have withstood the test of time, and flourished due to strong values and savvy business sense."

The Georgia Family Business of the Year Awards ceremony, co-hosted by Georgia Trend magazine and the Cox Family Enterprise Center, will be held Wednesday, May 23 at the Cobb Galleria Centre. This year's keynote speaker is Howdy Holmes, President and CEO of the Chelsea Milling Company, makers of "Jiffy" brand baking mixes.

For tickets or more information, call the Cox Family Enterprise Center at 770-423-6045.

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Information about the winners:

Fred Gretsch Enterprises, Savannah
Cox Century Award

When German immigrant Friedrich Gretsch opened a small Brooklyn music shop in 1883, he had no idea his company would grow to become one of the most recognized brands in the music industry. After his unexpected death, his teenage son took over, and the company began to grow. In 1964, when The Beatles appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show, the demand for Gretsch guitars and drums soared. A few years later, in 1967, the family sold the business, but Fred W. Gretsch, the founder's great-grandson, returned the firm to capable family hands in 1985. Today, four generations after the firm was founded, Savannah-based Fred Gretsch Enterprises still makes the guitars and drums that deliver "that great Gretsch sound."

Southwire, Carrollton
Large Business

In 1950, when a shortage of wire slowed electricity's arrival to rural Georgia, Roy Richard, Sr. founded Southwire. His grandmother had never sat under an electric light, and he decided the only way to remedy that was to manufacture wire. Today, the company has 4,300 employees, and makes more than a third of the cable in U.S. homes. The family's community work includes helping establish Tanner Medical Center, renovating a soup kitchen, sponsoring economic development initiatives, participating in Toys for Tots, collecting school supplies for needy children, and much, much more. The firm also gives employees time off to volunteer for good causes.

Bowen Family Homes, Duluth
Medium Business

Bowen Family Homes, which started with only \$1,500 in equity, has become one of the top 50 homebuilders in the country. Inspired by his father Rudy Bowen, David Bowen formed the company with his brothers-in-law in 1993. Six years later, the successful firm hired outside managers which spurred rapid growth. Today, thirteen family members are directly involved in the business, which includes its own mortgage company. With 236 employees and millions of dollars in equity, the company also cares for the community. The family is active in its church and donates time, money and effort to many community projects, including constructing a new building for a children's shelter and adding an addition to a home for medically fragile children.

Blalock Machinery, College Park
Small Business

Blalock Machinery, founded in 1927 by D.B. Blalock, Sr. is in its third generation of business. The firm, which sells power lawn equipment in College Park, believes in selling top quality products and providing top quality service. It also considers its employees family. When the owners realized the employees weren't investing in their 401(k)s, they switched to an IRA-SEP; this let the company invest in the plan so that everyone was funded. They also brought in experts to give employees

information about money management. When it comes to profit-sharing, it makes sure that each shareholder gets the same amount, regardless of rank or job description, since each contributes to the company's success.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Feb. 15, 2007) — In the backyard of where some of the Civil War's most important battles took place, Kennesaw State University has established a Center for the Study of the Civil War Era, bringing together a multitude of research materials and teaching aides in one convenient, accessible location.

"The war itself was decided, in large measure, in Georgia with the Atlanta Campaign," said John D. Fowler, associate professor of history at Kennesaw State and director of the center. "The most significant battles of the Atlanta Campaign were fought right around KSU."

The Atlanta Campaign of 1864 helped seal the fate of the Confederacy and ensure the reelection of President Abraham Lincoln. And as part of that campaign, some of the critical battles of the war — at Kennesaw Mountain, Kolb's Farm, New Hope Church, and Dallas — took place not far from where Kennesaw State's campus exists today.

Despite the rich history of the Civil War in Georgia, the state doesn't have a center specifically devoted to the study of the war and its impact on Georgian and American life, Fowler said.

"With the demographics of the state changing, I think it's vital that Georgia has one of these centers to keep the Civil War's memory alive," Fowler said, citing numerous transplants to the state who have little or no knowledge of Georgia's history.

The center will include a large library of secondary sources and microfilm copies of primary source documents critical to the understanding of the nation-shaping conflict. The center will also provide aides, such as DVDs, CDs, booklets and other materials, for educators teaching about the conflict.

The center will work in partnership with various historical groups and agencies, such as Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, the City of Kennesaw, the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History, the Georgia Historical Society, numerous Civil War roundtables, and historians across the state, region and country.

Though located in Georgia, the center will focus on the many viewpoints and facets of the war and its aftermath throughout the South and the nation, Fowler said.

"It's not just about the history of the battles," Fowler said. "There are other issues, too, like the effect of the war on African-Americans, women who were left behind to manage farms and factories, and those who were maimed by the war and tried to pick up their lives to start again."

Officials hope to raise funds to help support the activities of the center and also welcome contributions from private donations of Civil War era collections, artifacts, papers and other items.

In March, KSU will take students and interested members of the public to battlefields in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Chickamauga, Ga.

For more information about the center or to schedule an interview with Fowler, please contact the writer of this news release.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Feb. 15, 2007) — The Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University will host the 7th Annual Coles Executive MBA “Lessons in Leadership” event Thursday, Feb. 22. Attendees will learn essential tools and leadership principles to help them achieve success by building organizational and individual credibility. The networking and educational event is open to current EMBA students, alumni and invited guests.

A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the KSU Center, followed by a keynote address at 6:45 p.m. from Barbara Pagano and Elizabeth Pagano, authors of Fast Company’s Book of the Month, “The Transparency Edge: How Credibility Can Make or Break You in Business.”

During the event, Gus George Maroun, EMBA alumni class of 2001, will present the Coles Executive MBA program with a \$100,000 gift to establish the Gus George Maroun EMBA Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is funded by the John and Rosemary Brown Family Foundation, which established the scholarship in honor of Maroun’s continual support and active involvement in the 18-month EMBA program. The scholarship will assist incoming students who are high-potential managers interested in earning the coveted Coles EMBA degree.

“Gus was an excellent student in the EMBA program and now, as an alumni, he continues to support Kennesaw State University and the Coles College of Business in important philanthropic areas,” said Larry Bell, Managing Director of the Executive Education Programs at the Coles College. “We are proud to have a scholarship fund named after him in recognition of his enthusiastic commitment to the university.”

The annual Lessons in Leadership event is part of the Coles College EMBA alumni network, EMBARK, which uses events and online networking tools to help alumni stay connected. The lessons also exemplify the university’s commitment to life-long learning. Students and alumni are able to maintain a competitive edge by staying abreast of the latest trends and developments in the business world.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Cheryl Downing at 770-420-4622 or Cheryl_Downing@coles2.kennesaw.edu. Seating is limited.

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Kennesaw, Ga. (Feb. 20, 2007) – Coles College of Business associate professor of accounting Audrey Gramling is taking leadership roles with two top business organizations: the American Accounting Association (AAA) and the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

Gramling has been elected president of the auditing section of the AAA. She will serve as president-elect beginning August of this year and will assume the presidency in August 2008.

“Assuming presidency of the auditing section of the American Accounting Association is a significant position and reflects the tremendous reputation Audrey has in the auditing community,” said W. Ken Harmon, Chairman of the Coles College’s Accounting Department.

In addition, Gramling has also been selected to serve as a member of COSO’s monitoring project task force. COSO is a voluntary private sector organization that promotes quality financial reporting, business ethics, effective internal controls and corporate governance.

As a task force member of COSO, Gramling will participate in a research project aimed at helping companies monitor the quality of their internal control systems. The research will help companies develop effective strategies for managing their control systems, as well as help them maintain compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX). The project is scheduled for completion in 2008.

“We are proud of the recognition Audrey is receiving for her outstanding commitment to the accounting community. She is uniquely qualified to fulfill both roles and we are delighted that she has been chosen to assume these leadership positions,” said Timothy S. Mescon, Dean of the Coles College of Business.

Gramling has been an associate professor of accounting at the Coles College of Business since 2005. Before joining the Kennesaw State University faculty, she served as an Academic Accounting Fellow in the Office of the Chief Accountant at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. She has also taught at Georgia State University, Wake Forest University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Gramling also provides executive training for banks, public accounting firms and audit committees.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Feb. 20, 2007) — Betty L. Siegel, president emeritus of Kennesaw State University, will have a booth dedicated in her honor Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Waffle House where she dined across from campus nearly every morning during her 25-year tenure at the university.

The dedication ceremony will be held at 8 a.m. at the Waffle House located across from campus at 3340 Frey Road N.W., Kennesaw.

Kennesaw State's second president, Siegel ate breakfast at the restaurant almost daily, and met with students and staff while at the diner.

Siegel stepped down in 2006 after serving for two-and-a-half decades at KSU, presiding over the institution's phenomenal growth from a small state college to a residential university with nearly 20,000 students and expanding graduate degree programs.

Upon her retirement, Waffle House gave her a "Golden Waffle Award" in "recognition of being a goodwill ambassador for its restaurants."

To reach the Waffle House from Atlanta, take Interstate 75 north to Exit 271 at Chastain Road. Make a left on Chastain Road, then turn right on Frey Road. The restaurant is on the right side of the road, across from the KSU athletic fields.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Feb. 27, 2007) – The Kennesaw State University Press is pleased to announce its recent publication, *Footprints Across the South: Bartram's Trail Revisited*, has been named a finalist for the 2007 Book of the Year Awards by ForeWord magazine. More than 1,400 books were entered in 59 categories from prestigious independent presses like those at MIT, the University of Georgia, Oxford University, and Cambridge University, among others. Winners will be announced at this summer's BookExpo America Convention in New York City.

The Kennesaw State University Press acts as the publishing arm of Kennesaw State University, the third largest university in the state of Georgia. Since its inception in 2004, The KSU Press has published nearly twenty books and journals geared toward an educated general audience, including higher education specialists and enthusiasts. Copies of KSU Press books can be purchased online at www.kennesaw.edu/ksupress and at the KSU bookstore on campus.

About the Book

In *Footprints Across the South: Bartram's Trail Revisited*, author James Kautz travels the path of William Bartram, a botanist from Philadelphia who explored the American Southeast in the 1770s. Beginning in Charleston, South Carolina, and ending in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Kautz compares the conditions at the time of the nation's founding with the social and natural environment of today.

About the Author

James Kautz, Ph. D., taught at three colleges in the American South and conducted archaeological explorations in the Middle East and North America before working in human services in Louisiana and Georgia. In 2001, he began his quest along Bartram's Trail. In the course of five years, he traveled 15,000 miles across seven states, tramped trails, paddled and motored rivers and streams, and interviewed dozens of residents, scientists, and community leaders in revisiting Bartram's Trail.

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More than just breakfast, she interacted with students and generated ideas — some jotted down on napkins — during “Waffle House moments” that were instituted during her tenure as Kennesaw State’s head.

A regular diner, she’s now a permanent fixture — literally — with the dedication of “Miss Betty’s Booth.”

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, Siegel joined students, faculty and staff from Kennesaw State, as well as Waffle House staff, as she cut a gold ribbon to dedicate the booth at the diner in her honor.

“The Waffle House is a very special place for me,” Siegel said. “We’ve had some of our best conversations here.”

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 2, 2007) — Betty L. Siegel, president emeritus of Kennesaw State University, will embark next week on a three-month trip to some of South Africa's top universities, where she will meet educational leaders in the country.

She has been invited to Stellenbosch University, located just east of Cape Town, South Africa, to assist faculty, staff and administrators with helping to improve first-year student retention and success. She will also speak about extending international student networks, focusing particularly on global ethical leadership, and is expected to serve as the keynote speaker for the university's Autumn Academy on Teaching and Learning.

Siegel is also expected to meet with Naledi Pandor, South Africa's minister of education, and she anticipates visiting other universities across the country, including those in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Pretoria and Durban.

This trip marks Siegel's second visit to South Africa. In 2006, she traveled to the African nation with fellow college and university presidents in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, on a mission to forge ties between educational communities in the United States and South Africa.

The visit to Stellenbosch is part of Siegel's responsibilities as the Distinguished Chair in the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, where she has convened an international network of university, business, philanthropy, and government leaders for Global Ethical Leadership and Social Responsibility through the Institute's signature program The Oxford Conclave on Global Ethics.

Kennesaw State's second president, Siegel stepped down in 2006 after serving for two-and-a-half decades at KSU, presiding over the institution's phenomenal growth from a small state college to a residential university with nearly 20,000 students and expanding graduate degree programs.

A publication-ready photograph of Siegel at KSU's Remembrance Rock — paralleling her upcoming visit to South Africa and Cape Town's iconic Table Mountain — is available at <https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/jcraig19/Dr%20Siegel%20South%20Africa%20Trip/Dr%20Siegel%20with%20Remembrance%20Rock.jp>

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Former Vice Chancellor with Board of Regents Accepts Appointment

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 2, 2007) – Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp today announced the appointment of Dr. Frank Butler as interim dean of the College of Education. Butler will assume the post on March 15, pending the approval of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia at their March 14 board meeting.

In his new role, Butler will be charged with shaping and leading strategic directions within KSU's College of Education, managing the college's day-to-day operations, and working with the faculty and staff to maintain the high level of educational standards within the college.

Through the span of a 40-year career in higher education, Butler has served in a wide variety of positions at four universities in three different states, most recently in Georgia. Presently he serves as education director of the Aviation Museum in Marietta, Ga.

On Jan. 1, Butler retired as vice chancellor for academic programs and planning with the University System of Georgia, a position he had held since 2001. Prior to joining the University System Office, Butler served from 1985 to 1999 as vice president and dean of faculty at Armstrong Atlantic State University (AASU). He also served briefly as vice president of external affairs for AASU from 2000 to 2001, and as interim president of the university from 1999 to 2000.

Butler served as dean for academic affairs at Indiana University-East, from 1979 to 1985. While in that post, he also was called upon to serve as acting president of that institution from 1980 to 1981.

Butler began his academic career in 1966, as an assistant professor in the physics department at the University of Kentucky. Subsequently, he joined Northern Kentucky University, where he rose to the rank of full professor of physics and chair of the physical sciences department.

"Frank Butler brings solid credentials, a wealth of experience, and superior people skills to the interim dean's position," said Papp. "We are looking forward to him joining Kennesaw State in this leadership role, and to the contributions he will make in moving the College of Education forward during this critical transition period. We highly value his commitment to public service."

While with the University System of Georgia, Butler was instrumental in shaping the teacher education programs at Dalton State College and Macon State College. He also played an important role in gaining re-approval of previously suspended teacher education programs at Fort Valley State University. Butler also was a member of the University System's team that secured a \$35 million grant from the National Science Foundation to improve the performance of Georgia students in math and science.

Butler will continue his association with the Aviation Museum, in a part-time capacity.

A downloadable photo of Butler is available by visiting <https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/jbolt1/Press%20Release%20Photos/Butler%2C%20Frank.jpg> or by contacting Perry–Johnson.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 8, 2007 – Atlanta jewelry designer Margot Townsend will host an event benefiting the Kennesaw State University College of the Arts in her factory showroom, located at 1500 Southland Circle near Howell Mill Road, on Thursday, March 22. On that day, the showroom will be open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and a portion of all sales will be donated to the College of the Arts. There is no admission fee.

The event, called “Pre-Flight Check-In: A Gem of an Event,” highlights some of the features of the college’s upcoming sixth annual benefit gala, which has the theme, “Come Fly with Us.”

"Ms. Townsend's jewelry is always popular in the auction at our gala," said Joseph Meeks, dean of the college. "When we asked how we could have a greater presence for her work this year, she offered to open up the entire shop for us."

Although Townsend’s showroom will be open all day on March 22, there will be a special reception with Dean Meeks and the members of the benefit gala committee at 4 p.m. During the reception, guests will enjoy live music, mini dance lessons, door prize drawings and a sneak peek at the Atlanta Driving Club’s luxury cars.

"This is a great event because it highlights the fun and excitement of the gala and absolutely anyone can attend," says event coordinator Melanie Dobbins, who has already been doing some pre-shopping. "Margot Townsend has designs that can fit any style or budget, from the college student to the fashion leader."

Margot Townsend Inc. is an international jewelry design, development and manufacturing company that creates sterling silver jewelry, fashion jewelry, gifts and accessories for multi-channel retailers around the world. Townsend is well-known for her museum replica pieces, including reproductions of the Smithsonian Institute’s collection, as well as best-selling items for retailers like Neiman-Marcus, Horchow, Saks Fifth Avenue and Coldwater Creek.

For more information about the “Pre-Flight Check-In,” visit www.kennesaw.edu/arts/gala2007 or call 770-499-3214.

The KSU College of the Arts sixth annual benefit gala will take place on April 28 at the FlightWorks Executive Terminal at the Cobb County Airport (McCullum Field) in Kennesaw. The evening includes dinner, dancing and live/silent auctions. In its first five years, the annual benefit gala raised more than \$1 million for scholarship endowments and student-learning initiatives.

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Kennesaw, Ga. (March 8, 2007) – The work of an accounting professor at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University could make it much easier for stockholders to rapidly receive detailed, high quality information about public companies.

“This project will change the way more than 10,000 companies regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission will interact with the SEC and the investing public,” said Ernest Capozzoli, Ph. D., C.P.A. “The significance, complexity and importance of the project cannot be understated.”

Capozzoli is one of only two academics serving on a prestigious nationwide team developing taxonomies, or standardized definitions, for financial statement footnote disclosures through eXtensible Business Reporting Language, or “XBRL.” XBRL, often described as the universal language of financial reporting, allows electronic reporting of financial information for easy calculation and analysis. The effort is organized by the Financial Accounting Foundation, and managed by XBRL US.

Public companies’ annual reports have voluminous footnote disclosures which hold information that can be important to investors. But since there’s no easy or practical way to retrieve the data, it can be difficult for investors to get basic information. For example, an investor who wants to compare the number of oil wells drilled, operated or abandoned by different oil and gas companies would have to either dig through the footnotes of the companies’ annual reports or pay a subscription fee to a company that compiles such data.

Setting a standard in XBRL means that in the future, investors will be able to download easily understandable disclosure information for an individual company, or an entire industry segment.

Before his academic career, Capozzoli worked for Saudi Aramco, formerly the Arabian American Oil Company, and spent 17 years in Saudi Arabia. Because of this experience, he is working on the disclosures for the oil and gas industry. Other members of the group, which include some of the most brilliant minds in the accounting industry, are tackling approximately 150 required disclosures, such as pension, executive compensation and loan information. Additional industry specific disclosures are also being developed.

When their work is complete, the information will be available for public review.

XBRL US is a local jurisdiction of XBRL International – a not-for-profit consortium of approximately 450 companies and agencies worldwide working together to build the XBRL language and promote

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The Financial Accounting Foundation is responsible for funding the activities of both the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and its counterpart for state and local government, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 9, 2007) — Kennesaw State University will host the fourth annual Jewish Life in the South Symposium, looking at hate groups and hate crimes in the South on Wednesday, March 28.

The symposium will feature Joshua Ginsberg, assistant director of the Southeast Region of the Anti-Defamation League, as well as James Moran, a discipline hearing officer who has extensive experiences dealing directly with gangs and hate groups.

Program leaders will explore the dynamics of hate groups and hate crimes in the South, and will address many issues, including what constitutes a hate crime, what groups perpetrate such crimes and their activity in the Southeast, the extent of the groups' impact on the southern Jewish experience and how hate groups and hate crimes can be counteracted.

Sponsored by KSU's Holocaust Education Program, the Anti-Defamation League, the Marcus Foundation and the Center for Regional History and Culture, the event will be held in Room 400 of the KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw.

Activities will start with a reception at 6 p.m. with self-guided tours of KSU's exhibit, "Parallel Journeys: WWII and the Holocaust through the Eyes of Teens." Presentations will begin at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required by Friday, March 23.

To register for the event or for more information, contact Olivia C. Smith at 678-797-2085 or osmith3@kennesaw.edu, or visit www.kennesaw.edu/paralleljourneys/jewishlife.shtml

To reach the KSU Center from Atlanta, take Interstate 75 to Chastain Road (Exit 271). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Chastain Road. Turn right onto Busbee Drive. KSU Center will be on your right. Enter through the East Entrance and walk down the hall to the fountain (the structure that houses the Parallel Journeys exhibit will be on your left).

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 8, 2007) – Kennesaw State University's College of Science and Mathematics is one step closer to becoming a national leader in secondary mathematics and science education now that Adrian L. Epps, who has a proven track record of securing major grants, is on board. Epps was recently chosen as assistant dean and will focus primarily on scholarship and external funding in science and mathematics education.

"Adrian has the expertise and track record in securing and implementing major grants from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education that will provide the external funding necessary to achieve our goals of becoming a national leader in science and mathematics secondary education," said Laurence I. Peterson, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.

The college is already a leader when it comes to awarding bachelor's degrees in mathematics education, graduating the highest number of students in the entire state.

Prior to joining the university, Epps was the director of the Office of Mathematics and Science Initiatives for the Atlanta Public Schools system. Some of his roles included project director for the \$15 million Atlanta Systemic Initiative; P-12 coordinator for the Board of Regents-led NSF Partnership for Reform In Science and Mathematics (PRISM); and district coordinator for the Emory University NSF funded G-K12 grant.

Epps received his bachelor's degree in chemistry and master's degree in education from Emory University. He will be conferred a doctorate in educational leadership from Clark-Atlanta University this spring.

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Executive MBA program gets an 'A' in global learning

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"This unique learning experience clearly positions KSU as a leader in innovation with respect to equipping its students with the skills and knowledge necessary to compete in a global marketplace," said Mike Salvador, chair of the Department of Leadership and Professional Development.

Nearly 25 American students and more than 80 Romanian students make up a total of 13 teams. Each team is assigned a unique project, including venture capital proposals, best practice benchmarking, business plans and customer retention analysis.

"The project is a unique experience for our EMBA students because no other MBA/EMBA program has a group of students from two different countries working together this way," said Rodney Alsup, developer of the program and senior associate dean of executive education programs.

Students correspond across continents through data portals on the Web, videoconferencing and teleconferencing. In April, the Romanian students will travel to the United States to join their American counterparts in presenting the projects.

"This experience with my Romanian colleagues has been invaluable in that it has exposed me to some real-life business scenarios and obstacles," EMBA student Colleen Bickett said. "It isn't a theoretical or classroom learning session; this is real."

"The Romanian students are great to work with and they have great business acumen," said EMBA student Matthew Belli. "I realized we are building relationships with professionals in Europe and that we should leverage those relationships in the future."

The project has proved to be so invaluable for some students that they commit to return to Romania for a second time as alumni. Many alumni see a return trip as an opportunity to mentor current students and to renew friendships made during the first trip to Romania. Cindy Jacoby was this year's alumni adviser for the trip. Jacoby first traveled to Romania as an EMBA student in 2005.

"It is evident that the new administrative team is dedicated to continuous improvement of the program," Jacoby said. "I have to credit the KSU administration for taking the feedback from my 2005 class and making an already meaningful trip even better."

The success of the program has prompted Coles College of Business to consider developing similar partnerships with universities in Colombia, Canada, Germany and China.

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Journey to Belize: how a semester abroad changed my view of the world

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Belize, located in Central America, borders Mexico to the north, Guatemala to the west, and is surrounded by the beautiful Caribbean Sea to the east. It happens to be the only English-speaking country in Central America, which meant I didn’t have to brush up on my Spanish prior to departure.

Just getting to Belize was an adventure for me. To begin with, I had never been on an airplane or even out of the country. But I successfully managed to mill my way through Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and endured the three-hour plane ride to Belize.

My roommate and I stayed in Belize City and were placed at Hummingbird Elementary School in fall 2006. The first two weeks were very overwhelming as I went through a total culture shock. I kept thinking, “How do people live like this?” Belize is a very poor country that survives only on tourism. I couldn’t get over how different everything was than what I was accustomed to in the United States. Just walking down the street, I felt as if I were in a movie.

Even the schools were drastically different with primitive, small classrooms and few resources. But the teachers at the school were very friendly, as were most of the people in Belize. And though they didn’t have many supplies, the students were still able to learn. I taught a class of 23 students ages 8 and 9 who were absolutely wonderful and so well behaved.

Shortly after I began teaching and developed my routine, my feelings about being in Belize changed. Eventually I got used to all of the differences and started to like them. I became a master at using public transportation (having never used it before in the States), and I finally noticed what a convenience it was to be able to walk anywhere and everywhere I needed to go.

My experience in Belize was definitely an eyeopener. I learned some valuable lessons and gained insight from a part of the world that I never knew existed. One of the most important things I learned is to see people for who they are and not what ethnic background they belong to. In Belize, I was amazed at how well all of the diverse ethnic groups got along: Mayan, Mestizo, Spanish, Indian, Chinese and Garifuna descents.

My advice to anyone who is considering a study abroad program is to go for it. It’s a wonderful opportunity to travel the world and experience a new culture while earning college credit at the same time. Many people may ask “why,” but I always ask “why not?”

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KENNESAW, Ga.—Cartersville native Erik Teague, a Kennesaw State University senior, recently won the American College Theatre Festival regional award for best costume design for the second year in a row. This entitles him to compete for the national Barbizon Award at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in April. Teague won the Barbizon Award last year. If he wins again this year, he will be the first person to earn back-to-back honors.

"It's not unprecedented for someone to win the region two years in a row," says Teague's theatre design professor and mentor Jamie Bullins, who himself won back-to-back regionals in the mid-1990s, "but it is unusual for an undergraduate student to win these top awards."

This year, Teague is competing with his designs from "Urinetown," a mainstage musical production that satirizes the economic disparities in today's society. To meet this challenge, Teague developed a modern look at the 1930s, a style he calls "neo-Weimar" that harkens back to the German theatrical influences of people like Bertholt Brecht.

Bullins, who has helped Teague secure professional design jobs while assigning him KSU productions, sees a bright future for Teague, who plans to attend graduate school after taking a little time off to work on some more professional projects, like "The Last Night at Ballyhoo" which he recently designed for Georgia Ensemble Theatre and for which he earned a nod from the theatre critic at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Nevertheless, Teague remains humble. He plans to attend as many workshops as he can when he competes at the Kennedy Center in April and to spend a lot of time looking at his competitors' work. "I get inspired by their process."

Afterwards, win or lose, Teague will return to Kennesaw State to design one more show, "Pajama Game," in the fall before he graduates in December.

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KENNESAW, Ga.—Three Kennesaw State University music students were selected as winners in the university's annual Concerto Competition on March 13. The winners will perform as featured soloists with KSU Orchestra next season.

The 2007 winners are:

Jessica Bradfield of Marietta, a vocal student of Eileen Moremen, who performed "Batti, batti" from "Don Giovanni" by Mozart.

Kelly Cato of Kennesaw, a flute student of Rob Cronin and Christina Smith, who performed "Concerto for Flute in G Major, K.313" by Mozart.

Ivana Sri of Powder Springs, a piano student of David Watkins, who performed "Concerto No. 1 in b-flat minor, Op. 23" by Tchaikovsky. Sri also won the 2005 Concerto Competition.

The Concerto Competition was created to give student musicians an opportunity to perform a major work with a large ensemble. A concerto is an orchestral composition featuring one or more solo instruments. Vocalists in the competition generally perform an opera or oratorio.

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Kenya courting native sons and daughters in U.S. for homeland investment

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 19, 2007) — The east African country of Kenya is putting out the welcome mat for foreign investors, placing special emphasis on courting its native sons and daughters living in the U.S.

An International Conference and Investment Forum Examining the Role of the Kenyan Diaspora in Kenya's Development is scheduled for March 22 – 24 at Kennesaw State University. This international, multi-stakeholder conference and investment forum boasts such luminaries as:

- * Peter Ogego, Kenya's top ambassador to the U.S. from Washington, D.C.;
- * Amos Kimunya, Kenya's minister of finance;
- * Mukhisa Kituyi, Kenyan's minister of trade;
- * Jimnah Mbaru, chairman of the Nairobi Stock Exchange; and many others.

"This conference will showcase to Kenyans and non-Kenyans the investment climate in Kenya and how the government can facilitate investment," Executive Director of the Institute for Global Initiatives at KSU Dr. Akanmu Adebayo said. "It is now an open secret that the diaspora nationals are a significant asset in national developments."

According to estimates, there are more than 1 million Kenyans living in the U.S., with approximately 22,000 living in the Atlanta area. Last fiscal year, Kenyans living in the U.S. sent close to \$1 billion to their homeland.

"The money being sent back to Kenya from the diaspora is more than from foreign investment," Kenya native and conference organizer Stephen Ndiritu said. "The government is in the process of coming up with a policy initiative on how to involve the diaspora in development of the country, and this conference gives us a chance to give input on what's been drafted."

As Kenya emerges from the long shadows of a dictatorship, the economy has been on a growth trajectory, growing at an estimated 6 percent last year from 0.6 percent in 2002.

"The government is very keen on sustaining that growth and taking it to an even higher level to help eliminate poverty in the country," Ndiritu said. "To be able to do that, they're going to need a lot of outside investment."

The conference is part of the “Year of...” celebrations at KSU, which seek to provide students with opportunities to increase their global knowledge. This spring, 89 students from Kenya were among the university’s 1,672 international students, representing 140 countries.

“Global learning is something we’re about at the institution,” Adebayo said. “Our students aren’t likely to go to Kenya, but they can learn about Kenya here on campus. The news coverage of Africa often is negative. This is the first opportunity for an image of a continent that’s really making an effort to step up development efforts, rather than death and disease.”

For further information, or to schedule an interview with any of the participants, please contact the writer.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 19, 2007) – The Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character will host its 7th annual Phenomenal Women's Conference March 30–31. Held at the Kennesaw State University Center, the two-day event promises to inspire and empower women leaders with strategic plans for personal and professional growth.

Participants will attend sessions focused on issues like networking, image building, political power and leadership through conflict. They will also hear from international and national speakers such as Farkhonda Hassan, Egypt's secretary general of the National Council for Women, Haley Kilpatrick, founder and president of the award-winning teen program, Girl Talk, and Marie Wilson, founder and president of The White House Project.

Elisabeth Williams Omilami will receive the 2007 Phenomenal Women's Award for humanitarian efforts for her work with Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry and Homeless, the largest African-American human services organization in the Southeast during the award ceremony Friday, March 30.

For more information about the Phenomenal Women's Conference, visit www.siegelinstitute.org or contact Karen Pressley at 678-797-2000.

An academic unit of Kennesaw State University, the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character promotes ethical leadership at KSU, the greater Atlanta area, and for the common good throughout the world for all individuals representing all walks of life. The institute serves its publics through academic courses and other learning opportunities designed to develop ethically competent leadership for education, business, government and all other sectors of society.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 20, 2007) — Defense is their game, and they're good at it. Cyber defense, that is. The Kennesaw State Cyber Defense team finished first place in the 2007 Southeast Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition held March 9-11 at the University of North Carolina.

The CCDC is a unique competition focusing on the operational aspect of managing and protecting an existing network infrastructure. The nine teams were graded on their ability to detect and respond to outside threats; maintain availability of existing services, such as mail servers and web servers; respond to business requests, such as the addition or removal of additional services; and balance security needs against business needs during the three-day assessment.

"We are extremely proud of the team's professionalism, remaining calm and collected in the face of overwhelming odds," said Michael Whitman, the team's faculty sponsor and director of the Center for Information Security Education. "These students have worked extremely hard, and the results show it."

The next stop for KSU's team will be San Antonio, Texas, where they will compete against other regional winners in the national competition April 13-15.

KSU's winning team members are Erik Olson, Chris Pawlukowsky, Mark Stephens, Mehul Patel, Mike Horsley, Lofton Newton and Brittany Adkins.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 20, 2007) — Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp will deliver Kennesaw State's 2007 State of the University speech during two sessions March 28 at the Howard Logan Stillwell Theater in the Wilson Building.

The address will be delivered at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"The State of the University address will allow us as an institution to take a look back at where we've been and get a better view of what's ahead for us in the coming years," Papp said.

"It is a tradition at many universities for presidents to deliver such an address each academic year," he said. "With the finalization of an ambitious new strategic plan, the visit of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the continuation of many important initiatives at the university, it is an appropriate time to begin such a tradition at KSU."

Papp is the third president of KSU, taking office in mid-2006 after the 25-year tenure of Dr. Betty L. Siegel. Siegel, who took office in 1981, was preceded by Dr. Horace W. Sturgis, who was the institution's charter president when it was known as Kennesaw Junior College in the 1960s.

Both sessions are open to the public. For a map of the campus, please visit www.kennesaw.edu/about/maps.shtml.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 20, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's Model Arab League won eight awards for outstanding performance at the Southern Regional Conference at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., March 16-18. The team brought home seven individual Outstanding Delegate Awards, as well as one of just three Outstanding Delegation Awards (see below for a list of winners).

KSU's Model Arab League represented Libya in the three-day competition, displaying debating, speaking and negotiating skills. Chelsea MacGregor-Whyte served as team captain, and Tracey Brown was head delegate.

Linda Morrisson, faculty adviser to the team, said the competition is intense and takes much preparation; the students spend one year studying the foreign policy of a region.

"The MAL team meets for several hours every Sunday, beginning in September and ending in April," Morrisson said. "In the practice sessions, students learn about mock debates, information exchange and parliamentary procedures."

Winner of last year's national competition, the KSU team hopes to repeat its performance in the upcoming National Model Arab League simulation in Washington, D.C., March 29-April 2.

KSU's Model Arab League operates under the Department of Political Science and International Affairs' Global Society, which also serves as the umbrella organization for the Model United Nations and the Model Organization of African Unity.

For more information on the Model Arab League program, administered by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, visit www.ncusar.org.

KSU's winners of the Outstanding Delegate Awards are:

- Joint Defense Council: Ryan Harris and Abdullah Burgeba
- Council on Palestinian Affairs: Ian Weise and Jamie Witter
- Council of Arab Social Ministers: Dortul Sidor and Jeremy Butler
- Council on Political Affairs: Stephen Valdes and Rebecca Gallegos
- Council of Environmental Affairs: Brian Parker and Sofia Lipko
- Council of Arab Economic Affairs Ministers: Kirk Truscott and Ouafae Azhari

- Arab Court of Justice: Jonathan Edman

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Kennesaw, Ga. (March 22, 2007) – Joseph F. Hair, Ph.D., a professor of marketing in the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, authored five textbooks this past year. The books, published by top academic publishers, cover topics including marketing strategies, business and marketing research and sales management.

“Traditional marketing strategies are evolving rapidly,” Hair says. “It’s important for students to understand how factors such as technology are changing marketing and enabling businesses to provide better customer solutions.”

Technology plays an important role in all the new books. But one of the books, “MKTG,” published by South-Western Publishing, is far different from the typical textbook. The concise, visually stimulating publication is roughly the size of a magazine, so it’s easy to carry around. It also has a cutting-edge online component: an interactive Web site offers podcasts, animated visual summaries, cell-phone downloads, interactive quizzes, streaming video, games, polls and surveys. Faculty members can also supplement their lessons with free online marketing news.

South-Western Publishing also published the 9th edition of “Marketing,” one of the world’s most widely-used marketing texts, in January. The hardcover volume includes current information on the rapidly-changing business climate, with sections on marketing via cell-phones, product placement and businesses’ increased reliance on technology for customer communications.

Plus, McGraw-Hill will soon publish an “essentials” version of the third edition of “Marketing Research.” While “Marketing Research” (published last year) is a standard textbook, the essentials version is roughly half as long. Instead of being lecture-based, it includes more guidance for projects that students can undertake in class.

Another book for the global business research market was published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Titled “Research Methods for Business,” the softcover volume examines business research methods leading companies in Europe and Asia use, emphasizing the different approaches necessary outside the U.S.

Later this year, Houghton-Mifflin will publish “Sales Management: Building Partnerships.” It focuses on how information technology affects customer relationship management (CRM), the use of technology to interface with customers, and how technology can improve personal interaction and help build strategic partnerships.

“Joe Hair has now published a total of 31 books, eight of them since arriving at KSU less than two

years ago,” said Coles College Dean Tim Mescon. “These new titles, plus the four peer-reviewed journal articles that have been accepted during his time here, show why he is one of the most respected marketing educators in the world today.”

Hair was recently named the 2007 Marketing Management Association’s Innovative Marketer of the Year. He also chairs the Board of Governors of the Academy of Marketing Science, and the Board of Directors of the Association of Marketing and Healthcare Research.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 27, 2007) — The College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University will stage the acclaimed production, “The Laramie Project,” in Howard Logan Stillwell Theater April 17–22. This the final production of the Department of Theatre & Performance Studies’ tenth anniversary season.

“The Laramie Project” tells the true story of a small Wyoming town that struggles with the impact of the murder of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man who was brutally beaten to death in 1998. Written by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, this play was hailed by Time Magazine as one of the “Top Ten Plays of 2000” and by the New York Times as a “provocative fusion of reality and emotional punch.”

“‘The Laramie Project’ is a play about the need for enduring tolerance,” says Assistant Professor Harrison Long, who is directing the production. “Varying points of view are expressed as the characters make an honest and open attempt at dialogue.”

Kennesaw State will continue that dialogue with post-show talks following each performance led by university faculty or campus organizations. The Department of Theatre & Performance Studies often offers post-show talks to allow students and audience members an opportunity to respond to the performance to further explore the context of the play.

The cast of eight student actors will portray more than 60 characters in the three-act production. Harrison describes the play as a “collage” of scenes drawn from published news reports and hundreds of interviews conducted by Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project.

Performances are at 8 p.m. April 17–21 and 3 p.m. April 22. Tickets for “The Laramie Project” are \$15. They may be ordered by calling the box office at 770-423-6650 or online by clicking “Box Office” at www.kennesaw.edu/arts.

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During the two addresses, Papp shared the highlights and key points of KSU’s new 2007–2012 Strategic Plan, a roadmap for the institution’s improvement and growth over the next five years.

The strategic plan is anchored on five key goals for the institution and 50 action steps to ensure the success of those ambitious goals.

“This strategic plan is ambitious,” Papp stated. “It will require hard work, tight focus, tough decisions and additional resources.” He also noted that the actions steps are critical, because that is “where the rubber meets the road.”

But the president concluded that the university community is more than up to the task of meeting the challenges outlined in the strategic plan. “I am confident that we will succeed,” Papp said. “KSU’s future is exceedingly bright. Every parameter of measurement is on an upward trajectory.”

The new Strategic Plan’s first goal includes expanding academic programs and delivery. Achieving this goal will require the university to decrease the student/faculty ratio, as well as adding degree programs that are strategically important to Georgia and the nation.

Papp said possibilities included offering new programs in environmental sciences and policy at the undergraduate level, as well as doctorates in business administration, nursing sciences, computer science, and leadership and policy.

Expanding the delivery of programs also means offering more courses off-site and online, Papp said. For example, the Michael J. Coles College of Business, which currently offers its MBA at Cobb Galleria and in Dalton, is working on developing a site to deliver courses in the Georgia-based suburbs of Chattanooga, Tenn., as well as starting a completely online Bachelor of Business Administration program within the next year.

KSU also is in discussion with other state public institutions regarding partnerships to offer

undergraduate degrees outside of Cobb County. University officials also are exploring offering some continuing education courses at the Cobb Galleria, Papp said.

Expanding campus resources and improving the infrastructure also are priorities, Papp said, as KSU's campus needs to grow to handle the burgeoning population of nearly 20,000 students and more than 2,000 faculty and staff. These goals will be met through a comprehensive capital campaign to be launched later this year, as well as development of proposed classrooms, laboratories and residence halls.

Growth and construction won't be easy, he said. There will be significant changes in parking, traffic and transportation, not to mention the noise and dust of construction.

"This will be a challenge for all of us, but the reality is that we have no choice," Papp said. "We are growing, and we are both expected and mandated to grow more . . . We have limited space, and increased demands are being placed on us . . . But, given the quality and dedication of the people we have, KSU is more than up to the challenge."

Papp also highlighted goals focused on enhancing student life and better preparing students to be leaders, in addition to the imperatives to improve service, strengthen accountability and establish a stronger sense of community.

During the two addresses, Papp applauded the efforts of those who prepared for the recent visit of the SACS On-Site Reaccreditation Team — nine academic leaders who visited KSU March 19–21 as a part of KSU's effort to reaffirm its accreditation for the next decade with SACS. The team examined KSU's compliance with SACS rules and regulations, looked at KSU's Quality Enhancement Plan focusing on global learning opportunities, and also examined the university's first doctoral program — the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership.

The university "performed with flying colors" during the SACS visit, Papp said.

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To view Papp's "Inaugural State of the University Address" in Microsoft Word format, please visit www.kennesaw.edu/address.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

KENNESAW, Ga. (March 29, 2007) — Kennesaw State University will host the 8th annual All Boards Day – recognizing nearly 900 people who serve on 48 boards for the institution – on March 29. As a growing university with increasing influence in the regional, national and international arenas, Kennesaw State relies heavily on advisors for its seven colleges to help guide and shape programs.

This year's featured speaker is Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp. He will also present awards to the board member of the year as well as the board of the year.

What:
All Boards Day program

When:
Thursday, March 29, 2007, 8:30 – 10: 30 a.m.

Where:
KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw

Media wishing to attend the event are asked to contact the writer.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 29, 2007) — The College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University will present its sixth annual benefit gala at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at FlightWorks Executive Terminal at Cobb County Airport, 1755 McCollum Parkway in Kennesaw. Proceeds from this formal ball benefit scholarship endowments and student-learning initiatives. In the last five years, the event has raised more than \$1 million.

The theme for this year's arts gala, "Come Fly with Us," is inspired by its unique location in a large airplane hangar. The decor and entertainment are based on 1940s American nostalgia. The evening will include a silent and live auction with more than \$90,000 worth of merchandise, dinner catered by Bold American Catering, and dance music performed by the KSU Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Sam Skelton. Guests also will be able to view modern luxury planes courtesy of FlightWorks and luxury cars courtesy of the Atlanta Driving Club.

The KSU College of the Arts also will present the third annual Flourish Award at the gala. The award recognizes Georgia artists and arts supporters whose work helps the arts flourish in our community. The recipients of the Flourish Award this year are philanthropists Audrey and Jack Morgan of Tucker, Ga., who support arts scholarships and arts and education programs throughout the state.

More than 400 people are expected to attend the benefit gala. Major sponsors for the events include Flightworks, Gretchen Van Roy, Marietta Daily Journal, WellStar Health System, Hardin Construction, Repro Products/The Color Spot, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company and Wachovia Business Banking Group, among others.

Sponsorships start at \$2,500. Individual tickets are \$200. For ticket reservations, early auction bidding and more information, click the "2007 Benefit Gala" link at www.kennesaw.edu/arts or call 770-499-3214.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 29, 2007) — The College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University is pleased to announce its 2007 Outstanding Seniors who were recognized during a university-wide ceremony.

One student from each of the college's degree programs was selected by the faculty for this recognition. Each student then selected one faculty member to as his or her faculty honoree.

The 2007 KSU College of the Arts Outstanding Seniors are:

Gale Connelly of Talking Rock, for art education. Her faculty honoree is Diana Gregory. After completing a bachelor of fine arts degree at Reinhardt College, Connelly enrolled in the KSU art education program. She had previously served as a paraprofessional in the Pickens County School System and worked with Club Hero, a United Way after-school program in Cobb. At KSU, she served as co-president of the student chapter of the National Art Education Association. She collaborated with other art education students to create and implement thematic and comprehensive art units that the team presented at the 2006 Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference and the 2007 National Art Education Association National Conference.

Gates Luck of Woodstock, for visual arts. His faculty honoree is Joseph Remillard. After taking a drawing class, Luck abandoned his business major. An avid reader and researcher, he studied the techniques of the old masters and participated in the Montepulciano (Italy) Studies Abroad Program to experience Italian art and architecture first-hand. His are combines classical techniques with new mediums, surfaces and forms of presentation. He has promoted arts on campus by taking leadership roles in activities in activities such as the Java Chalk Walk Show. He has also participated in group exhibitions both on and off campus. After graduation, he will pursue a full-time career in art and is currently seeking gallery representation in the Atlanta area.

Michael New of Kennesaw, for music performance. His faculty honoree is Mary Akerman. A multiple scholarship recipient, New composes new music for guitar, piano, chorus and chamber music; he has had three of his music compositions premiered in Atlanta and was recently invited to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's "Meet the Composer" seminars with Osvaldo Golijov and Michael Gandolfi. A guitarist, he has performed in master classes with Dale Kavanagh, Paul Galbraith and Roland Dyens and performs standard guitar repertoire through organizations like Guitar Atlanta. He teaches at Woodward Music Academy. He plans to continue teaching while pursuing master's and doctoral degrees in music.

Fonda Riley of Acworth, for music education. Her faculty honoree is Karen Parks. After teaching

music at private schools and working as a children's choir coordinator, Riley come to KSU to pursue a music education degree. Currently an instructor in music and movement at New Beginnings Christian Academy, she also has taught music at the Alpharetta Christian Academy, worked with the music staff of First Baptist Church of Alpharetta and served on the board of directors for the Gwinnett Young Singers. At KSU, she performs with the KSU Chorale and is active in the student chapter of the National Association of Music Educators. She is a recipient of the Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship and is a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda, Pi Lambda Theta and Golden Key honor societies.

Lauren Tatum of Cartersville, for theatre and performance studies. Her faculty honoree is Ivan Pulinkala. Tatum has been acting and dancing for more than 19 years. At KSU, she has performed in several theatre productions including "The Monkey King," a production that toured in China. She is a member of the KSU Dance Company, with whom she performed at the American College Dance Festival. A choreographer, she choreographed for the KSU production of "As You Like It," which received a commendations from the American College Theatre Festival. She also performed at the Southern Order of Storytellers' Winter Storytelling Festival as a member of the KSU Tellers. She has taught at the Holly Rocks Dance Company and The Georgia Ballet Conservatory. She has been offered scholarships to New York's Broadway Dance Center and Los Angeles' Edge Dance Studio.

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Nearly 900 people serve on 48 university boards, logging hundreds of hours on projects and programs that positively impact the university.

As a growing institution with increasing influence in the regional, national and international arenas, Kennesaw State relies heavily on advisers for its eight colleges to help guide and shape programs, according to President Daniel S. Papp, who delivered the keynote address at the March 29 luncheon.

“Thank you for all you do on behalf of KSU,” Papp said. “You provide your experience, your time and your service. Without those things, KSU could not be what it is today.”

Teresa Joyce, dean of the Graduate College, presented Richard Harp with the Board Member of the Year award for his work with Continuing Education. He is credited with single-handedly bringing in \$2.55 million to that department. The KSU Foundation Board of Trustees was recognized as Board of the Year for its tireless efforts, such as purchasing 11 houses for institutional use, adding endowed scholarships annually and increasing the university’s total assets to more than \$200 million.

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Kennesaw, Ga. (March 30, 2007) – Stephen M. LaMastra, president and chief operating officer of Raving Brands, and a well-known expert in the retail and restaurant industry, will speak at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University April 12. LaMastra will discuss the philosophy and the growth strategy of the rapidly expanding restaurant chain.

The address is part of the Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series. LaMastra's speech will take place Thursday, April 12, at 5 p.m. in Room 151 of the Burruss Building.

Raving Brands was formed in 2000 by Martin Sprock, when he opened his second franchise concept, Moe's Southwest Grill. Today Raving Brands is home to nine unique concepts, including Moe's Southwest Grill, Planet Smoothie/Planet Smoothie Cafe, PJ's Coffee of New Orleans, Monkey Joe's, The Flying Biscuit Cafe, Mama Fu's Asian House, Doc Green's Gourmet Salads and Grill, Shane's Rib Shack and Boneheads Grill Fish and Piri Piri Chicken. The company projects that by 2009, there will be a combined 1,000 Raving Brands concepts across the country.

LaMastra joined Raving Brands in 2005 to oversee the day-to-day operations, including the development of strategic plans for marketing, operations, real estate and sales for each of the brands. Under his leadership, Raving Brands has emerged as a focused, disciplined enterprise and recently announced plans to venture overseas.

Among his accomplishments has been to expand, upgrade and restructure the management team, bring in a major financial partner for Moe's Southwest Grill and acquire a breakfast concept (The Flying Biscuit Cafe).

Before joining Raving Brands, LaMastra served as a senior executive at Washington, D.C.-based Ritz Camera Centers, where he oversaw much of the corporate side of the company including the areas of real estate, legal affairs, human resources, strategic planning and acquisitions. Prior to that, he served as chief corporate officer for Wolf Camera, Inc., which was acquired by Ritz Camera in 2001.

The Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series brings top business leaders to campus to interact with students and faculty members. The lecture is open to the public, but visitors are advised to arrive early, as space is limited. For more information, call the dean's office at 770-423-6425.

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"I didn't plan to teach at all," Clark said. "But now I love it! Teaching is powerful – it's the best job in the world."

Clark stressed to the middle, high school and university education students that it takes passion and thinking out of the box to teach young learners.

"If you plan to teach like it's always been done – don't do it," he stated. "Make it exciting and relevant ... set them on fire."

Clark, who has been called "America's Educator," won critical acclaim for his unique and energetic teaching style that has helped mostly disadvantaged students become outstanding learners in areas like Harlem, N.Y., and rural North Carolina. He won the Disney Teacher of the Year Award, authored several books, including "The Essential 55: An Award-Winning Educator's Rules for Discovering the Successful Student in Every Child," and will soon open the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta this fall.

The event was sponsored by the College of Education's Center for Service, Outreach and Partnerships and the student chapter of the Georgia Association of Educators.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 3, 2007) — For his significant contribution to public higher education in Georgia, Kennesaw State University professor Randolph (Randy) Smith was among eight faculty and alumni honored at the Third Annual Regents Awards for Excellence in Education Celebration hosted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in March.

Smith, chair of KSU's Department of Psychology, along with three other USG faculty members and three notable USG alumni, was named to the Regents' Hall of Fame during a program attended by Gov. Sonny Perdue, Board of Regents Chair Allan Vigil, USG Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr., and Zell Miller, former Georgia governor and former U.S. senator, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The winners were selected after the Board of Regents solicited nominations from every campus in its system. A panel of University System officials evaluated the faculty nominations, and an external panel named by the University System of Georgia Foundation evaluated the alumni nominations. The faculty recipients each received a \$5,000 check from the USG Foundation.

In 2006, Smith won the Board of Regents' Award for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The same year, the American Psychological Foundation presented him with the Charles L. Brewer Award for the Distinguished Teaching of Psychology for his noteworthy contributions to the scholarship of teaching. Recognized as one of the country's foremost teachers in his discipline, Smith also serves as the editor of the journal *Teaching in Psychology*.

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As part of a campaign to get the needed 500 prepaid tag orders by July 31, officials are randomly selecting people on campus over the next week to waive a \$25 application fee for the new, redesigned license plate featuring the KSU mascot.

The applications and \$25 fees are required by the state to show that there is sufficient interest to manufacture the plates, and also to cover the initial manufacturing costs.

“A lot of people don’t know that KSU is the third largest university in the state of Georgia,” said Lisa Duke, director of Alumni Affairs. “The KSU tag gets our name out there. It provides name recognition for us and it makes people think more about what the university all is about and what we have to offer.”

Once selected, the lucky persons will be asked to come to the KSU Alumni House to fill out the necessary form to be sent to state officials. The random-selection program will be expanded later to the entire local community off-campus.

The design for the tag, featuring the outline of the KSU owl on a black circular background, was voted on by alumni and friends of KSU on the Alumni Association’s Web site.

“There were several designs, but this one was chosen by a very large margin,” Duke said. “It was very clear what people wanted the KSU license plate to look like.”

The tag is available to anyone in Georgia, not just KSU students and alumni. If the goal of 500 tags is reached, the license plates will be manufactured and available in January 2008.

For more information about the KSU license plate and the MV-9C form necessary to request the tag, visit www.kennesaw.edu/alumni/tag.shtml.

To schedule an interview with Duke, please contact the writer.

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The five-year-old ice hockey team finished its recent season 22–7, taking home the trophy and attracting thousands of KSU students decked out in black and gold to its games, said Ryan Falvai, the club team's president.

He said student support helped bolster the team and keep that winning momentum through the season. The team is scheduled to present the championship trophy to President Daniel S. Papp and Nancy King, vice president for student success, in a public celebration on the Campus Green April 10.

The two-year-old lacrosse team is also doing well, with a record, as of April 6, of 8–4, competing against teams from all over the Southeast, said coach Ken Byers.

With the support of faculty advisers and Papp, the lacrosse team received permission to play on the KSU soccer field in March, where KSU defeated Carleton College (Minnesota) 13–8, Byers said.

"That's pretty big," he added.

One of the newest club sports, KSU's burgeoning wrestling club is only a few months old, but it's pulled quickly to the head of its competition.

The team's Douglas Studenic earned the 2007 National Championship spot in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association in the 174-pound bracket. Two other KSU wrestlers did very well in the NCWA Nationals, with Ben Eriks placing eighth in the 184-pound bracket and Derryl Cloer placing fourth in the 235-pound bracket.

The wrestling team brought home at least four trophies in four tournaments by mid-winter, said coach Alex Tucker. KSU wrestlers won first place in the Georgia State Duals Jan. 20 and also placed in matches at the University of Georgia, Darton College and Mercer University.

Club sports help attract students to KSU, as the clubs and their coaches use the rich base of sporting to recruit athletes to their teams.

"We've been playing for two years as a team, and the word is getting out to metro high schools," Byers said. "That will really be our recruiting base."

A Cobb County native and former collegiate wrestler at UGA and Cumberland University, Tucker is using

the county's rich winning tradition in wrestling to build the club — allowing high school athletes to wrestle at the college level while staying close to home.

Beyond athleticism, the sports provide a way for the KSU community to come together to cheer on a home team, building camaraderie that athletic events bring.

Papp mentioned this very important aspect of club, as well as varsity sports, during his Inaugural State of the University Address in March.

Addressing the 2007–2012 Strategic Plan and a goal to enhance student life and leadership, Papp said intramurals, club sports and intercollegiate athletics help achieve this goal.

Intramurals and club sports “aid in retention and graduation by keeping students engaged in campus life,” the president said. “As other intramural and club sports become more firmly established, they too will attract both participants and fans.”

For more about the individual club sports teams, visit the ice hockey team's Web site at www.ksuicehockey.com, the lacrosse team's site at www.ksulax.com and the wrestling team's site at www.ksuwrestling.com.

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Kennesaw, GA – Two successful young entrepreneurs who started their business in college are coming to the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University to inspire others to do the same. Wing Zone co-founders Matt Friedman and Adam Scott bring their Entrepreneur Tour to campus Tuesday, April 10. Their goal is to inspire university and college entrepreneurs to start their own businesses or think outside the box when planning their careers.

Friedman and Scott launched Wing Zone, a chicken wing delivery national chain, in 1991 from the kitchen of their University of Florida fraternity house. Within a few years they expanded to six locations. After graduation, they began franchising. Wing Zone now has 100 stores (including five in Atlanta) near almost two dozen universities. It is expanding into markets near military bases, major hospitals and other dense urban/suburban areas.

They will spend a full day making presentations to students and faculty in the Burruss Building on the KSU campus:

8 to 9:15 a.m.

Class presentation, Room 370

11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Class presentation, Room 152

12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Faculty lunch, Room 380

6 to 7:45 p.m.

Group presentation & dinner, Room 151 & Atrium

8 to 9:15 p.m.

Class presentation, Room 151

The duo previously visited the University of Florida and University of Alabama, and will travel to more universities this fall.

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KENNESAW, Ga. — A new scholarship is available at Kennesaw State University for qualified, high-potential managers seeking a graduate degree in the Executive MBA (EMBA) program at the Coles College of Business. The Gus George Maroun EMBA Scholarship Fund is unique because it not only benefits the individuals receiving the scholarship, but it also enhances the community as a whole.

“The scholarship is intended for prospective Coles EMBA students who currently hold influential leadership positions in community service organizations such as executives of not-for-profit organizations or primary and secondary educational institutions,” said Mike Salvador, Chair of the Department of Leadership and Professional Development at the Coles College of Business. “By opening the scholarship up to influential leaders in community service organizations, we are able to equip these leaders with an advanced business education that will allow them to more effectively manage their organization, and, in turn, their organization can better serve the community.”

The scholarship is named after Gus George Maroun, a 2001 Coles EMBA alumni, in honor of his continual support and active involvement at the university. It is funded by a \$100,000 donation from the John and Rosemary Brown Family Foundation, which strives to support education. A \$25,000 scholarship will be awarded to one incoming Coles EMBA student a year for four years.

Maroun, a native of Lebanon, came to the United States 25 years ago to pursue higher education. He is currently a corporate account manager for the Fortune 500 company Ecolab Inc., which is the global leader in cleaning, sanitizing, food safety and infection control products and services. Ecolab delivers comprehensive programs and services to the foodservice, food and beverage processing, healthcare, and hospitality markets in more than 160 countries. He has worked for Ecolab for six years, and his EMBA degree has played a vital role in furthering his career. As an EMBA graduate, Maroun has advanced within his company and is now actively involved in international business.

“The impact the EMBA program has had on my life is profound. The internationally-focused program is what attracted me to Kennesaw State, and my degree has really enhanced my career,” said Maroun. “The world has developed into a global marketplace, and the Coles EMBA program at KSU fits right in with this shift.”

A committee of two Coles EMBA alumni and two Coles EMBA faculty will be chosen to evaluate scholarship applications and select a recipient. The first scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 2008.

“The business acumen, strategy and leadership taught in the Coles EMBA program is exactly what professionals need to take back to their workplace and use in a way to enhance the goods and

services they provide to the community,” said Mandy Brooks, Director of Marketing, Admissions and Alumni Affairs for the Executive MBA Program. “We are extremely proud of the creation of this scholarship. Gus Maroun’s devotion to the Coles EMBA program and the community is evident in his career, family and service.”

Maroun sees this scholarship fund as an opportunity to be a role model, not only to his family members and three kids, but also to society as a whole.

“When you acquire knowledge and receive something, you always want to give back. By helping others achieve their dreams, I hope that they too will someday give back and help someone else,” said Maroun. “It’s all about leading by example.”

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Sarah Robbins, professor of English and English education, has been nominated for “Teacher’s Writing Groups” in the self-help category. The book, edited by Robbins, as well as KSU professor Dede Yow and alum George Seaman, focuses on how teachers can effectively facilitate their own professional development through collaborative writing and reflection. KSU faculty Linda Stewart and Carol Harrell, as well as alums Andrew Smith, Leslie Walker and Victoria Walker, contributed chapters. The book is available through the KSU Press.

Walter Lawrence and Bobbie Kornbilt, graduates of KSU’s Master of Arts in professional writing program, have been nominated in the anthologies/short stories category for “North Point of View,” a collection of short fiction and nonfiction stories, as well as poetry. The book was written and compiled by the North Point Writers, a group from the Atlanta Writers Club that meets at the North Point Barnes & Noble twice a month to share and critique each other’s work.

“One of our members, an employee at the Barnes & Noble, John Sheffield, had the idea of publishing our work in a book and selling it at the store, and that’s how it came about,” said Lawrence.

Kornbilt authored one of the short stories in the book, and Lawrence authored two.

The Author of the Year Awards will be held June 2 at Kennesaw State University. The Georgia Writers Association is a statewide association serving Georgia’s diverse literary communities in conjunction with Kennesaw State University.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (March 30, 2007) — An exhibit by a Kennesaw State University student detailing the community's involvement in World War II opened Saturday, March 31, at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in downtown Kennesaw.

The exhibit by Trevor Beemon, a student in Kennesaw State's public history program, will be displayed through June 3.

"I wanted to try to bring the war home," Beemon said. "Learning about the war overseas is pretty easy because there has been so much work done on the subject, but people don't really understand what happened on the home front here in America. The exhibit tries to explore daily life in Cobb County during World War II, and it uses the Glover Machine Works (a factory from Marietta) as a case study."

Beemon, who works at the Southern Museum, partnered with local museums to get loaned artifacts and images for the exhibit. In addition to obtaining the artifacts, Beemon wrote all the text, designed the exhibits and installed them.

The exhibit will feature artifacts from the Atlanta History Center, the Marietta Museum of History and the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Archives.

The Southern Museum is located at 2829 Cherokee Street, Kennesaw, Ga., 30144. For more information, visit www.southernmuseum.org.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 6, 2007) — Kennesaw State University will host the third annual Student Leadership Training for Peace conference, focusing on the environment on April 13.

What:

The focus on the environment will provide students and other participants with the opportunity to increase their knowledge about a variety of environment-related issues, including what individuals can do about climate change, using the power of personal spending to impact the environment and how students can encourage their universities to take the environment into consideration during decision making processes.

Who:

Winona LaDuke, environmental activist and Green Party candidate for vice president in 1996 and 2000, will join Wanjiku Kironyo, a Kenyan educator and social activist, as keynote speakers for the conference.

When:

Friday, April 13, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where:

KSU Social Sciences Building

Cost:

Free for KSU students on a first-come, first-served basis; \$15 for non-KSU students; \$25 for faculty, staff and members of the general public.

For more information or to register for the conference, call (770) 499-3562, e-mail globaldiversity@kennesaw.edu or visit www.kennesaw.edu/diversity/peace2007.html to securely register online.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 10, 2007) — Kennesaw State University celebrated the recent national championship victory of its ice hockey club team during public ceremonies on the Campus Green Tuesday.

The KSU Ice Owls won the national championship in Division III of the American Collegiate Hockey Association, finishing the season 22-7.

The team's president, Ryan Falvai, presented the championship trophy to President Daniel S. Papp and Nancy King, vice president for student success, in front of the James V. Carmichael Student Center.

"This is just an indication of what a small group of folks who are extremely dedicated and extremely skilled can do," Papp said as he accepted the trophy on behalf of the university's students, faculty and staff. "Congratulations. You guys are wonderful, and you brought Kennesaw State national recognition."

Papp also presented copies of a resolution passed by the Georgia House of Representatives, honoring the KSU Ice Owls for their outstanding season and championship victory.

Intramural and club sports play an important role in student life, as do intercollegiate sports, Papp said. During the Inaugural State of the University Address in March, Papp highlighted how club sports provide a way for the KSU community to come together to cheer on a home team, building camaraderie that athletic events bring.

Intramurals and club sports "aid in retention and graduation by keeping students engaged in campus life," the president said. "As other intramural and club sports become more firmly established, they too will attract both participants and fans."

The Ice Owls will begin their 2007-2008 season in September playing against Life University, moving up to Division II of the ACHA.

For more about the hockey team, visit www.ksuicehockey.com.

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Suburban Conference at KSU to address affects of immigration compliance law

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 12, 2007) — Amid much fanfare last spring, Gov. Sonny Perdue signed into law the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act, but how Georgia communities are coping with enforcement of the new law is the subject of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice's fifth annual Suburban Conference.

The conference, "What Works in Suburban Growth: Challenges and Opportunities," will be held Friday, April 13, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the University Rooms of Carmichael Student Center.

"What we want to explore is how this law is being enforced from a criminal justice perspective," conference organizer Dr. Rebecca Petersen said. "Can it be enforced?"

The immigration compliance act, which was sponsored by state Sen. Chip Rogers last year, requires citizenship verification for individuals using Georgia's public services, as well as verification of state employees and employers with state contracts and subcontracts. Rogers will give the conference keynote address focused on his bill beginning at 12:45 p.m.

In addition to immigration issues, suburban experiences - including urban/suburban planning, crime and drugs, legal issues and homeland security, K-12 and higher education, local/regional politics, traffic and transportation, business and economics and community involvement - will be explored by groups and individuals from a variety of disciplines, perspectives, professions and fields.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 12, 2007) — Two women working for environmental and social justice will share their experiences and expertise with students, staff, faculty and others at Kennesaw State University's third annual Student Leadership Training for Peace Conference on Friday, April 13.

Winona LaDuke, an environmental activist and Green Party candidate for vice president in 1996 and 2000, will join Wanjiku Kironyo, head of Maji Mazuri, a Kenyan organization devoted to improving the lives of people living in the polluted slums of Nairobi, Kenya, at Friday's conference.

The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Social Sciences Building.

The focus on "environmental peace" will provide students and other participants with the opportunity to increase their knowledge about a variety of environment-related issues, including what individuals can do about climate change, using the power of personal spending to impact the environment and how students can encourage their universities to take the environment into consideration during decision-making processes.

LaDuke, an Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg, is scheduled as the keynote speaker. A long-time activist and mother of three children, she is program director of Honor the Earth, an organization that creates awareness and support for Native American environmental issues.

She is also the founding director of the White Earth Land Recovery Project, which is dedicated to the recovery of the original land base of the White Earth Indian Reservation in northwestern Minnesota — which had been taken away from the White Earth Nation — while preserving and restoring traditional practices of sound land stewardship, language fluency and community development, while strengthening the spiritual and cultural heritage of the Anishinaabeg.

A graduate of Harvard and Antioch universities, she has written extensively on environmental issues. Her latest book, "Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming and Claiming," won the 2005 Gustavus Myers Book Award Honorable Mention and high praise. According to reviews, the book puts Native American communities' struggles for justice into historical and environmental context, documenting stories of the communities' tenacity to reclaim their lands, resources and ways of life.

LaDuke will be joined by Kironyo at a panel discussion on environmental peace and justice Friday afternoon. Kironyo is founding director of the Maji Mazuri Center, a multi-faceted nonprofit organization working to improve the lives of women and children living in poverty.

Maji Mazuri, which means “good water” in Swahili, works in the heart of a place where “good water” is hard to find — Mathare Valley, a notorious slum-shanty town in Nairobi. With more than 600,000 people living without clean water, a sewage system or electricity, crime is high, and drugs, prostitution and illegal alcohol are abundant.

However, Kironyo and Maji Mazuri are working to change conditions for the residents of Mathare Valley, providing hope through several programs. One such program is a micro-business center, which has provided small loans and basic training to small-scale entrepreneurs — especially women — who can start small businesses to provide for themselves and their children instead of resorting to prostitution or illegal alcohol sales.

Other programs include a head-start school for preschool-aged children, a youth program for young people aged 16 to 25, a home for orphans, an elementary school and a farm.

Kironyo, a graduate of the University of California–Riverside and Assumption College in Massachusetts, is also well-versed in helping peoples to reconcile deep wounds and grievances. According to Kevin Corcoran, Maji Mazuri’s coordinator in the United States, Kironyo assisted in southern Sudan, where the genocide in the Darfur region resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people. She has also helped facilitate reconciliation sessions with women from the Tutsi and Hutu people in Rwanda — looking at hurts stemming back from the 1990s genocide.

Kironyo is scheduled to speak about her experiences in post-war reconciliation, looking at the nature of conflict, the need for peace and how reconciliation can take place between people who have suffered deep emotional trauma.

The conference is free for KSU students on a first-come, first-served basis; \$15 for non-KSU students; \$25 for faculty, staff and members of the general public.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 12, 2007) — Kennesaw State University's Department of Geography and Anthropology will host the eighth annual High School Invitational World Geography Bowl Friday, April 20, featuring teams from high schools in Atlanta, as well as Cherokee, Cobb and Fulton counties.

What:

The competition, started at KSU in 2000, seeks to stimulate interest in the study of geography among local high schools in order to counteract negative reports about the geographic knowledge — or lack thereof — of U.S. students, compared to their peers in other countries. The bowl is patterned after successful college-level competitions sponsored by the Association of American Geographers and is limited to high school students in the ninth grade who are taking world geography classes.

Who:

Participating schools include Cherokee High, Grady High, Harrison High, Hillgrove High, Kell High, Kennesaw Mountain High, Riverwood High, Walton High, Wheeler High and Woodstock High.

When:

Friday, April 20, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The championship rounds will start about 1:30 p.m.

Where:

KSU James V. Carmichael Student Center, University Rooms A-E.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 13, 2007) — Kennesaw State University senior Erin Williams brought home the first-place prize of \$500 in the Northwestern Mutual Sales Competition in New Orleans March 31.

As part of the American Marketing Association Collegiate Conference, which drew 1,190 attendees from colleges and universities across the nation, the sales competition involved a select 50 students. The contestants were judged based on a 10-minute role-play in which they had to sell a service or product to a buyer. Williams successfully sold UPS to a fellow contestant, advancing to the final round with four other students.

"I think I had an advantage over my competitors due to the selling classes I have taken at Kennesaw," Williams said. "All of my sales teachers worked very hard to get me ready for the National Collegiate Sales Competition. I carried my knowledge from that experience into the competition in New Orleans and that allowed me to win."

Even Williams' competitors acknowledged her superior sales skills.

"The other students came up to her and said, 'You were excellent' and 'You deserve to win,' after her performance," said KSU marketing professor Randy Stuart. "She was outstanding."

Williams also serves as president of the Kennesaw Marketing Association, a collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association.

"Under her guidance, the chapter was recognized for Outstanding Chapter Planning and Outstanding Professional Development by the American Marketing Association Collegiate Council," Stuart said.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

KENNESAW, Ga. (April 16, 2007) — Kennesaw State University will serve as the host site for the Renaissance Group's 2007 Spring Conference April 18-20. The conference agenda includes addressing issues such as higher education accountability, teacher preparation and teacher recruitment.

Belle Wheelan, president of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, will be the keynote speaker. She will talk about how the accreditation process addresses accountability. Other conference speakers include Michael Marder, professor of physics and co-director of UTeach, a university program for the preparation of secondary math and science teachers at the University of Texas at Austin, and Carl Wenning, coordinator of the Physics Teacher Education program at Illinois State University. In addition, the group will hear from Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp and Lendley C. Black, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

University and college presidents as well as deans of education colleges from across the country are expected to attend.

Who:

The Renaissance Group, a national consortium of colleges and universities with a major commitment to the preparation of educators. The group has 36 member institutions that help prepare one in 10 of all new teachers in America. It utilizes a set of operating principles to guide its pursuit of quality and best practices in teacher education.

When:

The Spring Conference will be held Wednesday, April 18, through Friday, April 20. The keynote address is Thursday, April 19 at 9 a.m.

Where:

KSU Student Center, 3333 Busbee Drive

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PREVENTION AND PREPARATION

As news of Monday's developments unfolded, President Papp immediately directed the university's cabinet to address the aftermath and implications of the Virginia Tech shootings, to assess the university's present emergency preparedness and communications capabilities, as well as any needed improvements.

Prior to Monday's horrific acts at Virginia Tech, campus officials already had taken key steps to avert such a tragic scenario from occurring on the KSU campus, or to enhance the university's ability to respond effectively in the event of such an unfortunate scenario.

KSU's Department of Public Safety is working integrally with KSU administrators to expand the university's capabilities to expediently respond to a similar incident if it were to occur here on campus, said Ted Cochran, director of the department.

While KSU has mass e-mail capabilities to inform the campus about emergencies, a key point of discussion is introducing new technologies to communicate with the KSU community through the use of "mass notification systems." In addition to currently deployed e-mail blasts, these new systems would allow KSU officials to inform the campus community via cell-phone-blast text messages, land-line telephone-voice-mail blasts, pagers and other communications systems about emergencies that require immediate protective action to be taken – including human-caused and natural disasters.

Such systems' hardware and software will be housed off-campus, so that if campus infrastructure is damaged, the systems could still send out emergency notifications, said Kemper Anderson, assistant director of KSU's Department of Public Safety.

Other options being explored include a "civil-defense type siren system," which would broadcast campus wide to signal an emergency in progress.

In addition to addressing current and proposed tactics to effectively communicate emergency situations on campus, KSU officials also are focused on the preparedness of the university's law enforcement and

security operation.

Kennesaw State has a strong preventive police presence on campus, with 26 certified and sworn police officers who are well-trained to exercise their judgment to mitigate crimes on campus.

In fact, after Monday's shootings were publicized through the national news media, KSU's police officers were dispatched to high-traffic areas of campus, where large numbers of students, staff and faculty congregate, according to Kemper Anderson. "They were dispatched to those areas in order to have a visible presence, to answer questions from the campus community and to help provide a sense of security," he stated.

On another preventive front, KSU officials also ensure compliance with the state of Georgia's "no guns" policy on campus, which is strictly enforced by the university's police department. The statute (O.C.G.A. 16-11-127.1) prohibits the carrying or possession of weapons on any school campus, including colleges and universities.

Additionally, security cameras are in place at key, strategic areas on campus where there is high-volume student traffic, such as the Student Center, the bookstore, library and parking decks. These cameras are monitored diligently by KSU police.

Despite these preventive strategies, KSU officials recognize that shootings such as those that occurred Monday in Virginia, unfortunately, may not be totally preventable. Therefore, KSU's police also are trained and appropriately prepared to react should such an unfortunate incident of that magnitude occur here on campus.

All of KSU's 26 sworn police officers annually receive eight hours of "force-on-force active shooter training" to deal with situations like the one that occurred on the Virginia Tech campus. A sergeant assigned to each shift of officers receives an additional four to six hours of training to handle the long-range patrol rifle that is assigned to each unit. Two other officers per shift also are trained to handle intermediate-range shot guns, which also are used to respond to such incidents.

Before the 1999 shooting tragedy at Columbine High School in Colorado, it was standard for campus police to call in local, off-campus law enforcement officers to surround the perimeter and manage an active incident, having campus police officers await special weapons and tactics (SWAT) teams. Since the Columbine tragedy, it is now standard practice for campus police forces, including KSU's, to be trained to go to the scene of the threat to immediately "neutralize" the situation — reducing the potential for loss of life during the first critical moments. "Force-on-force" firearms training is shaped to simulate real-life situations in order to give officers the advanced capabilities they need to handle such crises. In addition to this training, KSU officials are exploring ways to expand urban assault training for the university's police force.

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That sounds simple, yet in an age where people walk around with cell phones constantly placed at their ears or are engaged in other distracting activities, it is important that citizens are aware of what is going on around them, Anderson said.

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With the help of aware and vigilant students, faculty and staff, the police will be further enabled to keep a tragedy from happening here.

"If we all work together to keep our ears to the ground, we do have a shot at stopping something like this from happening here at KSU," Cochran said.

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Other safety tips are available from the KSU police through the department's "Safe and Sound" publication at Public Safety headquarters on campus, or online at www.kennesaw.edu/police.

LEARN MORE:

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"This is part of the ground swell effort that, in the end, will hopefully nurture and inspire our young minority leaders in the metro Atlanta community to achieve great things in their lives and contribute to the areas where they live," Holliday said.

Robert DeVillar, director of the Center for Hispanic Studies, said that he worked closely with Holliday to tailor the conference to fit the needs of Hispanic students.

"I also had a lot of help from student organizations that took the lead in garnering funding and even recruiting breakout session leaders," DeVillar said. "One of the modifications included having male and female leaders, especially in the gender relations session. We also conducted one of the workshops in Spanish. This project demonstrated the true spirit of collaboration and camaraderie."

The breakout sessions focusing on wellness, transitioning, gender relations and networking were led by Latino KSU students. Participants also heard from George Franco, a reporter with FOX5 News in Atlanta, as well as Shawn Arevalo McCullough, superintendent of the Greene County School System in east Georgia.

"I'm here to educate you and push you forward," said Arevalo McCullough, Georgia's first Hispanic superintendent. "You are so important – not just for yourself – but for your community."

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 18, 2007) — Can you point out Iraq on a map? According to a poll conducted last year by National Geographic-Roper Public Affairs, only four in 10 Americans ages 18 to 24 could find the country that America has been at war with since 2003. To help improve dismal statistics like those, Kennesaw State will offer a new geography major this fall. But students completing the 120-semester-hour program will be able to do much more than differentiate between countries on the map — they will also be able to provide expertise in the areas of economics, trade and geospatial technologies.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the request that KSU be authorized to establish a major in geography under the existing Bachelor of Arts degree on Wednesday, April 18, at its monthly meeting. The new program will be housed in the Department of Geography and Anthropology within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

“This program will help us in attaining the goals of our Quality Enhancement Plan for global learning,” President Daniel S. Papp said. “Integrated throughout the geography curriculum are the objectives of developing knowledge in global awareness and international perspectives; fostering skills in cross-cultural communication and engagement; and instilling values through global ethics, social justice and sustainable development. We are excited and pleased that the Board of Regents has approved this program.”

According to the Association of American Geographers, there is a market for the practice of geography in private, government and academic sectors. KSU graduates will even be able to apply their skills across national and international boundaries.

“Geographers can use their skills to advise government, real estate developers and utilities, as well as telecommunications firms,” Richard Vengroff, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said. “We are responding to the needs of international, national, the state of Georgia and K-12 communities as we continue to fulfill our mission as a full-service university. I think this will be a great new program at Kennesaw State.”

The possibility of the new major generated plenty of excitement among students long before it became reality. Students, along with Garrett Smith, chair of the Department of Geography and Anthropology, helped to establish a geography club on campus last fall.

Smith indicated that there would be three areas of concentration, including a regional specialization in

the geography of Europe, North America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle and South America, or Asia; a geographic information systems specialization in which students learn methods of spatial analysis through the use of technology; and a geography and crime specialization in which students use geographic research and technology to solve crimes.

“We expect 30 students to enroll in the first year, with that number increasing to nearly 100 students by the third year,” Smith said.

To schedule an interview with President Papp, Dr. Vengroff or Dr. Smith, please contact Stacey Moore.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 18, 2007) — More than 900 additional Kennesaw State University students soon will have the opportunity to live on campus, thanks to the Board of Regents' approval today of a ground lease allowing the university to build a much-anticipated new residence hall.

The regents approved the request for a ground lease and site license for the second phase of KSU's University Village housing complex on Wednesday, at its meeting in Statesboro, Ga. The board's action allows KSU officials to now move forward in expanding housing opportunities on campus by the fall of 2008.

The newly approved 913-bed, \$50 million residence hall will be located off of Campus Loop Road near Frey Road. The new phase of suite-style housing for freshmen students will feature private bedrooms, kitchenettes and shared bathrooms. An art gallery and exhibition space on the second floor of the lobby area are additional amenities planned for the new facility.

Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp said he is extremely appreciative that the Board of Regents gave careful consideration to the institution's request and proposed timeline for the project. "We were very pleased to gain the regents' support for this important project, because on-campus housing is becoming increasingly important to the student experience at Kennesaw State University," Papp stated. "This additional housing further solidifies our transformation into a residential university and will allow us to expand student participation in campus life, which ultimately improves retention and graduation."

Presently, more than 10 percent of Kennesaw State University's 19,854 students reside on campus. The new residence hall - which is anticipated to be ready for occupancy by the fall semester of 2008 - will add another 913 beds to the 2,163 beds currently available at KSU.

The university's housing program, which began during the fall semester of 2002 when enrollment at the university totaled 15,654, has proved exceedingly popular among students, helping to boost the institution's enrollment and desirability. Last fall, there were about 800 students on the waiting list for existing housing due to the 100-percent occupancy of existing housing.

Presently, KSU has three on-campus apartment communities:

KSU Place, which can accommodate 582 residents;
University Place, which can accommodate 700 residents; and
Phase I of University Village, which can accommodate 881 residents.

The new ground lease allows for the swift construction of the newly approved facility by the KSU Real Estate Foundation and University Housing Services Inc. Construction will begin immediately upon receipt of the site license.

At the end of the ground lease, which is not to exceed 32 years, the property, all improvements and any accumulated capital reserves will become the property of the Board of Regents.

ONLINE PRESS KIT:

To download publication-ready renderings of the new student housing, visit <https://files.kennesaw.edu/staff/jcraig19/MediaGraphics/HousingExpansion/index.html>.

For more about KSU student housing, including information about existing on-campus residence halls, visit www.kennesaw.edu/residencelife.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 19, 2007) — In wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, the Taskforce on Interpersonal Violence is holding two separate open forums Thursday, April 19, to provide an environment for people to discuss their reactions to the horrific shootings that occurred on Monday.

The first "Responding to Virginia Tech" meeting will be held in the new Social Sciences Building Auditorium at 12:30 p.m., The second meeting at the University Village Centre will be held at 9 p.m. Students will hear from, KSU Chief of Police Ted Cochran, Robert Mattox, director of the university's Counseling and Advising Program Services as well as a member of Kennesaw State University's cabinet.

The event is being coordinated by the newly organized KSU Taskforce on Interpersonal Violence (TIV), a group committed to supporting comprehensive services for students, faculty and staff who have been victims of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, stalking, harassment and all other forms of interpersonal violence, and to preventing further violence from occurring.

"We plan to discuss how KSU is prepared to handle such an event as Virginia Tech," said Michelle Emerson, assistant professor of criminal justice and co-leader of TIV. "We also hope to alleviate some of the stress students may be feeling by answering their questions and offering suggestions for the healing process that we all face right now."

The TIV is comprised of campus and community representatives, including KSU Police, Counseling and Advising Program Services, Health Clinic Services, Gender and Women's Studies, Center for Health Promotions and Wellness, Residence Life, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Department of Psychology, Athletics, Safe Space, Student Development Center, Judiciary Program and Greek Life. Community representatives include the YWCA of Northwest Georgia, the Cobb County Police Department, Cobb County District Attorney's Office and the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault.

For further information on attending the event, or to schedule an interview with Dr. Emerson, please contact Stacey Moore at 770-423-6343.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 20, 2007) — Kennesaw State University officials are continuing to respond on multiple fronts to the tragic shootings that took place at Virginia Tech on Monday, expressing their condolences for the many lives lost in the deadly shootings, taking steps to address the university's ability to ensure the safety of KSU students, faculty and staff, and, most recently, holding forums for the campus community to address their concerns.

"We express our deepest condolences to our colleagues at Virginia Tech," President Daniel S. Papp stated. "This is a very sad time in higher education, and in our history as a nation, because of the tragic loss of life that has been experienced on the Virginia Tech campus. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of those families who have lost their loved ones in this tragedy."

ADDRESSING CONCERNS

Several members of the university administration participated in two public forums hosted by the Taskforce on Interpersonal Violence at KSU Thursday to address concerns of the campus community in the wake of the horrific shootings that occurred on Monday. The taskforce is committed to supporting comprehensive services for students, faculty and staff who have been victims of violence, and to preventing further violence from occurring.

The first "Responding to Virginia Tech" meeting was held Thursday afternoon in the Social Sciences Building Auditorium, where more than 200 concerned students, faculty and staff attended. University officials fielded numerous questions from attendees about campus safety and security.

A second, smaller meeting was held at 9 p.m. Thursday at University Village residential housing, attracting about 20 students who discussed several campus safety issues with a body of KSU officials.

PREVENTION AND PREPARATION

As news of Monday's developments unfolded, President Papp immediately directed the university's cabinet to address the aftermath and implications of the Virginia Tech shootings, to assess the university's present emergency preparedness and communications capabilities, as well as any needed improvements.

Prior to Monday's horrific acts at Virginia Tech, campus officials already had taken key steps to avert such a tragic scenario from occurring on the KSU campus, or to enhance the university's ability to respond effectively in the event of such an unfortunate scenario.

KSU's Department of Public Safety is working integrally with KSU administrators to expand the university's capabilities to expediently respond to a similar incident if it were to occur here on campus, said Ted Cochran, director of the department.

While KSU has mass e-mail capabilities to inform the campus about emergencies, a key point of discussion is introducing new technologies to communicate with the KSU community through the use of "mass notification systems." In addition to currently deployed e-mail blasts, these new systems would allow KSU officials to inform the campus community via cell-phone-blast text messages, land-line telephone-voice-mail blasts, pagers and other communications systems about emergencies that require immediate protective action to be taken - including human-caused and natural disasters.

Such systems' hardware and software will be housed off-campus, so that if campus infrastructure is damaged, the systems could still send out emergency notifications, said Kemper Anderson, assistant director of KSU's Department of Public Safety. Other options being explored include a "civil-defense type siren system," which would broadcast campus wide to signal an emergency in progress.

In addition to addressing current and proposed tactics to effectively communicate emergency situations on campus, KSU officials also are focused on the preparedness of the university's law enforcement and security operation.

Kennesaw State has a strong preventive police presence on campus, with 26 certified and sworn police officers who are well-trained to exercise their judgment to mitigate crimes on campus.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 20, 2007) — Kennesaw State University hosted The Renaissance Group's 2007 Spring Conference where on Friday morning U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) addressed an intimate group of university administrators, expressing his passion for education and discussing key education issues facing the Senate today, such as the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, Competitive American Act and the No Child Left Behind Act.

A longtime national leader of education, Isakson is one of the original authors of the No Child Left Behind Act, and he currently serves on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. He has served Georgia and the nation in leadership roles for more than 25 years.

Isakson brought his opening message to the conference attendees on the final day of The Renaissance Group's three-day conference. Other conference speakers included Belle Wheelan, president of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Michael Marder, professor of physics and co-director of UTeach, a university program for the preparation of secondary math and science teachers at the University of Texas at Austin, and Carl Wenning, coordinator of the Physics Teacher Education program at Illinois State University. In addition, participants also addressed issues such as higher education accountability, teacher preparation and teacher recruitment.

The Renaissance Group, a national consortium of colleges and universities with a major commitment to the preparation of educators. The group has 36 member institutions that help prepare one in 10 of all new teachers in America. It utilizes a set of operating principles to guide its pursuit of quality and best practices in teacher education.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (April 24, 2007) — A free public listening session for the Powder Springs portion of the radio documentary project, "Taking Place: A Community Examination of its Place," will be held May 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the "Coach" George E. Ford Center located at 4181 Atlanta Street in Powder Springs, Ga.

Sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council and by Kennesaw State University's Department of History and Philosophy, American Studies Program, and its Keeping and Creating American Communities Project, and hosted by the Seven Springs Historical Society and Museum, the listening session will feature a series of short radio documentaries about community, place and change in Powder Springs. The documentaries were produced by KSU alumna Erin Cochran as part of a larger project examining how place and community are made and experienced in northwest Georgia. The session will be followed by a facilitated discussion.

For more information about the listening sessions or the "Taking Place" program, contact Erin Cochran, project coordinator, at EBCochran@gmail.com or KSU History Professor LeeAnn Lands at 770-499-3437 or llands@kennesaw.edu. Visit the project Web site at www.taking-place.org.

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Lifting up Virginia Tech

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"Today we reflect on those who lost their lives – young and old – all of them full of great promise," said King. "This is a huge void that, frankly, can never be filled.

"You will all remember where you were and what you were doing the day the Virginia Tech tragedy occurred," said King, who could still recall exactly where she was when President John F. Kennedy and civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. were assassinated in the 1960s.

In addition, King reassured the group that everything "humanly possible" is being done to ensure their safety on Kennesaw State's 240-acre campus. She also encouraged students to become connected and active in the KSU community.

Student leaders and campus organizations, such as Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society Inc., the Kennesaw Activities Board, the Wesley Foundation, the Remix Dance Squad, KSU's Student Government and Circle K, coordinated the event.

"I am so proud that this event came from the students," said Brooklynn Parrott, coordinator for the Kennesaw Activities Board and the Greek Life Program. "It sends a message to Virginia Tech and colleges across the country that although there has been a tragedy, we can still pick ourselves up and move forward."

A photograph was taken of students who spelled out the letters "VT" on the sprawling green. The photo, specially printed T-shirts and donations collected at the event will be mailed to Virginia Tech's student government association.

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"We're obviously a better place because of her time here," said Lendley C. Black, provost and vice president of academic affairs. "I'm glad that we are able to do some small gesture that shows our appreciation."

Mitch Collins, the head of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science, said he remembered Perry as a "delightful student" with a great attitude.

Angela Lanier, associate professor of health, physical education and sport science, recounted how Perry at first struggled in one of her classes, but took accountability for her education, sought help from Lanier and endured — creating an example of perseverance for other students.

"I put not just a face to her name, I put a name to her smile," Lanier said.

Jane A. Petrillo, another one of Perry's professors in health, physical education and sport science, also recalled how the student worked hard and endeavored to pull together with her classmates on important assignments.

Family members expressed their gratitude for the ceremony awarding the degree, and said that Kennesaw State was an integral part of Perry's life.

"She was not just a number. People really cared about her, and she really loved this school," said Allison Perry's mother, Rosemarie Perry.

"She truly enjoyed her time here," said Allison's father, Raymond Perry. "She considered you guys [at KSU] just as much her family as we are."

For more about Allison Perry and how her friends and family are working to remember her, visit www.allisonperrydreamfund.com.

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