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KENNESAW, Ga. – Beginning in August of 2007, undergraduate and graduate students at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University will have the opportunity to practice what they have been preached.

The Henssler Financial Group has donated \$100,000 to establish a Student Managed Investment Fund, or "SMIF." It will operate just like any other investment fund; students will research companies and industries, write research reports, then manage and invest the money. The fund management approach is strategic asset allocation with long-term capital appreciation as the paramount goal. The S&P 500 will be the benchmark for measuring performance.

"We are delighted that Dr. Gene Henssler and the Henssler Financial Group have made this significant investment in Coles College students and our ongoing quest for real-life business applications," said Coles College Dean Tim Mescon. "This unique student investment fund allows our students to connect theory with practice," he added. "This is what leading edge business education should be about."

The fund, which students set up under the guidance of Professor Stefano Mazzotta, Ph.D., will give students the opportunity to apply what they've learned in finance and economics classes to real investment management.

"Students will have the opportunity to apply the theoretical paradigms acquired through their business curricula to the merciless reality of financial markets," said Professor Mazzotta, who is the faculty mentor for the SMIF. "It will be a life-changing experience for the students who stay in the program for all four semesters," he added. "They will develop discipline, integrity and character as well as analytic, communication and leadership skills. These skills contribute to defining the future leaders of society, and are particularly attractive to potential employers."

Participating students will join the fund as junior analysts specializing in industries such as health care, aviation or telecommunications. With their experience in the funds and the mentoring by more senior SMIF members, they will take managerial roles with the power to directly affect the composition of the portfolio. Profits will be reinvested in the fund.

"This fund will give Coles College students a significant edge in the job market and allow them to step into their careers with strong practical skills to complement the knowledge they gained in the classroom," said Govind Hariharan, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Economics, Finance and Quantitative Analysis. "The Henssler Financial Group has been a long-time supporter of the activities of the department and we appreciate its contributions to this endeavor."

For more information about The Henssler Financial Group, visit www.henssler.com. For information about the Coles College of Business at KSU, visit <http://coles.kennesaw.edu>.

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KENNESAW, Ga. - Tim Mescon, Dean of the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, has promoted four professors to chair the school's departments and programs. The changes became effective January 1.

Richard Franza, Ph.D., (Ga. Tech) is the new Chair of the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship. He has been serving as acting chair of the department for several months. His research and expertise cover a variety of business topics including operations management, management of technology, process improvement, and project management. A retired United States Air Force officer, he managed research and development programs for the Strategic Defense Initiative or "Star Wars" program.

Govind Hariharan, Ph.D., (SUNY Buffalo) becomes Chair of the Department of Economics, Finance and Quantitative Analysis. Hariharan has produced groundbreaking research on the cost of regulations, the economics of addictive behavior and the estate tax. He is on the Board of Advisors for the WellStar Institute of Better Health, and is a member of the American Economics Association and the International Health Economics Association.

"Rick and Govind have done an excellent job and have proven themselves to be true leaders," said Coles College Dean Tim Mescon, Ph.D. "We enthusiastically welcome them to their new positions."

Two individuals with key positions related to the Coles College Executive MBA and executive education programs are taking permanent spots as well.

Larry Bell was promoted to Managing Director of the Coles College Executive Education Programs. He has served the past year as Acting Managing Director. A former AT&T executive, Bell has also served as Executive-in-Residence at the Coles College, and serves on the Coles College Executive Education Programs Advisory Board and the Coles College Advisory Board. He manages marketing functions, relationships with corporate sponsors and student prospects, and ongoing alumni programs.

Entrepreneur and business veteran Mike Salvador, Ph.D., (Case Western) became Chair of the Department of Leadership & Professional Development, the core faculty dedicated full-time to Coles College Executive Education Programs. He has been Acting Chair for the past year. Salvador has overall responsibilities for program development and delivery, as well as the growth of future Executive Education Program offerings at the Coles College.

"In addition to doing an excellent job with our Executive MBA program, Larry and Mike have also spearheaded a new Masters Certificate program with IBM," Mescon said. "We anticipate more executive education programs benefiting the business community in the coming years."

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The Fulbright program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational program. It is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and residents of other countries. He is the third Coles College faculty member to be honored as a Fulbright Scholar.

"I think the Fulbright scholarship will help with my teaching because I often bring experiences outside of the university into the classroom and my research," Tompkins says.

Tompkins teaches Corporate and International Finance in KSU's Department of Economics, Finance & Quantitative Analysis. As part of his Fulbright scholarship, he will teach and conduct seminars on writing and researching case studies at the University of the Aegean from mid-March to mid-May. The university is located on five islands in the Aegean Sea; faculty and students travel between them by boat. Sea travel is nothing new for Tompkins, who was Chief Officer on ocean-going unlimited tonnage vessels before starting his academic career.

Before going to Greece, he will spend two months in Romania. His various academic and business activities will include teaching at ASEBUSS, the Institute for Business and Public Administration, which has a partnership with the Executive MBA program at the Coles College.

The Fulbright scholarship is just the latest honor for Tompkins. He received KSU's "Distinguished Graduate Teaching" award for 2004/2005. He has also won the Coles College's "Outstanding Scholar" and "Outstanding Service" awards. Tompkins' research interests include corporate governance, corporate finance, and financial education. He is also a business consultant, and Director of Board Advisory Services for the Corporate Governance Center, which is based at KSU.

"One of the strategic cornerstones of the Coles College is to develop more international relationships," Tompkins says. "I look forward to conducting the seminar series and also meeting with people not just in my area, but in other areas where there might be potential links with KSU."

He says he wanted to work abroad for personal as well as professional reasons. In addition to his academic work, he looks forward to introducing his family to different international cultures.

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KENNESAW, Ga. - Amy Whitley, Vice President for Organizational Development at UPS, will speak as a part of the Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series at the [Coles College of Business](#) at Kennesaw State University. Her lecture is planned for Jan. 17, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in room 151 of the Burruss Building on the KSU campus. The event is co-sponsored by the [Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character](#).

Whitley's topic will be how UPS, the world's largest package delivery company and a global leader in supply chain solutions, came to be recognized as one of American's 100 Best Corporate Citizens. Steve Donovan, Vice president for Compliance at UPS, will also participate in the event.

Whitley started her career with UPS as a driver, and was promoted to hold a variety of positions. She currently oversees Succession Planning, Corporate Schools, Workforce Planning and UPS' Global Human Resources Systems. Her recent projects include the Women's Leadership Initiative, which helps UPS female employees network through an internal system that provides mentoring and panel discussions on work/life issues. The initiative helps participants draw support and encouragement from their co-workers, while advancing their careers.

Whitley is a member of the Human Resources Planning Society (HRPS), and a board member for the Atlanta-based INROADS Intern program, the HR Leadership Forum and Atlanta Women's Network.

The Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series brings top business leaders to the KSU campus to interact with students and faculty members. While the lecture is open to the public, 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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David and Michael Siegel, Dr. Siegel’s two sons, hosted the evening, which featured cocktails, dinner and dancing to the sounds of the KSU Jazz Ensemble. Pat Warner, the vice president of communications from Waffle House, was on hand to present Siegel with the Golden Waffle Award, which comes with free breakfast for a year and the naming of her booth at the Frey Road location in her honor.

Coca-Cola, a Lifetime Achievement-level sponsor of the evening, provided attendees with Betty L. Siegel Coke bottles, something they don’t do for just anybody, said Ingrid Saunders Jones, chair of the Coca-Cola Foundation and senior vice president of the Coca-Cola Co., in her salute to Siegel.

The highlight of the special presentations was the announcement by Dennis Cooper, of the RTM Foundation, that the RTM board had voted unanimously to rename the RTM Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character the Betty L. Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character. After stepping down from the presidency, Siegel will hold the Betty L. Siegel Endowed Chair in Ethical Leadership in the newly renamed institute. The university will provide her with an office, an executive assistant and a speech writer in support of this position.

Country singer Patty Loveless and her husband, guitar-player Emory Gordy Jr., performed two songs, “Georgia” and “You’ll Never Leave Harlan Alive”—a song about Kentucky coal miners. Between songs, Loveless talked about all she and Siegel have in common, including their Kentucky coal-miner kin, and mentioned the respect she and so many others have for the Georgia “icon.”

Then it was time for the icon herself to speak. Obviously overwhelmed by the depth of feeling and amount of work represented by the tributes and the evening, Siegel talked about how she couldn’t have gotten where she is today without a supporting cast of characters from her parents to her sons and husband to the people at Kennesaw State and those in the community.

“I can only say, ‘thanks, thanks and ever thanks,’” she said to the assembled crowd.

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Women are hoping to make a slam dunk at the 2006 National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSC), held at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, March 17-18. With six overall champion awards in seven years, women have been a strong presence in the competition since its inception, and this year's overall champion award is once again up for grabs.

The NCSC is the only competition in existence that brings the top sales students in North America together with prominent figures of the business world to create exclusive networking opportunities for both students and sponsors. The success of women in the competition has highlighted the field of sales as a great career option for women.

"Sales has a great future for women. The profession itself has huge growth potential, which opens a ton of opportunities for women to enter the field," said Megan Walter, 2005 NCSC Product Category first place winner.

During the competition, 70 students from more than 35 universities showcase their sales skills in one-on-one sales presentation role-plays. Each role-play is broadcast live to corporate sponsors, who participate as judges and buyers throughout the competition.

More than 264 students, 151 faculty, 91 corporate sponsors, 265 sponsor representatives and 400 volunteers have participated in the NCSC since its inception. Corporate sponsors have contributed more than half a million dollars to the event since 1999. The contributions defray travel and lodging expenses for students and faculty, giving students the opportunity to compete regardless of financial status. Nearly 40 companies are expected to sponsor the 2006 NCSC.

"My participation in the NCSC proved to be a strategic stepping stone in the direction of my future," said Toni Stephens, 2005 NCSC overall champion. "Since winning the NCSC, I've had so many opportunities available to me that I didn't have prior to competing. I honestly believe that the NCSC provides students with a competitive advantage when they enter the workforce."

About the NCSC:

The National Collegiate Sales Competition (NCSC) is the only competition in existence where students from all over North America can test their selling skills in one-on-one sales call challenges. Now in its 8th year, the NCSC has 70 competitors from 35 universities. More than 32 corporate sponsors support the vision of the NCSC, which is to impact the professionalism and integrity of the sales industry through well-trained sales students, improve the image of the sales profession and provide a forum for students to gain experience and interact with professionals in the sales field.

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New center at Coles College of Business at KSU is only one of its kind in the Southeast

KENNESAW, Ga. - “Creativity in business can be taught,” says Harry Vardis, co-director of the newly-established Center for Business Innovation and Creativity. “Once people learn to expand their comfort zone and take risks, they become more innovative, and contribute to their companies’ growth.”

The Center for Business Innovation and Creativity, established this year, is the only one of its kind in the Southeast. Based at the [Coles College of Business](#) at Kennesaw State University, its co-directors are marketing professor Gary Selden, Ph.D., and Vardis, who is also President of Creative Focus, Inc.

“The world is changing quickly, and creativity is essential in all businesses,” Selden said. “While there’s tremendous pressure to become more innovative, there are fewer than ten centers for creativity & innovation in business schools throughout the country.”

The center’s purpose is to equip and inspire students and members of the business community with a research-driven, proven way to expand their creative abilities, called One Foot Out-of-the-Box™ thinking. It offers MBA-level courses, as well as customized seminars for businesses.

Members of the business community say the center will be an important resource for Southeastern companies.

“Atlanta is emerging as a nationally and internationally recognized hub of innovation in business,” said Jorge L. Fernandez, Vice President Global Commerce at the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. “The business community is asking for leadership that embraces innovation and teaches the discipline at universities who are trailblazing in this area. The Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce is happy to see that KSU is taking that leadership position.”

The center’s mission also includes research; a comprehensive study is now underway of what the nation’s top 200 CEOs are doing to encourage and instill creativity and innovation in their companies. The study is expected to be ready for publication in April.

The Center for Business Innovation and Creativity is an offshoot of the Coles College’s highly successful Creativity and Innovation Project, which began in 2005. Selden and Vardis have previously offered seminars and creativity consulting at large companies including Mohawk Industries, World Span, Cox Communications, Delta Air Lines, Verizon and BellSouth.

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Kennesaw State University continues its annual tradition of honoring the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this year by featuring keynote speaker Joe Clark.

Clark is perhaps best known for his visionary and unconventional measures in the 1980s that turned a violent and drug-infested high school in New Jersey into a model institution. His story became the subject of the film, *Lean on Me*, starring two-time Oscar nominee Morgan Freeman as Clark.

When:

Monday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m.

Howard Logan Stillwell Theatre

Full bio for Clark follows.

JOE CLARK

Educational Reformer

Many bemoan the American public school classroom as a place where young people cannot learn, where drugs are more prevalent than textbooks, where violence and vandalism make corridors look like war zones. For a myriad of reasons, the sad fact that many American public schools are waging a losing battle to complete their mission of training future generations to lead America.

In September 1982, during the first day of class at Eastside High School in Paterson, New Jersey, a student was stabbed. In 1983, things would be different. The school's new principal, Joe Clark, would be the reason why.

A former Army drill instructor, Joe Clark sees education as a mission. He worked while attending high school to support his mother and siblings. He then went on to get his B.A. from William Paterson College and a Master's Degree from Seton Hall University. The feisty and polysyllabic-speaker Clark was made for the helm of Eastside High. After two years of his leadership, the formerly raucous institution was declared a model school by New Jersey's governor. Clark himself was named one of the nation's ten "Principals of Leadership" in 1986.

Clark thwarts those who believe that the learning process is disrupted by tough discipline. Instead of offering sympathy, Clark held high expectations for students, challenging them to develop habits for success and confronting them when they failed to perform. On a single day during his first week at Eastside, Clark expelled 300 students for fighting, vandalism, drug possession, profanity, or abusing teachers. He explains, "If there is no discipline, there is anarchy. Good citizenship demands attention to

responsibilities as well as rights."

Clark won acclaim for his achievements in a Time cover story, two 60 Minutes profiles, ad appearances on television news and talk shows, all over the world. President Reagan named him a model educator and offered him a White House post as policy advisor (Clark turned him down.) Clark was the subject of the Warner Brothers film, Lean On Me, starring two-time Oscar nominee Morgan Freeman as Joe Clark. After seven years as principal of Eastside High, he resigned in 1990 and began speaking on the country's lecture circuit. He is a nominee for the National Association of Campus activities 1996 Speaker of the Year Award.

He began his latest crusade in August 1995, when he was appointed director of Essex County Detention House, a juvenile Detention center in Newark, N.J. In his six years as the center's director, he continued his challenging work to bring change to the community that brought him up. In his own words on his acceptance of the position Clark said this, "I will stay until I have brought about change. I can't think of anything more noble."

Through his book Laying Down The Law, his speeches, and his activities as director of Essex County Detention Center, Clark shares his strategies and success stories with teachers, school boards, parents, businessmen, and students. His message is one of pride in self. He believes that "every day, pride in self and school must be reinforced. Every day, the value of academics must be demonstrated." And every day, Joe Clark demonstrates, through his own shining example, how commitment to youth can make America's future leaders better citizens and better people.

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When Jennifer Larmore left Marietta in the early 1980s, she could only have imagined the incredible success she would have on the international opera stage. On Jan. 14, she will return to her home county to perform a concert program of art songs and opera arias at Kennesaw State University.

Larmore 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 University is the third event in the KSU College of the Arts' 2005-2006 Premiere Series. The concert takes place at 8 p.m. Saturday, January 14 in Howard Logan Stillwell Theater. 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.

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The College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University will present the exhibition, “Merging East and West: Chen Zhen’s Cross–Cultural Installations,” in the Sturgis Library Gallery, January 18–March 3. Admission is free.

Chen, who died in 2000, was internationally renowned for engaging works that combined Eastern sensibility with Western contemporary aesthetics. His works are critical satires with political, economic, and cultural overtones or meditations on the interface between matter and spirit. Chen focused on the power of objects to create metaphysical connections to the transcendent.

Raised during China’s cultural revolution, Chen studied at Shanghai School of Fine and Applied Arts and at Shanghai Theatre Academy. In 1986, he immigrated to France and completed his studies at École National Supérieure des Beaux-Arts and Institut des Hautes Études en Arts Plastiques. With more than 30 solo exhibitions and 100 group exhibitions to his credit, he was perhaps best known for his contributions to the 45th and 48th Venice Biennales and for works created for United Nations sites.

The exhibition at Kennesaw State features five installations, created over the last five years of Chen Zhen’s life, when he knew he was dying from autoimmune hemolytic anemia. Several of these works, therefore, reflect his contemplation of life and mortality

“Chen Zhen was a man of wisdom, principle, generosity, inexhaustible energy and a keen sense of humor,” says KSU Professor of Theatre Design Ming Chen, who was a personal friend of the artist. Ming Chen has worked with Roberta Griffin, KSU director of galleries, to coordinate the exhibition. “Chen Zhen used his art as a weapon to fight for freedom, human dignity, and the well-being of humanity. He was a man to whom life and art were one.”

During the exhibition, several guest lectures by internationally prominent art experts will be presented. These are free and open to the public. Guest lectures include:

7–9 p.m., Jan. 18, opening reception with a gallery talk by Lorenzo Fiaschi;

10 a.m., Jan. 19, “Chen Zhen: Etlarichesse d’un vagabon de la culture” by Lorenzo Fiaschi;

6:30 p.m., Jan. 19, “Transexperience: Chen Zhen’s Art and Thoughts” by Hou Hanru; and

6:30 p.m., Feb. 8, “The Installations of Chen Zhen” by Antonio Guerrero.

Presented as part of the KSU celebration of the “Year of China,” this exhibition and its guest lectures have been made possible through funding provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, Cultural Services of the French Embassy, Georgia Humanities Council, Sino-American Education Consortium, Art Papers and several Kennesaw State departments.

The Sturgis Gallery is open 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Monday–Thursday, 7–9 p.m. Wednesday–Thursday and 1–4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit www.kennesaw.edu/arts or call 770–499–3223.

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Jessica Killpack of Marietta has been chosen as a finalist from over 900 entries in the 2006 NICHE Student Award Competition. An undergraduate majoring in painting and drawing, Killpack entered a 3-D wood sculpture entitled “Interior Dialogue” as an exhibition opportunity. Her work will be on display at the Buyers Market of American Craft February 13-16 in Philadelphia, Penn.

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The Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University is announcing new leadership for its degree and certificate-based offerings designed specifically for experienced business professionals and executives. The cornerstone of the current Executive Programs offerings is the award-winning Executive MBA Program, the only one of its kind in the area providing a full-time Coles College faculty department dedicated to the Program, specialized team-based curricula incorporating leadership and inter-personal skill development and personal coaching, and an integrated international residency in collaboration with a Europe-based business school partner.

Effective January 1:

Entrepreneur and business veteran Mike Salvador, Ph.D., became Acting Chair of the Department of Leadership & Professional Development, the core faculty dedicated full-time to Coles College Executive Programs. Salvador has overall responsibilities for program development and delivery, as well as the development and growth of future Executive Program offerings at the Coles College.

Executive-in-Residence Larry Bell and former AT&T executive became the Acting Managing Director of the Coles College Executive Programs. In this role, Bell manages all marketing functions, relationships with corporate sponsors and student prospects, and ongoing alumni programs. He will also continue to serve on the Coles College Executive Programs Advisory Board, as well as the Coles College Advisory Board.

Mandy Brooks has been promoted to Director of Marketing and Admissions for the Coles College Executive Programs. Brooks was previously Associate Director of Executive Programs. She earned her MBA from the Coles College, and has nine years experience in marketing environments ranging from professional selling and consumer research to special events planning and strategic marketing.

Salvador's distinguished career includes serving as Co-Managing Partner and COO for Tatum CIO Partners, LLP; President and CEO of The Atlanta Consulting Group, Inc.; and Vice President of Dun & Bradstreet Software Services. He also has been a partner with Grant Thornton LLP and Ernst & Young LLP. He has taught management at the Coles College while also serving as the Global Product Manager and Managing Director of Drake Beam Morin's International Center for Executive Options. While his new responsibilities include managing the faculty members who are dedicated to the delivery of Executive Programs, his responsibilities include expanding the university's executive education outreach in conjunction with Larry Bell.

"Mike Salvador exemplifies leadership," Mescon says. "His goals reflect the Coles College's mission to better serve our business community constituents by offering, in addition to our exceptional Executive MBA Programs, a wide range of value-driven educational offerings, leveraging the proven competencies of the Coles College to exceed the quality of alternative providers," Mescon adds.

Salvador replaces Deborah Roebuck, Ph.D. who assumes the post of Executive Director of KSU's RTM Institute of Leadership, Ethics, and Character. She is expected to remain involved with the Department of Leadership & Professional Development on a limited basis, and remain as a member

of the Executive Programs Advisory Board.

Bell came to the Coles College as a Visiting Professor with the Executive MBA Program in 2000, after a distinguished 29 year career with AT&T, where his positions included Vice President-Global Services for the southeastern U.S., and Vice President for Federal Government Solutions. While at KSU, he took the lead in customizing and delivering the Telecommunications Residency portions of the curriculum for the BellSouth / Cingular In-House MBA (CIMBA) program, and was appointed Executive-in-Residence last year.

“Larry has done an incredible job in his time with us, and we know that expanding his duties will add even more value to our already internationally-recognized executive programs,” said Coles College Dean Tim Mescon.

Bell has assumed many of the Executive Programs duties previously performed by Senior Associate Dean Rodney Alsup, DBA, who has announced that he will retire at the end of 2006. “Rodney will remain a valued member of the team,” Mescon said. Following his retirement, Dr. Alsup has agreed to continue to serve as a member of the Executive Programs Advisory Board.

Brooks, previously Associate Director of Executive Programs, now expands her duties to marketing and admissions. “Mandy has done a superb job in redirecting our brand positioning and advertising efforts and has been a key player in recruiting and matriculating associates into our Executive MBA programs,” Mescon says.

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The Michael J. Coles School at Business of Kennesaw State University has announced its upcoming executive lecture program as part of the Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series.

Larry Sinewitz, executive vice president of BrandsMart USA, will kick off the series on Tuesday, Jan. 24 by discussion how BrandsMart's big box concept has become the number one discount retailer of consumer appliances, electronics and housewares in the region. The south Florida-based chain recently entered the Atlanta market.

"BrandsMart has sales of \$125 million per location and outsells its competition by as much as 15 times per selling location," says Coles College Dean Tim Mescon. "Larry Sinewitz will undoubtedly have great information to share about branding, retail competition and merchandising."

The one-hour talk will take place at 5 p.m. in the University Rooms of the KSU Student Center.

Sinewitz is one of three executives who will be speaking to Kennesaw's business students. Speaking on Feb. 27 will be Dean Eisner, president and CEO of Manheim Auctions, the world's largest auto auction company. On March 28, Caz Matthews, recently named president of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia, will speak.

"These one-hour programs expose our students to some of the nation's great business leaders and let these business leaders interact with our faculty and students," said Mescon. "We have three exceptional executives from three fascinating organizations. Their front-line insights will prove invaluable to our students as they pursue their academic and business careers."

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And with that preface, Coles College of Business Dean Tim Mescon became the first finalist vying to become Kennesaw State’s third president to address faculty, staff and students at an open forum Monday, Jan. 9.

“I’m going to be candid, forthright and honest with you,” Mescon told the packed auditorium at Stillwell Theater. “I see myself first and foremost as a faculty member for the last 26 years.”

Mescon, who has been at KSU for 16 years, outlined seven “key challenges” facing the next president, including the need for a liquid endowment of no less than \$100 million.

“More likely, that liquid endowment needs to be in the range of \$150 – \$200 million,” he said. “This is an absolute.”

The Tony and Jack Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Entrepreneurial Management also advocated the creation of an academic provost who would serve as the executive vice president of the university.

“The DNA of a great university is the academic faculty,” he said.

Aggressively offering “limited, but focused doctoral degrees,” building more housing, establishing a market-based, annual salary adjustment program for faculty and staff, increasing diversity both in terms of the campus community, as well as in geographic expansions for the delivery of education, and supporting a growing Division I athletics program rounded out Mescon’s presidential to do list.

“I see us as a comprehensive, state university aspiring to the next level of greatness,” Mescon said.

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Because of the demand for skilled statisticians in diverse fields like government, public health, economics, engineering and insurance, Kennesaw State University proposed a Master of Science degree with a major in applied statistics, which was approved by the Board of Regents on Wednesday, Jan. 11. The new program will go into effect this fall.

Just three other institutions in the University System of Georgia - Georgia Tech, Georgia State University and the University of Georgia - offer a master's degree in statistics. KSU's program differs from these because of its unique focus on preparing non-traditional students for employment as well as further graduate studies.

"This master's degree is very distinctive since the program will appeal to a broad spectrum of graduates by providing them with multiple career options in some of the fastest growing job markets," Larry Peterson, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, said.

The non-traditional schedule will feature paired blocks of courses for five semesters. For example, each semester, a three-hour methods course, three-hour applied course and one-hour project course will be offered two days a week at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. In addition, this program will place a high emphasis on teaching statistical software programs such as Six Sigma and SAS, which are required by most employers.

Prior to the start of the program, students will have an option of taking refresher courses in calculus and computer skills - known as "boot camp."

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Thursday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m., the University Rooms in Kennesaw State University's Carmichael Student Center will be transformed for the 2nd Annual Chinese New Year Festival. The celebration will include performances by Lion Dancing from the Hung Sing Goon Atlanta; the Vega Quartet, a professional classical string quartet; professional Chinese dancer Cao Ying from the Cao Ying Dance School; Benyao Zheng, KSU associate professor of educational psychology will play the Erhu, a traditional Chinese stringed instrument; and KSU student Pearl Zhu, guitarist and songstress, will perform an original song. Other KSU faculty and students also will perform Chinese music and stories.

Historically, the Chinese New Year Festival was the most elaborate, colorful and important of all the traditional festivals in China. It was a time for Chinese to congratulate each other and themselves on having made it through another year, a time to finish out the old and welcome in the New Year. Preparations for the Chinese New Year start a month before New Year's Day. It includes cleaning the house, decorating with red, buying new clothes, paying off debts and preparing delicious food.

Celebrated on the first day of the first moon of the lunar calendar, the date of Chinese New Year can vary from Jan. 21 to as late as Feb. 19. "Chinese New Year is a very important day, and we want everyone to come out to celebrate and have fun," says KSU student Stella Xu. This year's collaborators for the event include the Division for Global Diversity, Legal and Community Affairs, the Chinese Student Association, the Institute for Global Initiatives, the Sino-American Consortium and the Office of the Dean, Bagwell College of Education and the Office of Special Events.

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Abstract

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The Premiere Series at Kennesaw State University will present vocalist Monica Mancini in concert at 8 p.m. on Feb. 4 in Howard Logan Stillwell Theater. Aptly titled, “Mancini at the Movies,” the program includes music written by her father, Henry Mancini, Johnny Mercer, Barry Manilow and others. The concert also features film clips.

The daughter of famed film composer Henry Mancini and notable studio singer Ginny O’Conner Mancini, Monica Mancini has carved out an impressive career of her own as a concert performer appearing with major symphonies worldwide. She has appeared on countless film scores and recordings with everyone from Placido Domingo to Michael Jackson. Her debut, simply titled “Monica Mancini,” found her paying tribute to her father’s musical legacy. Her debut was also the companion to her highly acclaimed PBS Special, *Monica Mancini: On Record*.

Mancini followed her chart-topping debut with a CD of music by another great American songwriter –Johnny Mercer, who was a fixture of Mancini’s childhood as one of her father’s collaborators and dearest friends. Mancini’s fresh, eclectic approach and insightful interpretations reconfirm the timelessness of Mercer’s songs. The CD featured six sets of song lyrics that Mercer’s wife discovered after his death and asked Barry Manilow to complete. Manilow, who hand-delivered them to Mancini, declared that, “this music has been waiting for a singer like Monica.”

For her performance at Kennesaw State, Mancini will be accompanied by renowned musicians Greg Field, drums; Steve Aho, percussion; Paul Morin, bass; John Chiodini, guitar; and Shelly Berg, piano.

Pratt’s performance at Kennesaw State University is the fourth event in the KSU College of the Arts’ 2005–2006 Premiere Series. For ticket information, call the KSU Box Office at 770-423-6650 or visit www.kennesaw.edu/arts.

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USG vice chancellor vying for president

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"I wouldn't be opposed to it, but where's the \$10 to \$15 million coming from to fund it?" Papp asked rhetorically during a campus open forum Jan. 12. "You'd need an endowment – a large one – and then there's the question of a stadium that could seat 25,000 or more people; Cobb County doesn't have one."

Instead of football, Papp offered lacrosse and rugby as alternatives.

"Lacrosse and rugby are cheap; all you need is a field for rugby, and for lacrosse, a field and sticks," Papp said to raucous laughter. "Life College used to have a rugby team that traveled all over the country playing teams like Michigan and Harvard."

Papp, University System of Georgia senior vice chancellor for academic and fiscal affairs, was the second of five finalists chosen by the KSU Presidential Search Committee to give a presentation to faculty, staff and students, as well as participate in a question and answer session. Describing himself as a "strong supporter" of athletics, Papp gave his opinion on football during the Q&A after an audience member asked for his thoughts on intercollegiate athletics.

A former Georgia Tech professor, Papp said he believes the next president will play five crucial roles: a visionary and collegial leader, a co-creator of a community of learners, an effective fundraiser, an ambassador for and the face of KSU, and a creative problem solver.

"Around the system, Kennesaw is referred to as Camelot," he said. "That said, even Camelot has issues that have to be addressed."

Among the challenges the university is facing are increasing retention and graduation rates, as well as the need for a new strategic plan.

"This is a great institution, but it's operating under a 1997 strategic plan," he said.

Papp said if he was hired for the job, he would like to see the university's partnerships with other institutions, specifically two-year colleges, increase. He mentioned the Coles College Career Growth MBA Program – Dalton Cohort as an example of a successful expansion program.

"Efforts like the Dalton State College partnership need to be accelerated," he said.

Faculty development, benchmarking institutional efforts, increasing diversity and reaching out to alumni are also among Papp's presidential priorities.

"I've been a Cobb resident for 33 years," he said. "I've watched Kennesaw grow from a small college to what it is today.

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The elaborate and colorful festivities included the traditional lion dance by the Chad Myers' Southern Shaolin Kungfu Academy and Lion Dance Team, Chinese music by faculty member Dr. Binyao Zheng and a Chinese dance performance by the CAO Ying Dance School.

The Chinese calendar consists of a unique 12-year cycle. Twelve animals (Rat, Ox, Tiger, Hare Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Boar, in that order) are used to represent each of the 12 years. Anyone who was born in the Year of the Dog is now 0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 or 96 years old.

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KSU serves up women's volleyball

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"People have stopped me in the grocery store," she said. "They've actually recognized me from stories in the papers."

The sport, along with women's golf, was added to the roster because of the university's move to Division I last year. So far, Jones has signed four players and is aiming for 12-15. Tryouts for currently enrolled students were held earlier this month, and practice will begin in August. The season kicks off Labor Day weekend and runs through mid-November.

"Volleyball is really picking up," she said. "Previously, students would leave the state to be in a volleyball program, but Georgia is really becoming a hotbed. Hopefully, women's volleyball will become a mainstay and a successful program."

Other state universities with women's volleyball programs include the University of West Georgia, Savannah State University, Fort Valley State University, Armstrong Atlantic State University and Augusta State University. There are more than 300 Division I schools with women's volleyball teams, Jones said.

"She is a proven winner with Division I experience, and I see us being immediately competitive in the Atlantic Sun Conference," Athletic Director Dave Waples said. "Volleyball is a great spectator sport, and I feel that we'll develop a great KSU fan-base."

Jones joined KSU last August and has already traveled the state and region looking for prospects.

"I was interested in the challenge of building a new program from scratch," she said. "I didn't want to change or improve something; I wanted to lay the foundation."

Before coming to KSU, Jones had a successful three-year stint as the head coach at Joliet Junior College in Illinois, where she also served as the women's athletic coordinator and women's softball assistant coach. Jones has also coached volleyball at Northwestern University, the University of California, Davis, and Utah State University.

An all-around athlete who excelled at basketball, soccer, track and softball, Jones chose to focus on volleyball at McHenry County College in Illinois where she was named "Female Athlete of the Year." She then transferred to the University of Tampa, where she played for two seasons and was named to the All-Sunshine State Conference team and the All-Region team.

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Big Shanty Elementary School French club graduation

Following six weeks of free, after-school French lessons, 130 Big Shanty Elementary School students will show off their new skills through songs and skits at a graduation ceremony.

One afternoon each week, third, fourth and fifth graders have been learning basic French from Kennesaw State University students working under the direction of professors Sabine Smith and Luc Guglielmi.

“It’s amazing how fast these little ones pick up a new language!” says Smith, who is also the parent of a Big Shanty student.

Special guests at the graduation will include several education officials and Cobb County Assistant School Superintendent William Hite.

When:

Thursday, Feb. 9
2:30-3:15 p.m.

Where:

Media Center
Big Shanty Elementary School
1575 Ben King Road
Kennesaw 30144

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KSU honored for work with sports and persons with disabilities

Ties with Libya forged

Georgia (Feb 6, 2006) — Against the backdrop of “a new era of cooperation” between the United States and Libya, the Libyan Paralympic Committee has awarded Kennesaw State a gold medal recognizing its work with persons with disabilities.

On Jan. 29, Ali Elgerbi, of the Libyan Paralympic Committee, and Fatma Bin Sofia, of Libya’s Today International Center, presented WellStar College of Health and Human Services Dean Richard Sowell with the gold medal for work being done by the college’s Global Center for Social Change.

“We recognize how much KSU is doing for the disabled,” Elgerbi said through an interpreter. “This is the beginning of our relationship, one of respect. What we see here is not only the work you are doing with sports and the disabled; we see the American people, and we will transfer that to the Libyan people — all of the emotion and feeling.”

Last spring, KSU entered into partnerships with Alexandria University and Helwan University in Cairo, Egypt, to establish a center for educating persons with disabilities and those who teach, coach, live and work with them.

As a result of those partnerships, Ben Johnson, associate dean of community partnerships and global initiatives at the WellStar College and director of the Global Center for Social Change, gave a presentation last fall at a conference in Egypt attended by representatives of universities, nongovernmental organizations and Paralympic committees, including the Libyan Paralympic Committee.

“We look forward to having collaboration, not only with disabilities, but a relationship with America,” Elgerbi said.

In September, then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made a historic trip to Libya in an attempt to bridge gaps between the two countries and establish a framework for building formal relations. Rice was the first U.S. secretary of state to visit Libya since 1953.

“We’re humbled by this worldwide recognition,” Sowell said. “Ultimately, our relationships with other countries are about us getting to know each other as people outside of politics. It’s a whole lot easier to fight a stranger than a friend.”

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U.N. conference reveals Turkey's global importance, complexities

Alliance of Civilizations confab a backdrop for KSU partnership with Fatih University (For the complete story, please click on the headline above.)

Georgia (Feb 6, 2006) — Turkey is uniquely positioned to play a key role in achieving peace and stability in the Middle East and in America's foreign policy in the region, even as it undergoes continuing internal transformation, scholars and diplomats concluded during a historic three-day conference Jan. 29–31 at Kennesaw State University.

The Alliance of Civilizations: Turkey at the Crossroads of Cultures international conference, cosponsored by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the Atlanta-based Istanbul Center and Kennesaw State, drew more than 200 participants from leading universities in the U.S., Algeria and Turkey.

In conjunction with the conference, Kennesaw State signed an agreement to initiate faculty and student exchange programs with Fatih University in Istanbul, the first such partnership with a Turkish institution of higher education.

"This agreement and the partnerships demonstrated by this conference is exactly what the Alliance of Civilizations envisioned — to have people get together with other people for intercultural exchanges that lead to practical steps like this new partnership between KSU and Fatih University," said Thomas Uthup, research manager for the Office of the Secretariat at the U.N. Alliance of Civilizations.

During the three-day conference, more than 40 scholarly presentations and talks by Turkish and U.S. diplomats addressed Turkey's evolution as a secular democracy with a largely Muslim population, and as a regional partner with Europe, the Caucasus and its Islamic neighbors.

"Turkey is a place where you will need to get over, or through, to help Georgia, support or withdraw forces from Iraq, develop alternative supply routes for Afghanistan, nudge Russia, or build coherent strategy toward Iran or Syria," former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey Mark Parris said during the keynote address on U.S.–Turkish relations under the Obama administration. "It's a very important country that belongs to some really good clubs — the U.N. Security Council, NATO, OECD, the IMF and the World Bank, and a candidate for the European Union."

Parris, a visiting foreign policy fellow at The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., characterized U.S.–Turkish relations as "sub-prime" under the Bush administration, but he was hopeful at the prospects under the new administration, given Turkey's strategic importance.

"Elections in democratic societies are refreshing; new leaders are an opportunity to look ahead," he said. "The crisis of the moment for the Obama administration is the economy, and they know that history will judge them on how they handle it. But life and geography will get it on their screen in due course. They will find, as have their predecessors, it's always easier to work with Turkey rather than around Turkey."

Turkish officials addressing the conference included Suat Kiniklioglu and Cuneyt Yuksel, members of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, who will meet in Washington this week with Obama administration officials.

The conference also surfaced some of the complexities that characterize Turkey today, such as tensions between conservative and liberal reformists, between secular and religious ideologies, as well as the country's policy of cooperation with its Middle Eastern neighbors, which some say is at odds with its inclusion into the European Union.

A session on Turkey's ban on women wearing headscarves in public — one of the conference's most vigorous discussions — illustrated the dynamics of Turkey's internal struggles with secular reforms and its cultural and religious identity, as did a session on religious education in Turkey.

The headscarf ban, imposed at Turkish universities in the 1990s by staunchly secularist forces, is viewed

by many as an exaggeration of the reforms advocated by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, whose principles defined the Turkish nationalist movement in the 1920s and 30s and guided the formation of the Republic of Turkey.

“The very philosophies that created a modern state and improved the status of women, giving them the right to vote and participate freely in society, are now being used to deprive them of their right to express their religious identity by wearing the scarf,” said Sandra Bird, a Kennesaw State University assistant professor who chaired the discussion on women and gender issues.

The same contradictions are seen in the status of public education, according to Ahmet T. Kuru, a Columbia University scholar and assistant director of its Center for the Study of Democracy, Tolerance and Religion.

“The state includes religious instruction in the schools but excludes religion in the ban on headscarves and the restrictions over Imam–Hatip graduates and Qu’an courses,” he said. “These contradictions will continue unless there is a decline of societal religiosity and a replacement of assertive secularism by a more passive form of secularism.”

But scholars like Turkey’s Metin Heper, a professor at Bilkent University in Ankara, see the marriage between Islam and a liberal democratic state in Turkey as evidence of the tolerance that an Alliance of Civilizations requires.

“Most of Turkey’s Muslims are living and practicing religion at a personal level,” he said. “But they prefer secular politics. That’s why Turkey maintains harmonious relations with all its neighbors, Muslim and non–Muslim alike.”

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First Black History Bowl held on campus

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“The intent is to have some fun and to make it educational,” Wise said. “It’s important to understand our rich heritage and where we come from.”

The Black History Bowl was modeled closely after the Scholar Bowl, composed of several rounds of questions with point values assigned according to the degree of difficulty. The questions were a mix of past and contemporary history.

As the four-member teams matched wits, the standing-room only crowd answered questions silently, and some moved animatedly in their seats with the solutions in their minds.

During most of the competition, the Ladies of Kennesaw trailed; however, they staged a successful comeback to soundly beat the Distinguished Black Gentlemen with a final score of 245 to 160.

Wise hopes to see more students involved with national scholar competitions, as well as the Black History Bowl in the future.

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The Bobbie Bailey Awards ceremony, honoring local high school female athletes, will take place Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Kennesaw State University's Stillwell Theater. Part of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, the ceremony honors athletes from 28 high schools in Cobb, Cherokee, Paulding, Bartow and Douglas counties (see attached list). In addition, the successes of the Kennesaw State University women's athletic teams will be recognized.

This year's guest speaker will be KSU women's golf coach Denise Killeen. Killeen is a member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association and a current LPGA Tour player. She is a native of Atlanta and a 1984 graduate of Furman University. In 14 tour seasons, Killeen has made the cut in 171 tournaments and finished as high as fourth in two majors in 2001. She also has numerous other top ten finishes. In the spring of 2005 Killeen was selected to head the new KSU women's golf program.

The 16th annual award ceremony is named for Dr. Bobbie Bailey, a longtime supporter of KSU academics and athletics. Sponsors for the evening include the Kennesaw State University Health, Physical Education and Sport Science Department, along with the KSU Athletic Department and the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

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 2005 are:

Blair Brackin Wheeler High School

Kaley Branton Cass High School

Lindsey Bray South Cobb High School

Christine Caforio Kell High School

Jennifer Carriere Douglas County High School

Magan Davenport Chapel Hill High School

Shannon Duran Woodland High School

Cameron Ellis Walton High School

Linnie Garrett Lithia Springs High School

Kelly Gauker Harrison High School

Karlie Gillam Paulding County High School

Leslie Glore Alexander High School

Tagan Hatchett Etowah High School

Selena Hom Pope High School

Latayvia Jackson Campbell High School

Stephanie Jergel Kennesaw Mountain High School

Kayla Knowles Cartersville High School

Ashley Long East Paulding High School

Mandi McGee North Cobb High School

Kristen Murdock Marietta High School

Velencia Reddington Pebblebrook High School

Stacey Reich The Walker School

Danielle Roddy Woodstock High School

Amanda Rogers Hiram High School

Kimber Thomas Osborne High School

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Katie Vogel Lassiter High School

Laura Voyles McEachern High School

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"Recognizing Yesterday: Northwest Georgia Threatened Historic Sites" has included Rome's DeSoto Theater in its recently released 2005 catalog. The theater, built in 1928 by O.C. Lam, was the first "talkie" movie theater in the South. The Greco-Roman building now houses the Rome Little Theater.

Recognizing Yesterday cites the ageing electrical system – original to the building – and a deteriorating roof as reasons the structure is threatened. Heavy rains have already caused serious damage to the walls and floors. The Rome Little Theater Group is raising funds to renovate the site.

Kennesaw State University's public history program launched Recognizing Yesterday in 2005. The ongoing project promotes the preservation of Northwest Georgia's historic environment by identifying, documenting and publicizing threatened sites in the area. A catalog of threatened sites will be disseminated yearly.

For further information on the DeSoto, contact the Rome Little Theater, (706) 295-7171 or go to www.romelittletheatre.com. For further information on Recognizing Yesterday: Northwest Georgia Threatened Historic Sites, go to www.threatenedsites.org.

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Terri Thornton

Abstract

KSU’s Coles College of Business Hosts Event in Conjunction with North American Consortium for Entrepreneurship

A program to help American small businesses gain a stronger foothold in doing business with neighboring countries will be held at KSU next month. The Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University will host a luncheon symposium titled “Crafting Business in North America.” The event, set for March 27 in Room 400 of the KSU Center, is free and open to the public, though reservations are required. Onsite registration will start at 11:15.

The purpose of the gathering is to help promote entrepreneurship and international trade among countries participating in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Tim Mescon, Ph.D., Dean and Dinos Eminent Scholar of the Coles College of Business is the chair of the conference. The speakers will include Mexico’s Consul General to Atlanta Remedios Gomez-Arnau, and Canada’s Consul General to Atlanta, Brian Oak. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Economic Development and local businesses will participate in a panel discussion.

U.S. Commerce Department figures show that 21% of the trade volume with Canada and Mexico was generated by the small business sector in 2001.

“Entrepreneurship and small businesses are the economic lifeblood of the United States, Canada, and Mexico,” Mescon stated. “They create most of the new jobs, and are the best way of distributing wealth and economic well-being throughout all three economies. We look forward to hosting this event, which is dedicated to increasing knowledge, collaboration and understanding between the three countries.”

The event is being held in conjunction with the North American Consortium for Entrepreneurship (NACE.) NACE’s mission is to advance the study and practice of entrepreneurship in the North American business community and develop successful entrepreneurial careers in the expanding market environment arising from the implementation of NAFTA.

Ten Canadian and Mexican exchange students in residence at KSU during the Spring semester will participate in the symposium. They are studying at the Coles College as a result of a U.S. Department of Education grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

For information on attending or sponsoring the symposium, visit <http://coles.kennesaw.edu/pages/sife/nace/index.htm>, or contact Stella Xu at (770) 423-6425 or sxx0245@kennesaw.edu.

KSU Center is located at 3333 Busbee Drive in Kennesaw. Directions are available on Coles College Web site (<http://coles.kennesaw.edu>.)

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Georgia (Feb 16, 2006) – Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

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The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust is hosting a program entitled "Blacks in the Holocaust: Victims and Heroes–Implications for Black Americans Today." The Commission would like to extend an invitation for the public to attend this program.

The program will introduce topics pertaining to Black–Americans, Black–Germans, and other Black ethnic groups persecuted by the Nazi regime. The event will include panelists Hans Massaquoi, son of a Holocaust survivor; English Professor, James Richardson of Morehouse College and Dr. Leon Bass a witness to the Holocaust. Alexis Scott of the Atlanta Daily World, and daughter of a witness to the Holocaust, will serve as moderator for the discussion panel.

The program will take place on February 22, 2006 from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Kennesaw State University Continuing Education Center, Room 400. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

We would like to have those interested RSVP if they plan on attending. To RSVP for the program contact the Anne Frank in the World Exhibit at (678) 797-2083 or email at dday13@kennesaw.edu.

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Georgia (Feb 16, 2006) — Georgia Family Business of the Year Winners Announced

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The Cox Family Enterprise Center, based at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, has announced the winners of the 2006 Georgia Family Business of the Year Awards, including the Cox Century Award, which honors successful Georgia-based businesses that have been in business for at least 100 years.

The winners and finalists are:

Cox Century Award

Winner:

Patten Seed Company, Lakeland

Large Business

Winner:

National Distributing Co., Atlanta

Finalists:

ECI Group, Marietta

Fieldale Farms Corp., Baldwin

Medium Business

Winner:

Southern Orchard Supply Co. (d.b.a. Lane Packing Co.), Fort Valley

Finalists:

Bowen Family Homes, Duluth

Piedmont National Corporation, Atlanta

Small Business

Winner:

Mimms Enterprises, Roswell

Finalists:

CITISCO, Inc., Gainesville

Warren Assoc., Inc., Macon

"For fifteen years, the Cox Family Enterprise Center has honored the best in Georgia-based family businesses," says Cox Family Enterprise Center Director 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 24 at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

This year's keynote speaker is Tony Pritzker of the Pritzker Group, a private investment firm. Pritzker is the grandson of A.N. Pritzker, who founded the Hyatt hotel chain and created the industrial conglomerate Marmon.

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

Patten Seed Company

In 1893, R.L. Patten and his brother W.F. Patten opened a general merchandise store in Lakeland, Georgia. In 1947, R.L.'s son Lawson Patten opened a seed cleaning business in his father's cotton warehouse. That same year, Lawson's daughter Nell married Bill Roquemore, a B-26 pilot in World War II. Roquemore helped the company grow into a thriving operation with 350 employees at 25 facilities in four states. Patten Seed, incorporated in 1954, is now a leader in the turfgrass, sod and seed industry. It also handles planting and contract maintenance of golf courses, and at one time owned twelve 18-hole courses. It also operates a pecan business and raises container-grown nursery trees.

Financially, the company is on firm footing. Over the past five years, turfgrass and sod sales have increased 15% annually, and international sales have jumped 50%. The company is also committed to the community. Family members have held several local political posts and served on public service-related boards. They've also raised funds to help Hurricane Katrina victims, volunteered with the Boy Scouts and other organizations, and donated sod to Habitat for Humanity.

National Distributing Company, Inc. (NDC)

In 1942, the Davis and Carlos families became equal partners in National Distributing Company, Inc. (NDC). The firm now has 2,800 employees in ten states. It is the fourth largest alcoholic beverage distributor in U.S., and one of the largest privately owned and operated companies in the state. Despite different cultural backgrounds, the two families made the business work through their common values and commitment to family.

They have contributed to a dozen nonprofit organizations, and many community institutions bear their names, including the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University and the Alfred and Adele Davis Academy. They have recently restructured the management team and added an advisory board, which means the company will continue to grow and thrive for many more generations to come.

Southern Orchard Supply Co. (d.b.a. Lane Packing Company)

Since 1908, five generations of the Lane family have dedicated themselves to growing the best Georgia peaches and pecans. The American Fruit Growers Association counts the firm among the nation's top 100 growers. In addition to a farm and the largest peach packing facility in the state, the enterprise runs the Roadside Market, Just Peachy Gift Shop, Peachtree Cafe and a full-service mail order department. Five generations work in the business, including Duke Lane, Jr., the company's president. Lane Packing brings more than 200,000 yearly visitors to Fort Valley, which is why Gov. Perdue chose it as the site for a 2005 bill signing promoting agri-tourism. In addition to providing much-needed jobs, the company also donates time and money to dozens of nonprofit and educational groups.

Mimms Enterprises

Founded in 1929, Mimms Enterprises is the fourth largest owner of real estate in Atlanta, with more than 100 properties and 1,000 tenants. Mimms buys and upgrades shopping centers and industrial properties, which helps create new jobs and expand the local tax base. The company maintains a family atmosphere, and serves its 40+ employees a free family-style lunch every day. Community service projects include the Boys & Girls Clubs, as well as a center for homeless women, a math and science charter school and several churches. They also inaugurated the Malon D. Mimms Oratorical Competition, to help Cobb County school children overcome their fear of public speaking. The brokerage community considers Mimms the first choice for many deals because it is always true to its word.

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The sixth annual Phenomenal Women's Conference: Leading Ladies: Truths and Myths about Women and Leadership, will be Thursday, March 23, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Dr, Kennesaw.

Sponsored by Kennesaw State University's RTM Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character, the CAREing Center and the Leitalift Foundation Inc., this year's conference features presentations by Eleanor Dunfey-Freiberger, professor of philosophy at Southern New Hampshire University; Tammy Cohen, expert in the employment screening industry; and Patricia Russell-McCloud, motivational speaker.

For a complete schedule or more information, visit the conference Web site at www.kennesaw.edu/ilec/women1.htm or call 770-499-3340.

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For more information about Kennesaw State University's presidential search go to <http://presidentalsearch.kennesaw.edu/>.

ATLANTA - (Feb. 16) - Dr. Daniel S. Papp, senior vice chancellor for academics and fiscal affairs for the University System of Georgia, was named today as president of Kennesaw State University by the Board of Regents and University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr.

Papp is expected to assume his new post in mid-May.

Regent Michael Coles served as chair of the Special Regents' Committee charged with interviewing the presidential finalists and making a recommendation to the chancellor and full Board of Regents for final approval. "Dr. Papp is the right choice for Kennesaw State University," Coles said. "He has a proven track record in high-level academic leadership positions, extensive knowledge about the University System, and a demonstrated commitment to global learning."

Chancellor Davis said, "Dan Papp has done an exemplary job as senior vice chancellor for the University System of Georgia in his role of the past five years. We are excited about the leadership he will contribute at Kennesaw State, as he helps lead the institution."

As the University System's senior vice chancellor for academics and fiscal affairs since 2000, Papp has been responsible for system-wide academic, faculty and student issues and concerns; business and financial affairs; academic and business information-technology systems; and strategic planning affecting all of the University System's 35 institutions, 9,000-plus faculty and approximately 1,300 degree programs.

During his tenure, Papp implemented higher admissions standards, initiated comprehensive program review, and coordinated a statewide assessment of the System. He also oversaw the creation and implementation of the Board of Regents' reformulated 2002-2007 Strategic Plan, and helped lay the groundwork for the System's newest state college, Georgia Gwinnett College. In addition, he is conducting the Board of Regents' current initiative to improve retention, progression and graduation rates.

Papp served as interim president of Southern Polytechnic State University from 1997 to 1998, and as executive assistant to the president at Georgia Tech from 1994 to 1997. Before becoming senior vice chancellor, Papp coordinated the participation of eight University System of Georgia institutions in Yamacraw, Georgia's initiative aimed at helping the state become a world leader in broadband technology.

An international affairs expert, Papp was the founding director of Georgia Tech's Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, from 1990 to 1993; and director of Georgia Tech's School of Social Sciences, from 1980 to 1990. He joined the Georgia Tech faculty as an assistant professor of international affairs in 1973. Papp also has held visiting and research professor positions at Fudan University, in Shanghai, China; the Center for Aerospace Doctrine, Research and Education at the U.S. Air War College, in Montgomery, Ala.; the Strategic Studies Institute at the U.S. Army War College, in Carlisle, Pa.; and the Western Australia Institute of Technology, in Perth, Australia. He has twice

been awarded the U.S. Department of the Army's "Outstanding Civilian Service" medal.

Papp's academic specialties include international security policy, U.S. and Russian foreign and defense policies, and the impact of information and communications technologies on national security and international affairs. He is the author or editor of ten books on these topics, including the autobiography of former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk ("As I Saw It," 1990). He co-authored his most recent book, "American Foreign Policy: History, Politics, Policies," with Loch Johnson of UGA and John Endicott of Georgia Tech. Papp also has published more than 60 journal articles and chapters in edited books.

The U.S. Department of the Army, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Information Agency, the U.S. Department of Education, NATO, Lockheed, IBM, Georgia Power and others have funded Papp's research. Papp has traveled widely in the former USSR, China, Europe, South Asia, Latin America and Africa. He has held a Sloan Scholarship and a National Defense Education Act Fellowship.

Papp earned his Ph.D. in international affairs from the University of Miami, in 1973, and his undergraduate degree in the same discipline from Dartmouth College, in 1969. He is married to Susan Papp and has two sons (William and Alex) and two step-sons (Michael and Benjamin).

Papp has served on the Church Council at Marietta's Lutheran Church of the Resurrection and coached youth basketball and football. He is a past captain of both the Miami, Fla., and the Atlanta Rugby Football Clubs. He also has been a participant in several Friendship Force home-stay programs in Russia.

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<http://www.usg.edu/news/2006/020206.phtml>

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Baseball team battles Georgia Tech in Div. I

Playing in their first Division I season, the Owls faced No. 3-ranked Georgia Tech in a three-game set at Russ Chandler Stadium Feb. 17-19.

Georgia (Feb 22, 2006) — Playing in their first Division I season, the Owls faced No. 3-ranked Georgia Tech in a three-game set at Russ Chandler Stadium Feb. 17-19.

Though they are less than 30 miles apart, this was only the third time that the teams have met. The previous two meetings came in the late 1980s when the Owls were in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program. Georgia Tech won the first meeting, 19-5, in 1987 and Kennesaw State took the second meeting, 12-2, in 1989.

The current series was one of the toughest matches for KSU since the baseball program entered Division I in 2005. Despite the Owls' strong efforts, the Yellow Jackets remain undefeated (6-0).

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The following Kennesaw State University students made the Dean's List or President's List while enrolled for dual credit at Kennesaw State and their high schools through the Joint Enrollment Honors Program. These students are especially worthy of honor because they achieved these grades taking a full load in college while still high school students. Dean's List students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average, and President's List students must achieve a 4.0 GPA for the semester.

American High School:

Kerry Watson - Dean's List

Banneker High School:

Tiffani Wallace - Dean's List

Cherokee High School:

Kristi Jones - President's List

Nicole Taylor - President's List

Meghan Kraft - President's List

East Paulding High School:

Brittany Butler - Dean's List

Etowah High School:

Tyler Beardslee - Dean's List

Christy Boudreau - President's List

Olivia Clark - President's List

Danielle Constable - Dean's List

Christopher Cusomano - Dean's List

Todd Harwell - President's List

Brian Hughes - President's List

Sierra Lynch - Dean's List

Kate McCulloch - Dean's List

Melinda Spratt - Dean's List

Allyson Umberger - Dean's List

Harrison High School:

Lauren Goodman

Kell High School:

Laura Barker - Dean's List

Chandler Smith - Dean's List

Kennesaw Mountain High School:

Kylie Cyktich - Dean's List

Ellen Hill - Dean's List Daniel

Kinley - Dean's List

Taylor McGraw - President's List
Shelton Osbon - Dean's List
Sarah Rountree - Dean's List

Kings Academy:
Jonathan Wood - Dean's List

Lassiter High School:
Jessica Taylor - President's List

Marietta High School:
Hope Gross - Dean's List

North Cobb High School:
Candace Scheibner - Dean's List

Roswell High School:
Lindsey Curtis - Dean's List
Sewoom Hong - Dean's List
Jessica Schlein - Dean's List
Christopher Van Rossem - Dean's List

Sequoyah High School:
Emily Banton - President's List
Laura Schneider - Dean's List

Woodland High School:
Ashley Hittel - Dean's List

Woodstock High School:
Sarah Batchelor - President's List
David Black - President's List
Laura Couser - Dean's List
Alexandra Heil - Dean's List
Laurie Reed - Dean's List
Alicia Veney - Dean's List
Melinda Wilson - Dean's List

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Internationally acclaimed journalist speaks at KSU

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Georgia (Feb 24, 2006) — Students were recently given a reporter's view of the Iraq war from internationally acclaimed journalist Ethan Bronner, who provided them with an understanding of the conflict they cannot get from the nightly news.

"The Iraqi conflict is a very hard story to cover, yet it's the biggest one today," said Bronner, deputy foreign editor of the New York Times. "Every foreign reporter has to take two realms and skillfully combine them for readers to understand. For example, the Iraqis are very different from us, yet they are still similar. They love their children, too, and care about the same things we care about."

Bronner, whose speech was titled "War and Terror: How The New York Times Covers Today's Big Global Conflicts," has covered foreign affairs in places such as Jerusalem, London, Madrid and Brussels for most of his 26-year career.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Lendley Black said that occasions like Bronner's presentation help build upon KSU's institutional commitment to civic engagement.

"Bronner helped us to better understand the struggles people from the Middle East are facing and how their government leaders are addressing them," Black said. "Opportunities like this provide greater intellectual understanding on an international level and enhance civic life for our students."

Bronner's visit to campus was made possible through Kennesaw State's involvement with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the American Democracy Project, a national multi-campus initiative involving 145 public colleges and universities representing more than 1.3 million students. When the project was formed three years ago, KSU was one of the first institutions to join.

Sponsored by AASCU in collaboration with The New York Times, the American Democracy Project aims to produce graduates who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful actions as citizens in a democracy.

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KSU's Coles College of Business Announces New Chair of Accounting Department

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Dean Tim Mescon of the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University today announced that W. Ken Harmon has been chosen to chair the business school's Accounting Department. He will start July 1.

Harmon is currently the Dean of the Else School of Management at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. He previously chaired the accounting departments at University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Middle Tennessee State University and Arizona State University West. He has also been an accounting faculty member at the University of Missouri and at Drexel University.

"In addition to his achievements in academia and research, Ken has been deeply involved in the accounting community, and in the current issues affecting it," said Coles College Dean Tim Mescon, Ph.D. "That's particularly important in today's business world."

"If you look at the fast growth of Atlanta and KSU, it's an exciting place to jump in," Harmon said. "You can see all the potential in the world. I hope to help the Accounting Department of the Coles College become the pre-eminent accounting program in Atlanta, and one of the best in the Southeast."

Harmon's research interests include Accounting Information Systems design as well as internal controls and audits. He has published two dozen articles and written or contributed to three books. In addition to serving as Associate Editor of International Journal of Accounting Information Systems, he has held editorial positions with four other accounting journals, and served on the editorial boards of ten more. He has also been named Professor or Faculty Member of the Year seven times.

His professional affiliations include co-hosting the Accounting Information Systems Research Symposium from 1994 to 2004. He has also held leadership positions with the Institute of Internal Auditors, American Accounting Association and American Institute of CPAs.

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Owls Drop Boston College

Kennesaw State scored six runs in the third inning to give Boston College its first loss of the season in a 6–2 victory at Stillwell Stadium on Sunday afternoon. The win was KSU’s first victory over an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent since they knocked off Georgia Tech 12–2 on May 7, 1987.

Georgia (Mar 1, 2006) — Kennesaw State scored six runs in the third inning to give Boston College its first loss of the season in a 6–2 victory at Stillwell Stadium on Sunday afternoon. The win was KSU’s first victory over an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent since they knocked off Georgia Tech 12–2 on May 7, 1987.

In the third inning, senior Ryan Perry (0–for–3) drew a one–out bases–loaded walk scoring Martin Baker (1–for–3) who reached on a walk as well, for the first run of the day for the Owls. Jay Morrow (3–for–3) followed with a single to right field scoring Matt Dallas (2–for–4) and then designated hitter Andy Hudson (1–for–4) hit his third double of the season bringing home both Perry and Scott Hendrix (2–for–5) to give the Owls a 4–1 lead.

Kennesaw State (4–5, overall) would go on to add two more runs in the frame when Boston College (6–1, overall) brought in Nick Asselin to finish the inning. With one out, Adam Cross hit a fly ball to centerfield that Pete Frates misplayed, scoring both Hudson and Morrow.

That would be all the scoring the Owls needed as Casey Rogers (1–0) came in and shut down the Eagles offense for the final five innings in relief of starter Kyle Muschara.

In Rogers’ first win of the season, he threw five innings of scoreless ball, scattering only two hits and striking out two Eagles hitters.

Boston College scored first in the second inning when Johnny Ayers (2–for–4) lined a one–out single to center field and advanced to second when Shawn McGill (1–for–3) walked. Frates (1–for–2) followed with a single to score Ayers giving the Eagles a 1–0 lead.

The Eagles would add another run in the fourth inning when Ayers reached on a grounder deep in the hole at shortstop. After a walk to Frates, Ayers scored on an RBI–single to right field by Ryan Reynoso (1–for–2).

Kennesaw State's starter, Muschara, threw four innings giving up two runs on four hits and recorded three strike outs.

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Belly dancers shake things up

Belly dancers, moving methodically across the floor, gyrated their waists to exotic music while tapping hand bells as dozens of onlookers watched during the “Love that Belly!” program in the Student Center Feb. 23.

Georgia (Mar 3, 2006) — Belly dancers, moving methodically across the floor, gyrated their waists to exotic music while tapping hand bells as dozens of onlookers watched during the “Love that Belly!” program in the Student Center Feb. 23.

The Counseling, Advising and Program Services Center and the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness sponsored the program, which featured the Dancers of the Harem, as part of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week to highlight the importance of loving one’s body.

During the program, one lucky participant won a belly dance workout video while sample costumes were passed around. The closing act was inclusive with the whole group learning several basic belly dance moves.

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Ethical Challenges in a Global Society: How Can Universities Lead?

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Calendar Item: April 6

Kennesaw State University's RTM Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character is hosting the fourth annual Summit Conference, "Ethical Challenges in a Global Society: How can universities lead?," Thursday, April 6, 8:30 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

Speakers include University of West Georgia President Beheruz Sethna and Utah Valley State College President William Sederburg. The conference is open to all Georgia university faculty, staff and students. The cost is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch and a copy of the Journal of Ethics in Leadership. For more information or to RSVP, call 678-797-2000 or visit the Web site www.kennesaw.edu/ilec/summit. Registration deadline is March 17.

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Abstract

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With a continuing shortage of K-12 teachers, especially those from diverse backgrounds, in Georgia, Kennesaw State University's Bagwell College of Education is pulling out all the stops to encourage the best and brightest high school students to consider a career in teaching. March 13, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., more than 400 high school students from 11 school systems and several private schools will be attending the fourth annual Future Educators' On-Campus Retreat, hosted by the Center for Service, Outreach, and Partnerships. Former Disney Teacher of the Year Ron Clark is the keynote speaker. Clark has appeared on Oprah and is the author of "The Essential 55: An Award-Winning Educator's Rules for Discovering the Successful Student in Every Child." The day begins in the Student Recreation Center.

During the retreat these future educators will be offered several choices of activities. Breakout sessions will be offered on such topics as the exploration of teaching as a career, how educators help motivate students to higher levels of thinking, how to meet the needs of diverse learners and how to integrate ethics into teaching. In addition, an up-close look at campus life through tours of University Village Residence Hall will be provided.

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Symposium to address topic of Jewish women in the South

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Ferris, whose book features recipes for Sabbath Marble Cake, Mimah's Cheesecake, Pecan Kugel and Pesach Fried Green Tomatoes, will deliver the keynote address Thursday, March 16, at 7:15 p.m. to kick off the 3rd Annual Symposium on Jewish Life in the South held at the KSU Center in room 400. The two-day event, sponsored by Kennesaw State University and The Marcus Foundation, is free and open to the public, but registration is requested by Friday, March 10. This year's theme is "Jewish Women in the South."

An assistant professor in American studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and associate director of the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, Ferris teaches a course titled "Shalom Y'all: The Jewish Experience in the American South," as well as a seminar on food in American society and another course on the history of American Jewish women. Her presentation will be followed by a dessert reception.

On Friday, March 17, the symposium will feature speakers Mark K. Bauman, Aleisha Fishman, Canter Brown Jr., Debra Schultz and Hollace Ava Weiner, followed by a lunch provided by the Holocaust Education Program.

For more information or to register, please call Olivia Smith at 678-797-2295. The KSU Center is located at 3333 Busbee Drive in Kennesaw.

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Writing professor finds himself in the company of Flannery O'Connor

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"Her influence ignited the spark that started my career," said Grooms, who has authored several books, including "Ice Poems," "Bombingham" and "Trouble No More."

The Georgia Center for the Book named "Trouble No More," a collection of short stories, to its Top 25 Reading List last spring, propelling Grooms into the company of literary greats such as Flannery O'Connor and Alfred Uhry, whose names also appear on the list. The authors on the Top 25 list were chosen by the public and members of the center's advisory council. The Georgia Center for the Book created the list to promote reading, specifically the novels of those who live or have lived in Georgia.

After learning that his book had been named to the list, however, Grooms faced a dilemma – "Trouble" had been out of print for years. The book was originally published in 1995 by La Questa Press, a small independent company. But the new KSU Press came to the rescue by publishing an updated second edition of "Trouble," which was released in late January.

He credits the enormous amount of support he has received from Kennesaw State, especially the KSU Press, the English department and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, for being able to pursue his literary career, as well as implement his ideas into teaching.

Grooms, who has a 4-year-old son with his wife, attorney Pamela Jackson, teaches fiction writing courses to undergraduate and graduate students.

"When Dr. Robert Hill told me in 1994 there was a spot for me at KSU, the university gave me the opportunity to bring my ideas into fruition," Grooms said. "KSU embraced a more practical approach to teaching writing. It's not just about writing pretty poems but the processes involved in creative writing."

Even though Grooms has attained many outstanding accomplishments, he is not stopping to rest. He won a Fulbright Fellowship last April and headed to Sweden in February, where he will spend one semester teaching at the University of Southern Stockholm. While there, he plans to conduct research about black Southerners living in Sweden for another project. A book of poems is also on Grooms' radar screen.

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Nursing students travel to Puerto Rico for lesson in cultural understanding

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As the No. 2 producer of nursing graduates in the state, the WellStar College of Health and Human Services is equipping its students with the tools they need to interact more effectively with this growing community, specifically through cultural immersion programs.

"I think that in order for students to truly become culturally sensitive, they just can't read about it," Dr. Genie Dorman, graduate nursing programs coordinator, said.

That's why last fall, Dorman, along with Andrea Knopp, director of the Center for Community Health Care, led 10 nursing students approximately 1,700 miles south to the popular Caribbean island of Puerto Rico to interact with residents face to face.

"While I was there, I realized that a lot of the women won't seek medical help unless they are extremely ill," nursing student Caridad Monteilh said. "It was a real eye-opener, especially with me being Spanish. I now know that when I go out into the Hispanic community here, I have to get them to trust me more and really take some time with them."

Because the students were not licensed to practice as registered nurses in Puerto Rico, the sole focus of the practicum was to participate in community events in Aibonita, a quaint town of 26,000 that thrives on the poultry and flower industries. While there, students stayed in local families' homes, attended presentations focusing on Puerto Rican health beliefs at El Hospital de Mennonite and also met with faculty and students at the Universidad Inter Americana de Puerto Rico to find out about their nursing education program. In addition, students provided health education information to residents during the Dia Internacional de la Mujer Latina or International Day of the Latin Woman.

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Owls win one, drop one to Furman

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The second game saw the Owls (13–10) set a school record by hitting three home runs during a 10–run second inning. Keri McKee began the barrage with a home run to center field, and Jackie Warren and April Keasler each followed with their first home runs of the season.

Kennesaw State now travels to Alabama to face Alcorn State in the first game of the Birmingham Southern Tournament.

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Nationally touted educator encourages future teachers

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Speaking to more than 400 high school students from 12 area school systems, Clark told the group in his keynote address that teaching is all about “passion.”

During his time in two of the most challenging classrooms a teacher could face, one in North Carolina and one in New York City, Clark was able to help students discard labels such as “low achievers” and ascend to higher test scores than comparable “gifted” classes.

“Kids want a teacher who really cares about them,” Clark said. “You have to get in their faces and say, ‘Let me show you what I see in you.’”

It’s obvious that this type of attention is garnering amazing results. During a video presentation at the retreat, several children spoke about how Clark has touched their lives.

“He learns from us, and we learn from him,” one student said.

“He’s the only one that believed in me,” another child said, tearfully.

While teaching in Harlem, Clark encouraged 12 students to apply to an elite high school, hoping that at least one of them would be accepted. But to his astonishment, all 12 students were accepted, and several went on to graduate with honors.

In addition to being energized by Clark’s presentation, the future educators participated in sessions on exploring teaching as a career, how to meet the needs of diverse learners and how to integrate ethics into teaching. They also toured the campus and visited student housing at University Village.

“There is a continuing shortage of K–12 teachers, especially those with diverse backgrounds,” Ann Marie Fenton, associate director of the Center for Services, Outreach and Partnerships, said. “This was a hands-on opportunity to learn what, where and how to pursuing a career in teaching.”

KSU is known as one of the top producers of teachers in the state with more than 700 graduate and 2,800 undergraduate education majors. Students who complete an education degree at KSU boast a 96.7 passing rate on the PRAXIS exam, which all state teachers must take to earn a license.

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The NCSC is the only competition in existence that brings the top sales students in North America together with prominent figures of the business world to create exclusive networking opportunities for both students and sponsors.

“Sales has a great future for women. The profession itself has huge growth potential, which opens a ton of opportunities for women to enter the field,” said Megan Walter, 2005 NCSC Product Category first place winner.

During the competition, 70 students from more than 35 universities showcase their sales skills in one-on-one sales presentation scenarios. Each role-play is broadcast live to corporate sponsors, who participate as judges and buyers throughout the competition.

Corporate sponsors have contributed more than half a million dollars to the event since 1999, and nearly 40 companies are expected to sponsor the 2006 NCSC.

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“It’s a centralized way for vendors to come on campus to offer their products,” Margie Drivick, business manager for the Student Life Center, said. “There was a spectrum of items and services available for purchase from jewelry, cosmetics and candles to cell phones and banking services.”

Market Day, sponsored by the Student Life Center, is held during fall and spring semesters.

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How does one know when a law is unjust and should be fought? What are the lessons of Henry David Thoreau, Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., each of whom engaged in acts of civil disobedience against unjust laws? What knowledge and skills did Rosa Parks have that gave her the courage to keep her seat on the bus, and fight an “unjust law?”

These are some of the questions that will be answered during the second annual Student Leadership Training for Peace at Kennesaw State University, Friday, April 7, from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. in Burruss Building, Room 151. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$15 for students and \$25 for the general public.

Students from public and private colleges and universities and students of peace in the general public will engage in a day-long dialogue about the skills and knowledge needed for working with others for the common good.

The program will include workshops to develop skills for peace activism. Workshops include intercultural conflict resolution and developing cross-cultural understanding, the athletic coach as peace maker and the legal process as a strategy for peace building. A hands-on session on the use of technology to get an organization’s message to the public, including how to build a blog, will also be offered.

The peace conference will also include a workshop by Herbert Kohl, author of 40 books, including his most recent “She Would Not Be Moved: How to Tell the Story of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott.” Kohl’s book corrects the often distorted and whitewashed story of Rosa Parks and provides an alternate, more truthful account of the historical event and the intelligent, moral conviction and courage that underscored the Civil Rights—and all social—movement.

The keynote speaker will be Horace T. Ward, Federal Court judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Ward was appointed to the Fulton Superior Court by then-Gov. Jimmy Carter and later appointed to the federal bench by President Carter. As a lawyer in the 1960s, Ward’s clients included Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Charlayne Hunter-Gault and Hamilton Holmes, the plaintiffs in the lawsuit that led to the desegregation of the University of Georgia. Ward’s keynote address will be In Pursuit of Equal Justice Under the Law.

Other speakers include Charles Johnson, a partner in Holland and Knight law firm; Adelina Nichols, Coordinadora De Lideres Comunitarios; Lani Wong, of the National Association of Chinese Americans; Mike Spino, former track coach and United Nations Sports for Peace program; and Kenneth Frank, professor of conflict resolution and legal studies at Brenau University.

For more information, email: globaldiversity@kennesaw.edu, or visit the Web site: www.kennesaw.edu/diversity, or call 770-499-3010.

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Actor brings James Baldwin to life

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Georgia (Mar 22, 2006) — Tony Award–nominated actor Calvin Levels will portray American writer James Baldwin in a solo play at Stillwell Theatre Friday, March 24.

Following a 7 p.m. reception, “James Baldwin – Down from the Mountaintop” will begin at 8 p.m. An audience “talkback” session will conclude the evening. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are recommended.

“Calvin Levels as Baldwin is wonderful,” Vice President for Diversity and Community Affairs Flora Devine said. “When I saw the play in New York last year, it was as if I was spending an evening with Baldwin himself.”

The play, written by Levels, traces the fervent life of Baldwin, who was recognized for his novels on sexual and personal identity, along with his works of nonfiction, plays and essays on human rights. Baldwin, intent on setting the record straight, makes his way back to earth from the ethereal realm to recount his life, from his early childhood in Harlem as a prodigious reader to his involvement in the civil rights movement. The play ends with Baldwin’s death at his home in the south of France.

Baldwin was also known as a familiar figure in Atlanta in the 1980s during the missing and murdered children’s saga. One of his final published works, “Evidence of Things Not Seen,” is about those murders.

The performance, part of KSU’s Black History Celebration, is also part of a larger campus collaboration titled “Bringing Baldwin Back,” coordinated by the Division of Global Diversity, Legal and Community Affairs; the Center for African and African Diaspora Studies; and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

To reserve a seat, e–mail globaldiversity@kennesaw.edu or call 770–499–3010.

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The Governor's Office of Highway Safety awarded Kennesaw State University a grant of \$55,000 to educate Hispanics in Cobb and Cherokee counties about DUI laws and customs, seat belt use and general highway safety. The director of the grant is Alan LeBaron, professor of Latin American history. Staff from the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research are offering technical assistance. The DUI and highway safety program will be taught in English and Spanish, with course content designed by experts in Hispanic culture. In 2005 LeBaron received the GOHS Rookie of the Year Award for a previous Kennesaw State program, Highway Safety for Hispanics in Cherokee County, in recognition of the significant difference the program made in the level of highway safety in the state of Georgia.

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Gov. Sonny Perdue has proclaimed March 27 International Entrepreneurship Day in Georgia.

The proclamation was issued to coincide with an event designed to promote entrepreneurship and international trade among countries participating in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The luncheon symposium, titled “Crafting Business in North America,” will be held March 27 in Room 400 of the KSU Center. Hosted by the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, the symposium is being held in conjunction with the North American Consortium for Entrepreneurship (NACE.)

“Small businesses are a vital source of jobs and wealth for the economies in the U.S., Canada and Mexico,” Gov. Perdue wrote in a letter accompanying the proclamation. “I am confident the symposium will successfully increase knowledge, collaboration and understanding among these companies.”

Speakers at the conference will include Mexican Consul General Remedios Gomez-Arnau; Canadian Consul General Brian Oak; and Georgia Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Mike Beatty. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Economic Development, as well as local businesses doing business with NAFTA countries will participate in a panel discussion. Canadian and Mexican exchange students studying at the Coles College through a grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education will also participate.

“We hope that the information that will be delivered at this event will help many American small businesses gain a stronger foothold in doing business with neighboring countries,” said Coles College Dean Tim Mescon, Ph.D., who will chair the conference.

The state says Georgia’s strong business climate helps foster international entrepreneurship. Last year almost 10,000 Georgia companies exported just under \$20 billion of goods and services to 224 countries.

NACE’s mission is to advance the study and practice of entrepreneurship in the North American business community and develop successful entrepreneurial careers in the expanding market environment arising from the implementation of NAFTA.

In addition to the Coles College, the event sponsors include KSU’s Students in Free Enterprise chapter, the Office of International Services and Programs and the Kennesaw Business Association.

The event is free and open to the public, though reservations are required. Onsite registration begins at 11:15.

For more information, visit <http://coles.kennesaw.edu/pages/sife/nace/index.htm>, or contact Stella Xu at (770) 423-6425 or sxx0245@kennesaw.edu. KSU Center is located at 3333 Busbee Drive in Kennesaw. Directions are available on Coles College Web site at <http://coles.kennesaw.edu>.

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“Just Like Music” week celebration

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The five-day event, March 26–30, will include a comprehensive tribute to music in the African-American culture.

“This is a journey through history, time and music,” Assistant Director for Minority Student Retention Services Nicole Phillips said. “We will continue telling the story of African-American history using notes, sounds and rhythms.”

SCHEDULE:

Sun., March 26: History of Gospel Music, 5 p.m., Stillwell Theatre.

Mon., March 27: The Drum, featuring the Ramanga African CompanyTroupe, 12:30–2 p.m., Gazebo Amphitheatre.

Tues., March 28: Big Band Era, 12:30–2 p.m., Student Center terrace.

Tues., March 28: KSU Cotton Club, 7–9:30 p.m., University Room A (admission fee required).

Wed., March 29: Ol’ Skool R&B Trivia, 12:30–2 p.m., University Rooms C–E.

Thurs., March 30: Four Corners of Hip-Hop, 12:30–2 p.m., Student Center terrace.

Thurs., March 30: Karaoke Freestyle Showdown, 7:30–10 p.m., University Room A.

The entire Black History Celebration calendar can be found at http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/msrs/bhm.pdf. For additional event details, call the African American Student Alliance office at 770-423-6443.

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Literary masters share their crafts at writing conference

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Award-winning author Plattner will speak on Monday, March 27, at 8 p.m. in the Leadership Room. His book of short stories, "Winter Money," won the Flannery O'Connor Award in 1997, and he has been published in journals such as "The Paris Review," "Sewanee Review" and "Georgetown Review."

Cooper, whose poem "Fun" was turned into Grammy-winning song "All I Wanna Do" by Sheryl Crow, will provide insight into the music and songwriting business Wednesday, March 29, at 12:30 p.m. in the Leadership Room. He has published three books of poems, and many of his stories, essays and reviews have appeared in "Poetry," "Ploughshares" and "Crazyhorse."

Cairns, a professor of English at the University of Missouri and the series editor for the Vassar Miller Prize in Poetry, will speak Thursday, March 30, at 8 p.m. in the Leadership Room. He has authored five collections of poetry, including "The Theology of Doubt," "The Translation of Babel," "Figures for the Ghost," "Recovered Body" and "Philokalia: New and Selected Poems."

Visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/english/clwc/index.html> for more information or e-mail Ralph Tejada Wilson at rtwilson@kennesaw.edu.

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Corporate sponsors have contributed more than half a million dollars to the event since 1999, and nearly 40 companies sponsored the 2006 NCSC.

The NCSC is the only competition in existence that brings the top sales students in North America together with prominent figures of the business world to create exclusive networking opportunities for both students and sponsors.

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The Georgia WebMBA, a collaborative program of five Georgia universities, has been awarded a “Best Buy MBA” designation by GetEducated.com’s independent editorial team. A Best Buy designation indicates that the program offers a high-quality distance degree to a national audience at tuition rates well below the national average when measured against competing options in the program’s class (AACSB accredited or candidate MBAs).

The Georgia program was ranked No. 16 based on a fall 2005 GetEducated.com survey of publicly posted tuition rates at 130 distance-learning MBA programs offered through accredited universities in the United States.

The WebMBA program is a consortium of five institutions: Georgia College and State University, Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University.

According to the company Web site, [Geteducated.com](http://www.geteducated.com) operates the only clearinghouse in the United States dedicated exclusively to showcasing accredited online degrees.

For more information contact Joe Bocchi, director of Georgia WebMBA, at (770) 499-3232 or jbocchi@kennesaw.edu.

To view the top 25 programs in the nation go to http://www.geteducated.com/rankings/best_mbaacsb.asp.

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She spoke about things that communities and individuals could do to make the world a place of acceptance for all, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity and gender.

"I feel Matthew with me every day, or I would not do this," Shepard said. "We realize that we must use the voice his death has given us. What I can try to accomplish is to make people aware."

The death of Shepard's son outraged Americans, who protested the anti-gay hate crime rallies and held prayer vigils across the nation.

Now, more than seven years later, Shepard continues her son's legacy through the Matthew Shepard Foundation, which combats social injustices. She has also testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee and speaks to people across the nation to promote a greater understanding of gay issues.

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Melvyn Fein, author of “The Great Middle Class Revolution: Our Long March Toward a Professionalized Society” and Kennesaw State University sociology professor, will speak at Kennesaw State Friday, April 7, from 6-8 p.m. in the Carmichael Student Center University Rooms. This event is free and open to the public.

Fein will discuss his book, explaining how and why the United States is becoming professionalized and what that means to the culture of this country. A professionalized society is one in which more and more people need to be self-motivated experts in what they do, including in their personal lives.

KSU Press published Fein’s book, and the event is sponsored by KSU’s Department of Sociology, Geography, Anthropology and Criminal Justice.

For more information on this event or about his book, contact Fein at 770-423-6599 or mfein@kennesaw.edu.

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While virtually anyone can call him or herself an executive coach, until now it's been hard to know who is actually qualified to give advice to America's corporate leaders. But now a group of academic leaders have formed The Graduate School Alliance for Executive Coaching, or GSAEC, which is taking steps to standardize and grant accreditation to graduate programs in professional executive coaching. GSAEC's goal is to raise the quality, and transform the practice, of professional executive coaching by working with academic institutions to establish high standards of education and training.

"Executive coaching is one of the fastest-growing professions, yet there is no academic criteria for it," says co-founder Stephen Brock, D. Min., a professor at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University. "The seeds for this group were sown three years ago, when I and professors from other institutions began working to address this need."

Brock is the group's secretary/treasurer. Another Coles College faculty member, Mike Salvador, Ph.D., the Acting Chair of the Department of Leadership & Professional Development at the Coles College, also serves on the GSAEC board.

"Coaching has been an integral part of our Executive MBA curriculum at Coles for many years," says Salvador. "Students nominate personal coaches who are then trained by us to serve in that role. The concept significantly enhances the attainment of overall program learning objectives, and also returns the students to their work environments better prepared to coach others, something both they and their employers significantly value. Coles College has truly been a thought leader in the development of effective coaches and welcomes its role in the Alliance."

Both Brock and Salvador have extensive experience in both the business and academic worlds. Brock worked in the mental health field for more than two decades, serving at all levels of management, including CEO. He has served as adjunct faculty at several colleges and universities, created a four year leadership development program, and consulted and coached executives of several Fortune 500 companies.

Salvador has been Co-Managing Partner and COO for Tatum CIO Partners, LLP; President and CEO of The Atlanta Consulting Group, Inc.; Vice President of Dun & Bradstreet Software Services; and a partner with Grant Thornton LLP and Ernst & Young LLP. He taught at the Coles College while serving as the Global Product Manager and Managing Director of Drake Beam Morin's International Center for Executive Options.

GSAEC's first steps include setting criteria for graduate academic programs to offer certifications in executive coaching. The long-term goal will be for select graduate schools to establish and offer degree programs in the discipline. The group's first major conference is planned for the spring of 2007.

Other graduate schools involved in founding GSAEC include Babson College's Management Division; the School of Human and Organization Development at Fielding Graduate University; Franklin University's Ross School of Management; the Division of Graduate Programs in Business at New

York University; the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers; the School of Management at University of Texas at Dallas; the Coaching Studies Program at the Adler School of Graduate Studies; the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania; and the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. Several international universities have also expressed interest.

For more information about GSAEC, contact Acting Executive Director Dr. John Brent, at brentj@franklin.edu or board member Dr. Stephen Brock at stephen_brock@coles2.kennesaw.edu.

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Professor researches drinking habits of young women

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Intrigued by this data, Buddie and three other scholars began an investigation in 2003 called “Women Bar Drinkers: Exploring Risks for HIV,” which received a \$1.26 million grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism through 2007.

“We already knew that alcohol was a huge problem on campuses, but we wanted to delve in deeper,” Buddie said. “We wanted to know whether drinking in bars is risky in terms of sexual assault.”

The sample study consists of 300 women who are 18–30 years old, are sexually active and report drinking in bars at least weekly. For three months, the women call a 1–800 number every day and answer automated questions about where they drank (at a bar or at home?) and about their sexual experiences, including assault and the use of protection. Counselors are available if someone does report being sexually assaulted.

“The research that is out there right now is retrospective, so there are biases and inconsistencies in people’s recollections,” Buddie said. “We are collecting immediate data through very new technology, so it’s less fallible.”

The data is being collected by the Research Institute on Addictions at the University of Buffalo (N.Y.), where Buddie worked from 2001 to 2003. This summer, she and her colleagues will begin analyzing the results of the phone survey to draw conclusions and possibly conduct follow-up research.

“If this turns out the way we think it will, we will be looking at implementing education and prevention programs,” Buddie said.

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Olivia Clark, an Etowah High School senior, is Kennesaw State University's 2006 Outstanding Joint Enrollment Honors Student. Clark earned the highest GPA, a perfect 4.0, in the greatest number of credits of any other Joint Enrollment student. Through the Joint Enrollment program, she will complete her entire freshman year of coursework while still a senior in high school, where she is in the top 2 percent of her class.

In addition to excelling academically, Clark has played defense on the Etowah High School soccer team. An aspiring entrepreneur, she plans to pursue a business degree at Georgia State University in the fall. She was honored at a ceremony at KSU on March 27.

Etowah High School has more students enrolled in KSU's Joint Enrollment Honors Program than any other Georgia high school. Counselor Jeff Bennett notes that Etowah has produced winners of the top Joint Enrollment award in several recent years.

The Joint Enrollment Honors Program is available to high school juniors and seniors who meet admissions requirements of an 1100 SAT and 3.0 GPA in college-prep curriculum. Tuition is paid for through the HOPE scholarship fund. For more information, contact Dr. Katherine Kinnick, director of pre-college programs, at kkinnick@kennesaw.edu.

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The final event of the series, “French Slave Trade Textiles: 18th and 19th Centuries,” will be held in the Sturgis Library April 18. The program will provide the history of cotton textiles. Photos of the unique and brightly colored prints will be on display during the presentation.

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Financial aid fair unravels mystery of funding college education

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With the theme, “Don’t strike out, hit a home run with financial aid,” the fair will bring together current and perspective students, and parents, to learn the ABC’s of financial aid and student loans.

“The process of financial aid can be very stressful, so this event is meant for the participants to have a good time and feel comfortable about asking questions,” Mary Fikes, student financial aid representative said. “We want to remove the mystery of financial aid and educate everyone about the types of aid available, how to apply and how to follow-up.”

Fikes estimated that approximately 60 percent of students attending Kennesaw State receive some type of financial aid.

To get the word out, Fikes said that flyers were sent to area high schools, as well as posted throughout the campus community. Last year more than 350 people attended the fair. There will be counselors from the KSU Financial Aid office on hand, as well as representatives from university lending partners.

Financial aid trivia games, food and door prizes will also be a part of the fair festivities.

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Kemper Anderson, assistant director of Kennesaw State University's Department of Public Safety, graduated from the FBI National Academy program's 224th session at Quantico, Va., in March.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the FBI's National Academy program offers 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies.

"Attending the FBI National Academy has been one of the highlights of my law enforcement career," Anderson said. "The course of instruction was superb, as was the opportunity to associate with such a large group of outstanding colleagues from all over the country and the world. I feel privileged to have been a part of it."

Training for the program is provided by FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

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Thanks to his department and the [Center for Election Systems](#), two different projects — one currently under way and one just completed — ensure that the Kennesaw State name will be tied to voting in Georgia and across the country for years to come.

Our elections work “is one of the best examples of how KSU is providing leadership at the national level,” King said.

The Center for Election Systems has been working with the Georgia secretary of state’s office since 2002 in support of statewide electronic voting. Now the center is helping to roll out electronic Election Day check-in at the polls.

In the short run, ExpressPoll aims to reduce voter lines at check-in stations by cutting from three people to one the number of poll workers each voter must interact with. In the long run, ExpressPoll could allow people to vote anywhere in the state, rather than only in a specific precinct.

ExpressPoll was tested in 14 Georgia counties in November 2005, including 25 Cobb County precincts, where ExpressPoll “worked almost seamlessly,” said Center for Election Systems Director Ray Cobb. The statewide rollout is scheduled for the July 2006 primaries.

Eleven days before the election, a file of all registered voters in Georgia with absentee voters noted, will arrive at the center, said Cobb. Over the next couple of days, the center will duplicate the file onto 6,000 compact flash cards, then overnight them to the counties to arrive one week before Election Day.

The county’s elections officials will insert the flash cards into the ExpressPoll machines, download their county’s voter roll and be ready for electronic check-in come Election Day. County workers also will be responsible for updating voter information, including additional absentee ballots that come in and any early voting that is done during the week before the election.

In a completely separate elections project, King and several members of his CSIS department worked with the federal Election Assistance Commission on new Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. But don’t be fooled by the name; these are not actually voluntary guidelines. Instead, this two-volume document spells out the requirements that voting systems must adhere to beginning in December 2007 for federal elections. At this point, not a company in the world manufactures compliant systems. That’s okay, said King, because “the desire is to improve systems, not endorse the status quo.”

The VVSG went through a 90-day public comment period before being adopted, and KSU was charged with the task of collecting the 6,000 comments — some emailed, some snail-mailed, some through sworn testimony — and organizing them in a way to be usable by the EAC.

“We received a virtual mountain of comments,” King said.

With only two full-time people, a contracted technical writer and several part-timers, including students, King’s team met the EAC’s deadline of Dec. 31, 2005.

“We were on the ground floor of developing a standard that affects every person in the United States in terms of voting equipment of the future,” King said.

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Childers, who played for Kennesaw State in the national championship season of 1996 and in 1997, had a spring training that dazzled the Devil Rays coaches. He finished the spring with a 0.00 earned run average in 12 2/3 innings of work over 10 games and now joins the Devil Rays staff as a relief pitcher.

"It means everything," Childers said in an interview with the St. Petersburg Times. "This is what I wanted to do my whole life. The odds are against every kid trying to make it in the major leagues. Today, I beat those odds."

Childers was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in 1997 and has been with four different organizations during his minor league career. Last season he played for the Richmond Braves before being acquired by the Devil Rays over the winter. At 31, Childers became the second oldest rookie player ever to make the Tampa Bay team. Jim Morris was 35 when he made the Devil Rays in 1999.

"My foot is in the door," Childers added in the interview with the Times. "The hard part is to stay. I'm going to put forth every effort I can and do everything I can to get an advantage and try to stay here."

The right-hander pitcher, who was an All-American in 1996, becomes the fourth Kennesaw State player to make it to the major leagues, joining Willie Harris (Baltimore Orioles/Chicago White Sox), Jason Jones (Texas Rangers) and Brian Mallette (Milwaukee Brewers).

"I am so happy for Jason," said Kennesaw State head coach Mike Sansing. "He is a terrific talent and a great person, a tribute to hard work and character. You have to admire him for the dedication he has put forth towards making it to the majors. I'm very happy that it all came together for him and I know he'll be successful."

The Devil Rays began the season, and Childers his career, on April 3 in Baltimore against the Orioles.

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Proceeds raised through the gala will benefit student scholarships and student learning initiatives in the College of the Arts. Endowed scholarships and programs include the Artist-in-Residence Endowment Fund, the Betty and Joel Siegel Theatre Scholarship, the Robert and Cheryl Moultrie Arts Scholarship and the Visual Arts Study Abroad Scholarship.

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For the seventh year in a row, the Kennesaw State University chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) was named a Champion in the SIFE USA Regional Competition. The KSU chapter, based at the Coles College of Business, was the only school to win all six individual topic competitions at the April 4 event. The students now advance to the National Exposition to be held in Kansas City in May.

“The team worked hard all year, and our impact on our community is clear from the awards in the individual topics,” said SIFE Advisor and Sam Walton Fellow Gary Roberts, Ph.D.

SIFE’s many community service projects included raising funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina, planning a North American Consortium for Entrepreneurship symposium, holding a business plan competition and hosting a Merit Badge University for Boy Scouts. SIFE also held luncheons for elementary and secondary school teachers and tutored low and moderate income entrepreneurs enrolled in a microenterprise program.

The KSU team, which competed against 50 other universities, was judged in categories including market economics, business ethics, personal success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and sustainability. The team won a total of \$4,500 in prize money, which will help fund community service efforts in the coming school year.

Members of the winning team include Ashley Thomas (Team President), Abdel Al-Tamimi, Kamiko Langston, Jennifer Nerron, Tamera Stucky, Tom Smith, Stella Xu and Remi Champaigne.

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As anyone who's ever worked on a networked computer knows, the lost productivity caused by network glitches can make computer users and administrators long to go back to living in a cave. For teams of students from throughout the Southeast, however, glitches just make life interesting.

One Friday in March, seven student teams participating in the first Southeast Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition inherited computer networks with a number of servers that they were expected to update, maintain and secure. The catch: All systems had been misconfigured due to "the incompetence of the previous security team."

The student teams spent Friday afternoon shaping up their networks in order to defend their information when experts from Internet Security Systems and PricewaterhouseCoopers arrived Saturday to probe, attack and harass the student teams and their networks.

Kennesaw State University's Michael Whitman, director of the Center for Information Security Education, who coordinated the event, said, "While similar to other cyber defense competitions in many aspects, the Southeast Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition is unique in that it is focused on the operational task of assuming administrative and protective duties for an existing commercial network."

The competition, hosted by Kennesaw State, included student teams from Chattahoochee Technical College; Kennesaw State University; Southern Polytechnic State University; University of Alabama, Birmingham; University of Louisville; University of North Carolina, Charlotte; and University of South Florida.

KSU faculty scored teams based 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 services and balance security needs against business needs. The student team from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte emerged victorious, with the University of South Florida and Southern Polytechnic finishing second and third respectively.

"Following the success of this event, it is our hope for KSU to host the national competition in upcoming years," Whitman said.

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Nearly 50 lectures, art exhibits and performances have been a part of this year's [country study program](#), which examines one country during an entire academic year.

Yeh's lecture, "Chinese Poetry: From Classical to Contemporary," begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact professor David Jones at djones@kennesaw.edu.

Yeh teaches in the department of East Asian languages and cultures at the University of California–Davis and serves as co-director of the Pacific Regional Humanities Center at the university.

She has conducted extensive research into traditional and modern Chinese poetry, comparative poetics, international modernism and translation. Her publications include "Modern Chinese Poetry: Theory and Practice since 1917," "Essays on Modern Chinese Poetry" and "Poetic Life." Yeh is currently working on several projects, including a book on the tension between modernity and cultural identity in China, an anthology of modern poems on Taiwan and an essay collection on aromatics in Asian and Western traditions.

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Thirty language arts teachers in the Cobb County and Marietta City school systems will be provided a year's worth of training on how to use weblogs to enhance language arts instruction in the classroom. This Kennesaw State University initiative is funded by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The project entitled "Improving Language Arts Instruction through the Use of Weblogs" features a weeklong workshop in June. Key presenters include nationally recognized technology and language arts experts Will Richardson, author of the recently published book "Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts and Other Powerful Web Tools for Classrooms," and Anne Davis, Georgia-based consultant and author of the technology-education weblog EduBlog Insights. Following the workshop teachers will receive a year's worth of on-demand instruction to allow them to maximize their skills in the classroom.

This project was developed and will be overseen by Dr. Earl Holliday, assistant professor in the department of educational leadership in the Bagwell College of Education; Michael Keleher, English instructor in the department of university studies; and Leonard Witt, Robert D. Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication in the communication department.

"We are excited to be considered among the pilot group," said Timothy D. Jones, principal of Marietta Middle School. "We emphatically believe that this workshop will increase the interest level of young writers and readers and give students a creative and technologically savvy way to share information and present their writing."

The project is made possible by an approximately \$46,000 grant funded by the Title II-Part A, Higher Education — Improving Teacher Quality section of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The grant funds approximately 75 percent of the total cost of the project.

"The leadership team's combined expertise ensures the success of the project," said Betty L. Siegel, president of KSU. "Leonard Witt brings expertise in using weblogs and training others in their use. Mike Keleher brings experience in using weblogs in the classroom to strengthen students' reading and writing skills. Earl Holliday, former principal of Campbell Middle School, specializes in working with diverse, at-risk students and in the retraining of public school teachers."

The participating schools include Marietta Middle School, Marietta High School, Cobb County's Central Alternative School and Floyd Middle School.

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The official program, known as Sculpture on the Grounds, is funded by the Visual Arts Committee and began in fall 2002 with a competition. The winner, David Landis, a visiting professor at the time, created the pieces for “On the Grounds I,” displayed in front of the student center rotunda. Sculptures for “On the Grounds II” were installed last fall and this spring. “On the Grounds III” is planned for this summer.

“The program exists to enliven the campus,” Roberta Griffin, art professor and coordinator of the project, said. “Art should not just be on gallery walls. Sculpture on the Grounds gives people a wider view of art and better appreciation.”

Left-hand column, top to bottom:

“Nina II” by Ric Snead

“Leaning Man III” by Viola Frey

“Sculpture on the Grounds I”

Right-hand column, top to bottom:

“Touch Me Not, Creator” by Michelle Cooper

“Da Capa Con Spirito” by Deanna Stonier

“Quetzal” by Robert Witherspoon

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Twenty of the team's 27 members successfully competed on the floor during the competition, executing their carefully planned routine to the beats of Atlanta's top hip-hop groups.

The Owls finished with an 8.79 score behind winning team University of Maryland (9.31) and second place University of Louisville (9.18). Louisville was the five-time defending champion. The Owls placed ahead of teams from the University of Georgia, the University of South Carolina and the University of Massachusetts.

"For us to go up against and place up there with schools like Louisville and Maryland was quite an upset," coach Felecia Ingle said.

Before moving from Division I, the Owls were two-time defending champions in Division II and considered themselves the underdogs in this competition – although they hoped to place in the top five.

"We're really excited about this win," Ingle said. "It gives us a sense of what we need to do next year to bring home a first-place finish."

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1. Maryland – 9.31
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3. Kennesaw State – 8.79
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6. Massachusetts – Amherst – 8.48
7. Rutgers – 8.42
8. Missouri – 8.33
9. Stephen F. Austin – 8.14
10. Quinnipiac – 8.07
11. Florida – 7.93
12. Villanova – 7.91
13. New Hampshire – 7.88

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"I challenge students to change a behavior like overeating or smoking," Johnson said.

"In the case with the student who lost 40 pounds, she utilized lifestyle techniques taught in class and altered her eating habits and stopped smoking. Seeing students change is very rewarding."

Johnson's career, however, has not always felt as rewarding as it does now. She spent 10 years as a physician at Anhui Provincial Hospital in her native China. With a specialization in hematology, Johnson diagnosed and studied patients, usually with fatal illnesses related to a blood disease.

"I grew tired of seeing patients dying on a regular basis," Johnson said. "Emotionally, it was hard for me to cope."

So, Johnson began to think of other career options. When a friend in the United States sent her information about a degree program in health education, she wrote a letter to find out more and was eventually admitted into the program at Western Illinois University.

"It was a big change to leave China and go back to school," Johnson said. "As a doctor at the hospital, I oversaw four to five residents, so it was very challenging to become the student once again."

After receiving a master's degree in health education, Johnson pursued a Ph.D. in community health education from Southern Illinois University. She came to Kennesaw State in 2000 from Florida after her husband was transferred to the area.

After six years on the job, she has already made significant contributions to the university and to the health sciences field. In 2005, she was promoted to associate professor in the department of health, physical education and sport science and received the Distinguished Scholarship Award. Since 2002, she has received three additional awards, as well as three nominations for coveted recognition.

In addition, Johnson has authored many articles and conducted research in health education. Her latest research project examines how African-American women use complementary and alternative medicine and how it relates to their quality of life. She and research partner Gloria Taylor plan to publish their findings soon.

"We believe that there are exceptional findings in this study," Johnson said.

Coinciding with the university's celebration of the Year of China, Johnson has coordinated a service-learning project in China this summer. The two-week-long program, "Exploring Health and Wellness in China," is the first study abroad program offered through the HPS department. Johnson challenges interested students to propose a service-learning project that is health-, fitness- or wellness-related and targeted to the Chinese population. Chosen participants will gain first-hand knowledge of China's health care system, including traditional Chinese medicine, public health and exercise/sports programs.

As she looks forward to her trip to China, Johnson also looks forward to her future at Kennesaw State.

"I really like it here and don't want to leave," she said. "Even though I could earn three to four times more money as a doctor, being a professor at KSU is very rewarding for me."

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KSU's team represented Lebanon during the rigorous, three-day competition, showcasing their debating, negotiating and speaking skills.

Linda Morrisson, faculty adviser to the team, said the competition is intense and takes a lot of 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.”

The Model Arab League program is administered by the National Council on U.S.–Arab Relations.

“As representatives of the Arab League's 22 member-states, student delegates work to achieve consensus on questions real-life diplomats wrestle with daily,” according to the council's Web site, www.ncusar.org. “They vote on resolutions they have written that seek to resolve some of the Arab countries' most difficult challenges. The dynamics and interactive nature of the role-playing among the students stimulate critical thinking, heighten creativity, expand knowledge, and cultivate understanding as no book, video, or coursework ever could.”

KSU's Model Arab League operates under the political science department's Global Society, which also serves as the umbrella organization for the Model United Nations and the Model Organization of African Unity.

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"There is a wealth of expertise and opportunity at Kennesaw State," said Papp, who will start his new job July 1. "But KSU has some challenges, as well."

Budget challenges, he noted, may be eased by the university's first comprehensive capital campaign, which will begin moving ahead in the next few months. In addition, Papp plans to "accelerate" revisions to the strategic plan soon after he comes on board.

"We need to revise this plan every four to six years," he said. "This is something we should be looking at continually, as the needs of our students, community and businesses change."

Regarding academics, Papp said KSU's involvement in experiential, hands-on learning, such as co-ops and internships, is "significantly underway," and he plans to continue emphasizing that effort.

He also believes that KSU is "perfectly situated" for instituting a master's degree in fine arts, as well as doctoral degrees in some disciplines, including education, in the near future.

One of the most urgent needs, however, is for more nursing educators and nurses, he said.

"KSU will be the heart and soul of this effort," Papp said, adding that the Board of Regents has approved the expansion of KSU's accelerated Bachelor of Science in nursing program.

With program increases such as this, he said, the lack of physical space at Kennesaw State will only become a more critical issue.

"KSU is very hard-pressed for buildings and land," Papp said, noting that he will be looking at several models, such as adding noncontiguous campuses, to find a solution to the university's exceptional growth.

The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro, which hosted the luncheon, has a long-standing relationship with KSU, according to President Michael White. This year, the club is sponsoring two local students and will also be providing a scholarship to an international student from Scotland this fall. In addition, the club has paid the way for a KSU nursing teacher to conduct AIDS research in South Africa.

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Geography bowl aims to improve high schoolers' knowledge

A report released in 2002 by the U.S. Education Department revealed that the average geography scores of the nation's fourth and eighth graders had improved but was still low compared to testing done eight years earlier. On a scale of 500, fourth graders improved from a score of 206 to 209, while eighth graders went from 260 to 262. In that same study, there were no overall changes for 12th graders with a score of 285.

Georgia (Apr 19, 2006) — To better prepare high schoolers to succeed in college, particularly in the liberal arts, three KSU professors initiated a geography bowl that is now in its seventh year.

“Geography is important because its emphasis on mapping and trying to understand the ‘why of the where’ ties all the other social sciences together,” said professor Harry Trendell, who started the bowl with professors Garrett Smith and Mark Patterson. “Unfortunately, many students are falling behind in geographic literacy in our country.”

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But Trendell and his colleagues are hoping the High School Invitational World Geography Bowl, which is patterned after college-level bowls sponsored by the Association of American Geographers, will help improve these statistics. The competition is limited to ninth-graders who are taking world geography classes. Area high schools competing in this year's competition are Cherokee, Etowah, Grady, Kennesaw Mountain, Riverwood, Walton, Wheeler and Woodstock.

The bowl will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 21, in the Student Center University Rooms.

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Pool closing to make way for bigger, better amenities

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"The decision to close the pool was an extremely difficult one, but one in the best interests of the university," Dean of Student Success Charles Bowen said.

The average annual cost to maintain the pool is more than \$63,000, and the cost of one staff member to maintain the pool is \$44,720 annually, he added. In 2004, an engineering study said that due to the pool's age and condition, the costs far outweighed the benefits.

For example, less than 10 percent of pool usage is by students, faculty and staff, and, with so many outside groups using the pool, traffic and safety issues, as well as increased liability concerns, have become more significant, Bowen said.

"Along with the decision to close the pool comes a resounding and collective charge to plan for an aquatic center to meet KSU's future recreational and academic needs," Bowen said. "Such a center is part of the KSU Master Plan and will become a reality once funding is obtained."

Bowen added that funding could come from a portion of the student recreation fee, as well as donations from individual and corporate benefactors.

"Everyone involved is committed to an aquatic center, but it's going to take a substantial amount of funding," Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Ralph Rascati said. "Since the pool will be mostly recreational, it is unlikely that we will get state funding for it. It's going to take some time."

Rascati said the aquatic center will probably include an enclosed Olympic-sized pool with a built-in diving area. No location has been determined yet.

Plans for the current swimming pool include filling it in this summer to create additional space for the university's rapidly growing student fitness activities. According to Rascati, the area will be used for spinning and aerobics classes, which are in high demand.

Meanwhile, the university is making arrangements with local facilities for physical education classes requiring a pool. Any outstanding contracts for external users of the pool will be honored through May 26.

"We hope everyone will be excited about the expansion of our fitness programs," Bowen said, "as well as the opportunity to plan for a new aquatic center that will be a vital component of KSU campus life."

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The two groups have met for the last two years as part of the Diversity Exchange Project begun by Michael Ross, assistant professor of middle grades education at KSU. Recently, 10 students from each school came together for two days to discuss teacher education and student-teaching experiences.

“When we go to Clark, we spend the entire day in their education classes, eat lunch together and hang out on their campus to really get a feel for the historically black college campus,” Ross said. “Then they come here, and we do the same thing. The culmination of the project happens when we meet for dinner to discuss the exchange and what the students got out of it, what was different, what was alike.”

Ross’ goal is to expose his students, who are predominately white, to a more diverse setting.

“I have a lot of students who are interested in teaching in an urban school and interested in working with an urban population, which is typically minority,” Ross said. “But they don’t have the comfort level and/or exposure to those situations, so hopefully this program will provide insight to that realm.”

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During the party, more than 100 Francophones and Francophiles engaged in informal conversations in both French and English. A Francophone is someone who comes from a French-speaking country other than France; a Francophile is someone interested in the French culture and language even though he or she may not be fluent in the language.

The gathering attracted faculty, staff and community members, but the main focus was to promote French classes to interested students.

“The French cocktail party provides an opportunity for students to meet others taking French courses, as well as the faculty, in a comfortable and informal atmosphere,” Luc Guglielmi, French program coordinator, said. “They can learn about the French Club, as well as meet other Francophones and Francophiles from outside of the university.”

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Attorney Cole Thaler of Lambda Legal spoke specifically about transgender students and what universities must do to support them legally.

Although the university has not yet discussed following Harvard's lead, Dean of Graduate Studies Teresa Joyce, who is one of the summit organizers, said the issue will arise eventually.

"At some point, KSU will have a transgender student, faculty or staff member," she said. "It's going to happen, so we need to be prepared."

The summit, which is attracting students and faculty from across the state, continues Saturday with registration at 9 a.m. in the Student Center University Rooms. Session topics include "Campus Activism: Creating Change on Your College Campus," "The Color of Fear" and "GLAAD Media Training." Also during the summit, a middle/high school educator will be honored for outstanding support of LGBT students with the third annual Georgia LGBT Educator of the Year Award. The summit concludes at 4:30 p.m.

"This summit sends a message that there's a lot of support at KSU," Joyce said. "It's a great opportunity to bring together people from different alliances at different universities in Georgia for networking and education. It's a chance to discuss how things are going on their campuses, how they can promote change and how they can start an alliance."

This year's summit will also feature speakers Daniel Helminiak, author of the bestseller "What the Bible Really Says about Homosexuality," and state Rep. Karla L. Drenner, the only openly gay member of the Georgia Assembly.

For more information, visit www.kennesaw.edu/safespace

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Admission numbers expected to rise for fall semester

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Georgia (Apr 24, 2006) — As Kennesaw State's reputation for greatness grows, the university is experiencing an increase in the number of new and transfer student applications for the 2006–2007 academic year.

Current data shows that KSU has received 26 percent more applications from incoming freshmen this year than the same period last year, with overall applications up approximately 25 percent.

"We saw this same trend last year," Susan Blake, associate director of admissions, said. "Last fall, there were 3,967 new undergraduate students admitted, and we'll probably exceed that number by about 5 percent this fall."

According to the institutional research and information management's rolling admissions report, 694 freshmen applications have been received, with 298 of those applications being accepted so far. There have been 1,449 transfer applications to date, with 813 gaining acceptance. As the applications are processed, the number of students accepted is expected to rise.

Blake believes several factors contribute to why more students are choosing Kennesaw State.

"We have an excellent reputation for the quality of academic programs offered," Blake said. "Housing has also had a huge impact, as well as the university's location."

According to Real Estate Manager Bob Heflin Jr., the campus has 2,163 beds with a 98.4 percent occupancy rate this semester. The occupancy rate for the upcoming fall semester is currently at 77.6 percent.

In addition to housing, KSU's high standards are attracting more students, Blake said. Several years ago, the university raised its admissions standards, requiring a minimal combined score of 950 on the SAT and a minimum GPA of 2.5.

The application deadline for incoming freshmen is May 27 and June 28 for transfer students.

For more information, visit www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/ugadm.shtml or call 770-423-6300.

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The Center for Professional Selling Corporate Partners awarded merit-based \$1,000 scholarships to seven sales majors at a reception held April 20 at the Jolley Lodge.

“I am very excited about this scholarship because it’s not just any scholarship; it’s a scholarship in an area that I am passionate about – sales,” said scholarship recipient Ashley Thomas.

The recipients of the scholarships are:

Gemma Beylouny, Sullivan-Schein Dental Scholarship

Greg Bishop, Elk Building Products Ethics in Professional Selling Scholarship

Melinda Jones, Federated Insurance Scholarship

Teddi Mathes, Aramark Scholarship

Tom Smith, ADP Scholarship

Ashley Thomas, Assurant Scholarship

Angela Wunderlich, Primary Capital Mortgage Scholarship

The professional sales major scholarship program is one of the latest offerings of the Corporate Partners Program. The Corporate Partners Program is designed to increase the interaction between members of the business community and professional sales majors. Corporate Partners is able to contribute to the enhancement of sales education, as well as develop professional relationships with top sales students. Students also benefit from the program. Each interaction a sales student has with a professional in the field becomes an additional beyond-the-classroom learning opportunity.

“I am thankful to Aramark for the scholarship because it will help me to achieve my academic goals,” said scholarship recipient Teddi Mathes.

A special thanks to the following Corporate Partners for their generous scholarship donations: Elk Building Products, ADP, Federated Insurance, Aramark, Primary Capital Mortgage, Assurant and Sullivan-Schein Dental.

About the Center for Professional Selling

The Center for Professional Selling (CPS) was established at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University in 2003. It is one of the premier educational facilities in the nation that offers training in professional selling. The CPS is committed to enhancing the practice and professionalism of selling and sales management careers by educating future sales professionals,

forging partnerships between the academic world and the business community and conducting research in the areas of selling and sales management. For more information, please visit the CPS Web site at: <http://coles.kennesaw.edu/selling/>.

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Dozens of metro teenagers who've led tough lives are getting help taking a big step toward a positive future, thanks to some Kennesaw State University business students.

KSU's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team, based at the Coles College of Business, is teaching business and entrepreneurial skills to 40 students from Devereux Georgia, a behavioral treatment center for young adults facing emotional and psychological challenges. SIFE will also sponsor a business plan competition April 27, where the teens can showcase their ideas.

"More than 70 KSU students have worked with Devereux residents for six weeks, teaching them business skills and, coaching them to write preliminary business plans," said SIFE Advisor and Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellow Gary Roberts, Ph.D. "In addition to teaching them how to start and operate a successful small business, the SIFE team is teaching them that success is a choice."

Part of the funding for the event came from the KSU team's prize money for being named a Champion in the SIFE USA Regional Competition. The team was the only one in the Southeast to win all six individual topic competitions at the event.

SIFE's other community service projects included fundraising for Hurricane Katrina victims, planning a North American Consortium for Entrepreneurship symposium and hosting a Merit Badge University for Boy Scouts. SIFE also held luncheons for elementary and secondary school teachers and tutored low and moderate income entrepreneurs enrolled in a microenterprise program.

SIFE has recruited several organizations to assist in the Devereux outreach, including the Coles College of Business, Kennesaw and Acworth Business Associations, The Edge, The Cobb Small Business Development Center and the KSU Graduate Student Association. Business plan competition sponsors include the Student Activities and Budget Advisory Committee, KSU Student Life, KSU Graduate Student Association, the Coles College, Frito-Lay and the Marcus Foundation. Several local businesspeople will judge the competition.

Devereux Georgia is a 187-bed facility located near Kennesaw State University. It offers male and female youth individualized treatment programs based on strengths and potential. SIFE plans to stay in touch with the program participants as they re-enter their communities.

The "I Choose Business Plan Competition" will be held on the KSU campus on April 27 from 11:30 to 1:30.

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Kennesaw State University President Betty Siegel recently signed a memorandum of understanding between Kennesaw State and the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America to support an annual Fulbright Visiting Research Scholar in Canadian Studies at KSU beginning spring 2007.

The research scholar will conduct collaborative research with KSU faculty, present guest lectures at the graduate and undergraduate levels and assist the KSU community in providing greater visibility for Canadian studies on campus and in the region. In addition, the scholar will teach one course in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and will participate in the annual conference of the Southern Association for Canadian Studies.

“Canada is Georgia’s biggest international trade partner with annual business in the billions of dollars,” said Richard Vengroff, the new dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. “It is therefore very important that we prepare our students to understand Canadian values, cultures, governance, the economy and NAFTA. Canada provides an outstanding opportunity for our students to study abroad in an easily accessible, stimulating and exciting environment in a very cost-effective way. The new chair will help stimulate interest and provide some of the baseline knowledge that will contribute to successful opportunities for study and research for both students and faculty.”

For more information on the Fulbright Research Scholar Chair at Kennesaw State University, e-mail William Griffin, chair of the department of foreign languages, at wgriffin@kennesaw.edu.

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One of those supporters, Richard (Dick) Anderson, vice chairman of the board for BellSouth Corp., was named Board Member of the Year. Anderson, who is serving a three-year term on the Coles College of Business advisory board, presented one of the award-winning Tetley lectures on campus and has helped increase the visibility of KSU's executive programs facility and sales management center within BellSouth and Cingular circles. In addition, Anderson is credited with helping the Coles executive MBA team secure a premier teaching facility in BellSouth's new building.

"Mr. Anderson has truly been an excellent board member for Coles College and is deserving of this honor," Coles College of Business Dean Tim Mescon said.

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Nursing program will benefit from \$5 million USG initiative

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The USG said the allocation will fund a multi-level strategy to address the state's severe shortage of nurses and nurse educators, existing limitations in the nursing admissions process and the overall lack of adequate clinical training sites for students. In all, 21 institutions will participate in the comprehensive effort, producing new graduates with associate's, bachelor's and doctoral degrees in nursing.

KSU's portion of the initiative will help expand its accelerated Bachelor of Science in nursing program.

"This funding will allow us to accelerate our mission even further," WellStar School of Nursing Chair David Bennett said. "We welcome the opportunity to increase enrollment in the nursing program."

Because of KSU's reputation as the No. 2 producer of nurses in the state, many students apply to the program, but space is very limited, Bennett said. There are currently 347 undergraduate students enrolled in the nursing program and 46 are expected to graduate in May.

"We turn away between 10 to 12 students for every one student accepted into the program," he said. "Every time we open an online application site, we receive anywhere from 600 to 1,000 applications. This initiative will allow Kennesaw State to accept a higher number of students."

The USG graduates more than 2,000 nurses per year – a number expected to increase by more than 400 during the 2006–2007 academic year because of this initiative, according to Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr.

"We will accelerate the production of nurses at as many locations and in as many different ways as possible," Davis said. "The nursing shortage represents a critical issue for the state."

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KSU students first in state to graduate from Hispanic leadership program

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To prepare themselves to work in this global economy, 19 Hispanic students recently participated in the Collegiate Leadership Development course sponsored by the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, becoming the first graduating class in Georgia. USHLI is an internationally recognized Latino organization that conducts nonpartisan voter registration and leadership training programs in 40 states.

The Latino student leaders spent seven weeks learning about university policies, Latino curriculum, student support organizations and financial literacy, all in an interactive, nonlecture environment that featured speakers from the university and business community.

According to Center for Hispanic Studies Director Robert DeVillar, the students met for several hours each week to complete the 21-hour course.

“The program taught me how to become a strong leader and how I can make a real difference in the community,” business major Michael Caravajal said. “The key is diversity – it will help us become more successful in everything we do.”

At the conclusion of the leadership development course, six students attended USHLI’s 24th annual conference in Chicago, networking with other students and attending workshops to further develop their leadership, communication and delegation skills.

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Mulligan Madness raises money for worthy causes

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The event, held at Bentwater Golf Club, was coordinated by 32 students currently taking a facilities and events management class.

“Professor Goldfine gave us the date and we took it from there, choosing sponsors, picking the location and putting everything else together,” sports management student Zach Powell said. “It went extremely well with 106 of 108 players showing up to play. We raised \$10,100, the highest amount generated since the tournament began.”

During the competition, golfers vied for the longest drive, closest to the pin and a hole-in-one, while playing in four-player scramble formats.

“It was a well organized and impressive student event,” George Olney, director of development for athletics, said. “The tournament was clearly on the par with many other charity golf tournaments that I’ve played in.”

Bert's Big Adventure helps children stricken with a chronic or terminal illness to experience a magical weekend at Walt Disney World.

KSU's Sport Management Majors Club provides students with networking and relationship building opportunities.

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Eighty-two Romanian MBA candidates are wrapping up a week-long trip to Kennesaw State University to meet their counterparts at the Coles College of Business.

Students in the Executive MBA program at the Coles College have been working in virtual teams for several months with students from ASEBUSS, the Institute for Business and Public Administration in Romania. The students have been developing projects and presentations together, communicating through teleconferencing, videoconferencing and e-mail. The KSU students went to Romania earlier this year, and now the Romanians are seeing how things are done in America.

“Democracy and capitalism are relatively new to Romania,” says Rodney Alsup, DBA, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, who heads up the international effort. “Some people compare it to what the U.S. faced after the American Revolution; there are great opportunities, but also many challenges. We hope the partnership helps awaken our students to the opportunities overseas, while giving the Romanians a view of what capitalism can accomplish.”

The students toured several Atlanta businesses during their stay, which began Wednesday, April 26 and ends Tuesday, May 2. They joined their American teammates to present their joint projects to faculty members from both universities over the weekend.

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Strutting their stuff

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The show featured an international mix of fashion segments dubbed “White T-shirt,” “Bollywood” and the “Hat Shack.” Models donned a mix of accessories with classic white shirts, blouses and tees during the “White T-shirt” segment; the “Bollywood” selection featured ethnic Pakistani and Indian attire in vibrant reds, plums and teals; and the “Hat Shack” portion showcased fedoras, berets and other colorful hats precisely perched on models’ heads.

During intermission, belly dancers entertained the audience.

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The project calls for an addition to the Wilson Building, which houses Stillwell Theater, as well as updates and modifications to the library and the old social science building.

“These are very practical renovations,” John Anderson, director of facilities planning and design services, said. “Final design plans are not yet complete but are well under way.”

The improvements are scheduled to begin at the end of the year in conjunction with the completion of the new \$22.8 million, 161,000–square–foot Social Sciences Building.

“The new Social Sciences Building will create space that allows other departments to expand physically, but it’s not enough for the growth that the university is experiencing,” Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Ralph Rascati said.

Improving the older buildings, however, is expected to help ease some of the congestion – especially in the music and theater departments, he added.

“By constructing an addition to the Wilson Building, we’re creating sorely needed space relief for the College of the Arts by adding approximately 15,000 square feet,” Rascati said.

The renovations are expected to be completed by summer 2007.

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Best hand wins

Wellness Center organizers took a creative approach to exercising for the annual Poker Walk on the Campus Green April 25.

Georgia (May 5, 2006) — Wellness Center organizers took a creative approach to exercising for the annual Poker Walk on the Campus Green April 25.

Participants warmed up with stretching exercises before taking off on the circular path, walking five laps for a total of one mile. At the end of each lap, every walker received a card with hopes of compiling the winning hand.

“This is the third year for the Poker Walk,” Sherry Grable, director of the Wellness Center, said. “It was created to promote physical activity with an alternative competitive edge. It’s not about who comes in first, but who has the best poker hand.”

There was a tie for the winning hand this year, and both winners received a poker chip set; runners up received T-shirts and water bottles.

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A portion of the William A. Foster Jr. Civil War Collection will be on display for the first time at Kennesaw State University May 12 and 13 during the Civil War Symposium. The symposium, “Robert E. Lee: the man, the general, the legend,” will be held at KSU Center, Friday, 6–8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. The symposium is free for all lectures and open to the public, though registration is required. There is a fee for Friday night dinner or Saturday lunch.

“Foster’s collection tells an important story about north Georgia’s rich Civil War history,” said Catherine Lewis, associate professor of history at KSU. The collection, now owned by Foster’s two sons, William A. Foster III and John Foster, includes Confederate belt buckles inscribed with “CSA,” surgical instruments, letters, Confederate money, an unexploded shell and an 1861 Springfield rifle.

Other highlights of the symposium include a keynote address by Gary Gallagher of the University of Virginia, who has been called the premier Civil War historian in the country. Troy Harman of Gettysburg National Military Park and Earl J. Hess of Lincoln Memorial University will also speak.

For more information and a complete schedule visit the symposium Web site: www.kennesaw.edu/history/CivilWarSym06.htm or contact John Fowler at 770-423-6244 or jfowler2@kennesaw.edu.

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Emilia Trejos, Costa Rica's Consul General to Atlanta, will receive her MBA degree from the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the University's Convocation Center.

Trejos was appointed Consul General in 2002, and decided to earn her Master of Business Administration degree through the Coles College's Career Growth MBA program. She also earned her undergraduate marketing degree at KSU.

"I had a great experience at KSU," she says. "The Coles College has great professors; this was a school where I wanted to stay," she adds. "The school itself has developed enormously. Dean (Tim) Mescon has done such a wonderful job."

She became involved in a diplomatic career through her family. Her grandfather Jose Joaquin Trejos was a former President of Costa Rica, and her late mother preceded her as Consul General. Trejos served as Commercial Attache in Washington D.C. before being appointed to the Consul General post, succeeding her mother.

Trejos says the Career Growth program's flexible schedule helped her manage both her studies and her fulltime diplomatic assignment. She took most classes at night, and also participated in a short, intensive study through the Coles College's "Maymester" program, which takes place at the end of Spring semester. She also took one weekend class.

She said she started her higher educational experience at Georgia State, but Kennesaw State's location appealed to her, especially since her office is near Windy Hill Road. "Another thing that was great was being able to attend MBA classes at the Galleria Centre," she says. "It was very convenient."

KSU is really dear to my heart," Trejos says. "Dean Mescon is just a wonderful person. I'm very thankful I had the opportunity to attend Kennesaw State," she concludes.

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Summer Bridge program seeking African–American male applicants

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The program will help prepare 25 students for college, focusing on academic and social skills. Students will take three 50–minute, noncredit courses, participate in enrichment workshops and develop leadership skills during “Fun Friday” activities.

“The primary purpose of the Summer Bridge program is to establish a connection between high school minority student populations and higher education, where they have been historically underrepresented,” Nicole Phillips, the program’s administrator and assistant director for Minority Student Retention Services, said.

“We especially want students to consider what college life is about and what to expect from it. In addition, we believe that the establishment of expectations will at least serve as a means to stimulate their thoughts about their future goals and aspirations, and the role that higher education plays in providing students access to realizing their dreams.”

The Summer Bridge program is part of the African–American Male Initiative, funded by a \$30,000 matching grant from the University System of Georgia which seeks boost the college enrollment, retention and graduation rates of African–American males.

Applications for the program will be accepted until all spots have been filled. To download an application, go to www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/msrs/summerbridge.shtml or for more information, call 770–423–6443.

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You can purchase your own future masterpiece now through May 15 at the 23rd Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the Sturgis Library Gallery.

"This is an opportunity for people to start collecting art," Meeks said.

The pieces range from \$100 to thousands of dollars, according to gallery director and art professor Roberta Griffin.

"Some of these students are professional artists, and their name is already out there," she said.

The spirited competition, sponsored by the student art guild, was open to all students enrolled at Kennesaw State.

According to Griffin, 90 students entered 200 pieces; fifty-six were accepted.

Original works of art were submitted in the following categories: painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography, drawing, printmaking, graphic design and mixed media/alternative processes.

"I was looking for pieces that were cutting-edge and showed that the artist had found their voice," said Julia Fenton, this year's juror and exhibition director of the Spruill Gallery in Atlanta.

You can view all the entries, including the best in show entry by Baxter Crane, at the Sturgis Gallery, which is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit www.kennesaw.edu/arts or call 770-499-3223.

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Karen Kennedy

Abstract

For Immediate Release

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Thirteen K-12 and university teachers have been selected to participate in the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project (KMWP) Summer Institute to be held June 5-28 at Kennesaw State University.

Since 1994, the KMWP has sponsored an annual institute for competitively selected educators who would like to become “teachers of teachers” through the National Writing Project’s ongoing professional development program. The summer fellows come from every subject area and grade level; from suburban, rural, and urban settings; and from schools serving an array of socioeconomic and ethnic populations. The main purpose of the institute is to prepare talented educators to serve as teacher consultants, able to lead professional development initiatives in their home schools and districts. KMWP fellows are interested in becoming better writers themselves. They see writing as central to learning in all subject area(s), and they are eager to become leaders in education.

A list of the 2006 fellows and their school/university affiliations is attached below.

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The KMWP is a National Writing Project site. For more information visit the KMWP Web site at www.kmwp.kennesaw.edu. For information on the National Writing Project, visit the NWP Web site at <http://www.writingproject.org>.

2006 Summer Institute Fellows

Teacher/School Affiliation

Staci Bernard-Roth
Parkview High School

Sonya Breaux
Fulton Schools

Gael Goin
Lilburn Elementary

Nena Greene
Pope High School

Barbara Lees
Mountain Road Elem.

Jennifer Martinez
Forsyth Central H. S.

Sally Moreland
Tritt Elementary

Jerry Mwangbe
Kennesaw State Univ

Gabriel Pline
Hiram High School

Judith Robinson
Atlanta Public Schools

Christine Selema
Harmony Leland Elem

Rebecca Spears
Carmel Elementary

Mary Stillerman
Smitha Middle School

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Kennesaw State University will host its 80th commencement honoring more than 1,300 graduates in three separate ceremonies.

Speakers will be Sunny Park, CEO of General Building Maintenance and Global Sun Investments; Oz Nelson, retired chairman and CEO of UPS; and Ingrid Saunders Jones, senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Co. and chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation. In addition, the honorary doctorate will be presented to Jack Dinos. Dinos and his family endowed two eminent scholar chairs in KSU's Coles College of Business.

This will be Dr. Betty L. Siegel's final commencement appearance as Kennesaw State president.

When:

Thursday, May 11, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Sunny Park

Graduates from the Bagwell College of Education and the College of Science and Mathematics will be honored.

Thursday, May 11, 2 p.m.

Speaker: Oz Nelson

Graduates from the College of the Arts, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and University College will be honored.

Friday, May 12, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Ingrid Saunders Jones

Honorary doctorate presented to Jack Dinos

Graduates from the Coles College of Business and the WellStar College of Health and Human Services will be honored.

Where:

Convocation Center

Kennesaw State University

Bios of speakers and honorary doctorate follow.

Speakers:

Sunny K. Park

CEO, General Building Maintenance & Global Sun Investments

Sunny Park, the 2004 USO Patriot Award winner and one of the 2005 Most Influential Atlantans according to the Atlanta Business Chronicle and James magazine, is CEO of General Building Maintenance, a nationwide commercial facility maintenance firm and Global Sun Investments, an

international real estate investment firm.

General Building Maintenance, founded by Park in 1983, is a nationwide building maintenance service provider with branch operations in 21 major U. S. cities.

Since 1986, Park's Global Sun Investments has been investing in and developing land in Georgia and Florida for retail shopping centers, residential subdivisions and an office complex. He successfully assisted Morgan Stanley Real Estate and Aetos Capital of New York in investing in Korean and Japanese real estate.

Park served on the White House Commission on Asian Americans. In addition, he is secretary and treasure of the Georgia Ports Authority and was a 2004 elector of Georgia.

To encourage immigrants to become active in community affairs, Park founded the Good Neighboring Campaign. With the "If Sunny Can, I Can" program, he mentors high school dropouts through the Youth Challenge programs of the National Guard in several states.

Park is a former president of the Federation of Korean American Associations in the United States and was chairman of the 1991 Overseas Korean Conference in Berlin, Germany. As a result of his leadership, the United States and South Korea enhanced their relationship in both the business and civic arenas, leading to measurable economic and social benefits for both nations. In 1996, he founded the America Korea Friendship Society to increase understanding between the two nations.

The Daughters of the American Revolution recognized Park's volunteer work with the Americanism Medal and the National Guard Association presented Park with the distinguished Patrick Henry trophy for his decade-long nationwide efforts for high school dropouts. The president of the Republic of Korea has presented Park with the National Peoples Merit medal. Other accolades include the Small Businessman of the Year Award from the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce (1992) and the Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2000) by Women Looking Ahead magazine. He was inducted a laureate of Junior Achievement of Georgia's Atlanta Business Hall of Fame in 2004.

Mr. Park's board memberships include Good Neighboring Foundation, Georgia Ports Authority, Junior Achievement of Georgia, Berry College, Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta, Georgia Public Policy Foundation, National Museum of Patriotism, Shepherd Center, USO Council of Georgia, Emory University and Public Broadcasting Atlanta.

Park has no college degree. He attended Indiana University, the Kellogg School of Management and U.S. Army War College National Security seminars.

Kent C. (Oz) Nelson

Chairman and CEO, United Parcel Service, retired

Oz Nelson is the retired chairman and chief executive officer of United Parcel Service, a position he held from November 1989 to December 1998. He continued to serve on the board until 2002 when he stepped down and ended 43 years of service with UPS.

During his period with UPS, the company made major investments to broaden its global position and its leadership role in logistical services. Among those investments were significant commitments in information technology to assure instantaneous global communications regarding shipment activities.

While at UPS and since his retirement, Nelson has been active with numerous not-for-profit organizations including the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta. He serves on the boards of the Carter Center of Emory University, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Jim Casey Youth Opportunity initiative, the National Museum of Patriotism, the HCA Corp. and the Ball State University Foundation.

He has been active in a number of educational initiatives. He chaired the Partnership for Kentucky School Reform for six years as well as the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. Nelson was appointed to the Georgia Governor's Education Reform Commission and still serves on

the Georgia Education Leadership Committee.

A native of Kokomo, Ind., Nelson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Ball State University in 1959. Ball State has honored him with two awards: the Distinguished Alumni award in 1991 and the Business Hall of Fame Award in 1990. He holds honorary doctoral degrees from several universities. He currently serves as a guest lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Nelson resides in Atlanta with his wife, Ann Starr, two cats and a dog. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Ingrid Saunders Jones
Senior Vice President, The Coca-Cola Company

Chairperson, The Coca-Cola Foundation

Ingrid Saunders Jones is senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Company and chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation. In her capacity as senior vice president of corporate external affairs, Jones directs the vision and involvement of The Coca-Cola Company in community, philanthropic and civic affairs.

As chair of The Coca-Cola Foundation, she leads the company's philanthropic commitment to education. Under her leadership, the foundation has contributed more than \$180 million to education including scholarships and programs for students of color, first generation college scholarships and initiatives to increase the academic success of students in public and secondary schools. In addition, Jones serves on the board of The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, which provides scholarships to high school students from across the country, and Camp Coca-Cola, a year-round program of leadership development, camping, community service and education, which prepares young people for success.

Earlier in her career, Jones spent three years as executive assistant to Maynard Jackson, then mayor of Atlanta, and two years as legislative analyst for the president of the Atlanta City Council, Carl Ware. She is a former executive director of the Detroit Wayne County Child Chare Coordinating Council and also taught in the public schools of Detroit and Atlanta.

A native of Detroit, Jones earned a bachelor's degree in education at Michigan State University and a master's degree in education at Eastern Michigan University. In recognition of her work in the corporate world, as well as her many contributions to civic and community causes, Jones' alma mater, Michigan State University, presented her with an honorary doctor of humanities degree, an award she has also received from the Atlanta College of Art.

A teacher by training, Jones' commitment to education and community development extends beyond the doors of the Coca-Cola corporate headquarters. She is a board member of the Apollo Theater Foundation, Clark Atlanta University, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Girls Inc., the Ohio State University President's Council on Women, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University and the Woodruff Arts Center. She also is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and on the board of the Rotary Club of Atlanta.

Recognition of her work and contributions include the 2005 "365 Black" award sponsored by the McDonald's Corporation, the National Urban League's 2004 Leadership Award; the American Jewish Committee — Atlanta Chapter's Institute of Human Relations Award; the Woman of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Greater Atlanta; the National Council for Research on Women's Women Who Make A Difference Award; the President's Award from Morehouse College; the Ohio State University Foundation's John B. Gerlach Development Award; Georgia State University School of Business Hall of Fame; and the NAACP Legal and Education Fund's National Equal Justice Award — among others.

Honorary doctorate:

Jack A. Dinos

CEO, Southern Tea Co., retired

Jack Dinos and his family have endowed two Eminent Scholar Chairs in Kennesaw State University's Coles College of Business, the Chair of Private Enterprise and the Chair of Entrepreneurial Management.

Dinos was born in Atlanta, Ga., in 1930, the son of John and Gina Dinos. After completing public schools in Atlanta, he attended the University of Georgia's Atlanta Division graduating with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing in 1952. He was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity and a founding member of Pi Sigma Epsilon professional sales fraternity. Following graduation, he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and served as engineering officer on the USS Earl K. Olsen, DE 765, during the Korean Conflict.

Upon completing his active duty military obligation, Dinos returned to Atlanta and joined the 50-year-old family business, Mocha Coffee Co. In 1958, he was named president of the company and held that position until the company was sold in 1968. Also in 1958, he and his brother founded the Southern Tea Co. With Dinos as CEO, that company grew to become the second largest packer of tea products in North America, producing private brand teabags for most of the country's food chains and foodservice suppliers. In 1990, when the company was sold to Tetley Inc., Dinos retired and moved to his Sea Island, Ga., home.

Dinos was active in numerous trade associations serving as president of the Southern Coffee Association, the Tea Association of the USA and the Tea Council of the USA. He also served as a trustee of the Brandon Hall School in Atlanta, the Georgia State University Foundation and on the boards of the Family Enterprise Center and the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University. He is also a trustee of the Kennesaw State University Foundation and an honoree of Beta Gamma Sigma and he is a founding director of the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation.

In addition to the endowments presented to Kennesaw State, Dinos has also endowed a Master Teacher's Chair at the Lovett School of Atlanta. Also receiving endowments are the Brandon Hall School, Coastal Georgia Community College, the McIntire School at the University of Virginia and the University of Georgia, where he is a member of the Heritage Society for having given major unrestricted gifts and two endowed athletic scholarships.

He is a past commodore of the Allatoona Yacht Club, a member of the Sea Island Club, the Ocean Forest Golf Club and the Cherokee Town & Country Club in Atlanta.

Dinos has been married for 52 years to the former Mary Ellen Butler of Atlanta. They have four children: John L. Dinos Sr., Virginia D. Reed, Susan D. Roche and Bart C. Dinos, all of Atlanta, and nine grandchildren.

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Spring is in the air

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The warm weather gave students an opportunity to study outside, take a break from tests or just enjoy the well-kept grounds.

The grounds department handles many jobs, including cutting grass, trimming, fertilizing, eliminating weeds, planting shrubs and trees, mulching and irrigating. The crew also keeps the campus looking beautiful by collecting trash and debris.

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Elementary and early childhood education degrees a popular choice

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During commencement ceremonies this week, 155 EECE undergraduates are scheduled to receive their degrees – the highest number among more than 1,300 graduates.

The number of students choosing to receive a degree in elementary and early childhood education through the Bagwell College of Education has increased more than any other program offered at Kennesaw State. According to KSU's 2004–2005 Fact Book, the early childhood education bachelor program was ranked No. 1 by degrees awarded in fiscal year 2005, awarding 193 degrees.

Kennesaw State is the No. 2 producer of teachers in Georgia, enrolling the most education students both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The highly popular education program has been in existence for more than 20 years and the number of EECE majors and graduates is expected to continue to rise.

“I think the EECE program has been such a success for several reasons,” said Dean of the Bagwell College Yiping Wan. “First, the quality of the program is outstanding, and the reputation for dedication among our faculty is well known. In addition, we are also spearheading a massive effort to certify teachers in the 0–5 age within the state of Georgia.”

The EECE program prepares students to work with children and youth in multiple settings in general education and special education.

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Going for the gold

The typical day at the office usually doesn't involve cheering, water balloon tossing or fun outdoor competition.

Georgia (May 11, 2006) — A typical day at the office doesn't usually involve cheering, water balloon tossing or other fun outdoor competition.

But for some staff members, Wednesday was anything but typical as the Campus Green played host to the 3rd Annual KSU Owlympics.

"Owlympics brings staff together for a fun and exciting time to help build morale on campus, as well as to help make new friends," said Staff Council member Sarah Brooks.

The competition included challenges such as the water balloon toss, tug-of-war and the six-legged race. Despite the cloudy weather, spectators came out to cheer on their favorite teams from the sidelines with signs and pom-poms.

The Owlympics gold medal went to the "Arts Men" and the Sportsmanship Award, which included an ice cream party for the whole team, was given to the "Masters of Education."

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New University College dean named

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Georgia (May 11, 2006) — After a nationwide search for a new University College dean, the search committee found just the right candidate in its own backyard.

Ralph Rascati, a 21-year KSU veteran, was named dean May 8 and will take over for Dean Mary Lou Frank July 1. He will retain his current title, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

University College serves all first-year students, as well as those who choose to pursue a new interdisciplinary degree or participate in one of many interdisciplinary programs. The college also oversees the honors program; First-, Sophomore- and Senior-Year Experience programs; Communities for Learning Success; English as a Second Language; and general education.

“His great work with the University College over the past few years, combined with his national involvement in retention, graduation and general education issues, have prepared him well for this new role,” Vice President for Academic Affairs Lynn Black said.

Rascati said he is looking forward to his new role as dean.

“I’m absolutely thrilled with the prospect of taking the college to new levels of achievement,” he said.

Valerie Whittlesey will take over as associate vice president for academic affairs, assuming many of Rascati’s current responsibilities, such as faculty hiring, tenure and promotion.

For more information on University College, visit www.kennesaw.edu/universitycollege.

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English professor awarded Governor's Humanities Medal

Sarah Robbins has become the second Kennesaw State professor in three years to receive a Governor's Humanities Medal. Her colleague Tom Scott was selected for the honor in 2004.

Georgia (May 15, 2006) — Sarah Robbins has become the second Kennesaw State professor in three years to receive a Governor's Humanities Medal. Her colleague Tom Scott was selected for the honor in 2004.

"Given the number of colleges and universities in Georgia, the occurrence of two winners from the same university is a rare event," said Jamila Owens of the [Georgia Humanities Council](#).

Robbins, one of 11 winners this year, was selected for directing a project funded by the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) called "[Keeping and Creating American Communities](#)". As part of this program, she developed a model curriculum for humanities-based exploration of community life.

"I hope that the work we've done through this project has supported teachers when instructing their students in humanities," Robbins said. "Everything we do is aimed at supporting public outreach for humanities."

She received the medal during the Annual Humanities Lecture and Luncheon May 11 at the Old Georgia Railroad Depot in Atlanta.

The Georgia Humanities Council, an independent nonprofit organization, supports educational activities that help Georgians learn about their heritage and stories.

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Doctoral degree in education approved by the Board of Regents

For the first time in its 43-year history, Kennesaw State University will begin offering a doctoral degree program. The Board of Regents approved a Doctor of Education in Leadership for Learning at its monthly meeting Wednesday, May 17.

Georgia (May 17, 2006) — For the first time in its 43-year history, Kennesaw State University will begin offering a doctoral degree program.

The [Board of Regents](#) approved a Doctor of Education in Leadership for Learning at its monthly meeting Wednesday, May 17. Students will be able to pursue one of five areas of concentration under this degree program: adolescent education and mathematics, elementary and early childhood education, instructional technology, inclusive education or educational leadership and policy. Teachers who want to remain in the classroom but also assume a school leadership role are the target audience for the first four concentrations. The fifth program, educational leadership, is designed for those who want to become school administrators. The degree program will begin next spring.

"Kennesaw State is moving to another level," President Betty L. Siegel said. "This is a significant change."

Though KSU now joins Georgia Southern University, the University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University in offering an Ed.D, according to Bagwell College of Education Dean Yiping Wan, KSU's program is "unique because of its interdisciplinary and international focus."

The international component will include field experience or dissertation research abroad, he added.

Although the degree does involve research, it is a practical or applied doctorate instead of a theoretical one, such as the Ph.D., said Vice President for Academic Affairs Lynn Black.

"Our focus is on professionals already in the field, on helping teachers become better leaders and helping principals become more versed in curriculum and collaborative leadership," he added. "To address school reform, teachers and administrators must work together."

The first cohort of 25 will begin next spring and there's already active waiting lists, ranging by area of concentration from a low of 50 students to a high of 150 students.

"This is the culmination of years of hard work and represents an extremely significant and exciting next step for Kennesaw State and the Bagwell College of Education," Dean of Graduate Studies Teresa Joyce said, adding that this degree strengthens KSU's graduate program, which already includes 18 programs and more than 2,000 students.

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New members join Coles College advisory board

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Terri Thornton

Abstract

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Two prominent members of Metro Atlanta's business community have joined the Advisory board of the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University.

They are:

C. Ross Berry, Chief Executive Officer of Kennestone Cardiovascular Consultants, P.C.

Jill Paradies Nagel, Regional Human Resource Manager for the Southeast Region of The Paradies Shops

The Advisory board helps guide the Coles College in its mission to provide high quality, applied business education for residents of metropolitan Atlanta and the broader Northwest Georgia region.

“The Advisory Board is a crucial part of our real-world outreach into the business community,” says Coles College Dean Tim Mescon, who holds the Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Entrepreneurial Management. “It represents a cross-section of local business leaders from a variety of disciplines including healthcare, manufacturing, telecommunications, public utilities, real estate, retailing, publishing, travel, consulting, professional services and the nonprofit world. Jill and Ross will be valued advisors as we move forward in our mission.”

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Swinging for scholarships

Participants in the 12th Annual Dot Martin Scholarship Golf Tournament didn't play for a green jacket; instead, they helped raise scholarship funds for student-athletes.

Georgia (May 24, 2006) — Participants in the 12th Annual Dot Martin Scholarship Golf Tournament didn't play for a green jacket; instead, they helped raise scholarship funds for student-athletes.

“The tournament puts alumni back in touch with the campus community, and it also attracts new sponsors who have never donated before, exposing them to the university for the first time,” said George Olney, director of development for athletics. “We then see them become engaged with KSU.”

The classic, an annual four-person scramble tournament, was held Monday at the BridgeMill Athletic Club in Canton. The tournament raised more than \$29,000 and played host to 120 participants, who enjoyed a breakfast and dinner buffet, complimentary beverages and snacks, and appreciation gifts.

The Spencer Askew Team won the tournament and received a crystal bowl, a dozen Bridgestone golf balls and gift certificates to Jocks and Jills Sports Grill.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has named Kennesaw State University as one of the Best Workplaces for Commuters(SM) among colleges and universities. For the first time ever EPA is releasing a national list of innovative college and university employers committed to improving air quality, saving energy and reducing traffic congestion while improving quality of life for employees.

The Best Workplaces for Commuters(SM) among colleges and universities list recognizes employers who offer outstanding commuter benefits for their employees. Kennesaw State University was included on this list for offering benefits such as carpooling, vanpooling, guaranteed ride home and CCT program.

“At Kennesaw State University, we understand that workdays do not start at our desk, but at our home,” said Lashonda Scott, coordinator for the KSU Rideshare program. “As employers, we must do all that we can to encourage options to driving alone so that employees arrive refreshed, renewed and ready to tackle the day.”

KSU is one of 72 campuses designated as Best Workplaces for Commuters. These academic institutions distinguish themselves from the competition and demonstrate their environmental leadership by offering commuter benefits meeting EPA’s National Standard of Excellence. For a complete list of Best Workplaces for Commuters among colleges and universities visit www.bwc.gov.

“We are pleased to recognize the efforts made by universities to provide commuter benefits that encourage employees to find alternative ways to commute to work, other than driving alone,” said Margo Oge, EPA’s director of the office of air quality and transportation. “By giving their employees these options universities like Kennesaw State University are helping to improve air quality, save energy and reduce traffic congestion.”

Altogether the campuses on the list reduce the greenhouse gas CO₂ by more than 300,000 metric tons a year, a valuable contribution toward addressing climate change. In addition, they are saving their employees \$86 million in gasoline costs. Kennesaw State University is reducing CO₂ by approximately 1,379 metric tons per year and saving employees in Cobb County \$457,618 in gasoline costs.

To qualify as one of the Best Workplaces, organizations must provide:

At least one primary commuter benefit, which can include a monthly transit/vanpool pass subsidy, cash in lieu of free parking or a significant telework program.

At least three supporting commuter benefits, which can include carpool/vanpool incentives, lockers/showers for bikers or walkers, incentives for living near work or onsite amenities such as day care or dry cleaning.

A central point of contact for information — a person who actively informs employees of available commuter benefits.

Access to a regional or employer-provided emergency/guaranteed ride home program.

For more information contact Lashonda Scott at (770) 499–3321 or by email at

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http://www.kennesaw.edu/ehs/ehs_rideshare.shtml

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Best Workplaces for Commuters is a free and voluntary program that recognizes employers nationwide that offer a comprehensive package of commuter benefits. Participating organizations must meet a National Standard of Excellence as defined by program criteria. Best Workplaces for Commuters improve employee job satisfaction and save money from reduced payroll taxes. Employees enjoy reduced stress and delays caused by driving alone to work and save money by using employer-provided commuter benefits and reducing use of personal vehicles. Visit www.bwc.gov for more information.

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There's nothing like a Sunday evening in summer. The grass is green, the weather is warm and, if you listen closely, you might even hear music coming from the KSU campus. The university's annual Starlight Summer Concert Series kicks off June 11 at the Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater with singer-songwriter Ann Hampton Callaway.

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The jazz and pops series, sponsored by the College of the Arts, is open to the public and will also feature Nestor Torres, Mac Frampton, the Army Ground Forces Jazz Guardians, the KSU Jazz Ensemble and the Cobb Symphony Orchestra. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

"It is an opportunity for families to come together in a casual atmosphere, to enjoy accessible music, see KSU's campus and enjoy a concert series close to home," said Melanie Dobbins, activities coordinator for the College of the Arts.

All performances are \$5, except for the free July 2 concert featuring the Cobb Symphony Orchestra.

For tickets, call 770-423-6650 or e-mail boxoffice@kennesaw.edu. For more information on the series, [click here](#).

June 11

Ann Hampton Callaway

[more info](#)

July 2

Cobb Symphony Orchestra

Movie Themes and Patriotic Selections

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July 23

A KSU Faculty and Friends Evening of Jazz

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Aug. 6

Army Ground Forces Jazz Guardians

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Aug. 20

Mac Frampton & The Three Penny Symphony

Pop Go The Classics

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Sept. 10

Nestor Torres

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Sept. 24

KSU Jazz Ensemble

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College of the Arts student wins prestigious award

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He recently became the first student in the state to be named the [Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival](#) recipient of the Barbizon Award for Theatrical Design Excellence in Costume Design.

Started in 1969, the KCACTF is a national theater program involving 18,000 students from more than 900 colleges and universities nationwide.

Teague, who was selected for his work in the 2005 production of “As You Like It,” joins the ranks of past winners from Texas State University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Portland, Syracuse University and Utah State University.

“When I went to the competition, I had no idea of what to expect,” Teague said. “When they called my name as the winner, I was absolutely flabbergasted.”

But Teague hasn’t had much time to enjoy his fame; he’s already creating and sketching new designs for the play “Urinetown,” which will open in Stillwell Theater fall semester.

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After Memorial Day, the Kennesaw State University Department of Music will launch its first ever music clinic for high school students. The five-day (May 30–June 3) clinic offers a comprehensive music experience for students of orchestra, band, chorus and piano.

More than 50 students in the area have signed up for the clinic. They will will learn from more than two dozen of Kennesaw State’s stellar artist-teachers, including Cobb Symphony Orchestra and KSU Orchestra director Michael Alexander, who has organized the clinic. Students will have daily ensembles, masterclasses, music theory, conducting, dalcroze and other classes to help prepare them as complete musicians. Students also will receive daily individual coachings and lessons. The week crescendos on Saturday, June 3 with performances by the students. Rising seniors who participate in the clinic will be considered for music scholarships at Kennesaw State.

“Michael Alexander and the applied music faculty have done a terrific job building the awareness and relationships necessary to make the music clinic available for high school students,” said Peter Witte, chair of the music department, who also emphasizes the importance of the clinic for the department’s future growth. “As a result of programs like this, KSU’s faculty will be able to make music with great students from our local schools. It’s another way the KSU College of the Arts connects with our community.”

Joseph Meeks, Dean of the KSU College of the Arts in which the department is housed, sees the clinic as a hallmark of things to come. “This is the first of what we hope will be many summer programs for high school students in the future. In the next few years, I’d like to see the College expand music’s offerings and also add programs in theatre, dance and visual arts.”

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Psychology professor receives coveted teaching award

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“I’ve always been interested in trying to understand human behavior,” Smith said. “I never changed my mind about what to major in once I got into college.”

After earning a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Houston, Smith began teaching; thirty years later, he’s still in the classroom.

For his dedication to educating future psychologists, Smith was recently awarded the prestigious American Psychological Foundation’s Charles L. Brewer Distinguished Teaching Award. He will receive the honor and give the keynote address at the [American Psychological Association’s](#) 114th annual meeting this August in New Orleans.

“This is the highest national honor for teaching in the discipline of psychology,” Bill Hill, director for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, said. “It’s just an outstanding achievement.”

Smith began his career at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., where he spent 26 years. He joined Kennesaw State just three years ago and has witnessed the number of psychology majors grow from 500 to 800 and the number of tenure-track faculty double from nine to 18.

“I’m proud to be building on the reputation that our department has already established for excellence in the teaching of psychology,” Smith said.

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This week, more than 50 students are participating in the university's first music clinic for grades 9–12. With programs for orchestra, band, piano and vocal students, the five-day clinic, May 30-June 3, offers a comprehensive musical experience.

"This program builds on the great music education they are currently getting in their schools," said Michael Alexander, director of orchestras and assistant professor of music. Alexander, who is also the Cobb Symphony Orchestra director, organized the clinic.

The clinic includes ensembles, master classes, music theory and conducting, as well as daily individual coaching and lessons. More than two dozen of KSU's artist-teachers are leading the classes, along with guest conductors from across the country.

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The clinic will wrap up Saturday, June 3, with student performances. Rising seniors who participate in the clinic will be considered for music scholarships.

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Art students win national competition

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Thirty language arts teachers in the Cobb County and Marietta City school systems will kick off a year's worth of training on how to use weblogs to enhance language arts instruction in the classroom with the weeklong Blog2Learn workshop June 5-12. The workshop will run Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m., in Burruss Building Room 291 on the Kennesaw State University campus.

Presenters include nationally recognized technology and language arts experts Will Richardson, author of the recently published book "Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts and Other Powerful Web Tools for Classrooms," on Tuesday, June 6, and Anne Davis, Georgia-based consultant and author of the technology-education weblog EduBlog Insights, on Wednesday, June 7.

Following the workshop teachers will receive a year's worth of on-demand instruction to allow them to maximize their skills in the classroom.

This project was developed and will be overseen by Earl Holliday, assistant professor in the department of educational leadership in the Bagwell College of Education; Michael Keleher, English instructor in the department of university studies; and Leonard Witt, Robert D. Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication in the communication department.

The project is made possible by an approximately \$46,000 grant funded by the Title II-Part A, Higher Education — Improving Teacher Quality section of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The grant funds approximately 75 percent of the total cost of the project.

The participating schools include Marietta Middle School, Marietta High School, Cobb County's Central Alternative School and Floyd Middle School.

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In fall 2006, Kennesaw State University will unveil two new exhibitions in partnership with the Atlanta History Center. “Parallel Journeys: World War II and the Holocaust through the Eyes of Teens” and “V for Victory: Georgia Stories of World War II” will become part of the university’s long-term commitment to Holocaust education.

In November 2003, Kennesaw State, along with the Anne Frank Center in New York and the Georgia Holocaust Commission, opened “Anne Frank in the World, 1929-1945.”

“We have been so pleased with the community’s response to the Anne Frank exhibition during its three-year run and are now looking forward to presenting a second, more comprehensive exhibition on the entire wartime experience,” says KSU President Betty Siegel. “No institution has offered an exhibition that focuses just on the teenage experience, so we are breaking new ground.”

Anne Frank is perhaps the most famous teenager in history. Her diary has been translated into 67 languages and is one of the most widely read books in the world. But her story alone does not document the complexity of the war. “Parallel Journeys” tells the stories of dozens of teenagers, not all of them heroic, who were witnesses, participants and often victims of this brutal conflict.

Elie Wiesel (Auschwitz survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner), members of resistance group the White Rose, and Traudl Junge (Adolf Hitler’s secretary) will be included. Teens who survived the concentration camps, hid from the Nazis, led rescue efforts, served as soldiers, remained on the home front or aided individuals who were targets of Nazi oppression, such as the handicapped, Jehovah’s Witnesses and political prisoners, will finally have their stories told.

“V for Victory: Georgia Stories of World War II,” an Atlanta History Center exhibition opening at the KSU Center in conjunction with “Parallel Journeys,” will offer visitors an understanding of the war and its impact on this region.

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Chancellor visits Kennesaw State

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Davis, who said he's on a "listening tour," plans to complete his 35-institution visit by June 16. He assumed USG leadership duties in February.

"It has been a very enlightening tour," Davis said. "One of the things that stood out loud and clear was the great level of support for the university system."

Davis indicated a hallmark of his leadership would be strategically driven budgets, citing the Board of Regents' recent priority funding list for fiscal year 2008 and its potential impact on Kennesaw State.

"We have to put our resources where the need is," Davis said.

Davis also spoke about the new tuition policy that will be implemented this fall. In April, the Board of Regents supported Davis' plan to offer a guaranteed four-year fixed-rate tuition to incoming freshmen.

"It's a signal that we're trying to send to students – we want them to get through in four years," Davis said.

The chancellor touched briefly on other issues, such as improving the graduation rate and higher admissions standards, before heading off to his next stop, Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta.

"Today is my first visit to Kennesaw State," Davis said, "but it won't be my last."

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Graphic design students claim top awards in national competition

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Carol Craig was awarded first place, Alison Timbs earned second place and Nicholas Voss received an honorable mention at this year's National Yellow Pages Association's Collegiate Creative Competition, which asked students to create two print ads and one Internet ad for a fictional florist.

According to professor Carole Mauge-Lewis, who served as faculty adviser, the competition provided real-world experience for students interested in pursuing a career in advertising, marketing or graphic design.

"These awards should shine the light on the strength of our program, the expertise of our faculty and the quality of our instruction, as well as our students," said Mauge-Lewis.

The winners were selected from more than 300 entries representing the work of 573 students enrolled at 67 colleges and universities.

First place received \$3,000, second place \$1,500 and honorable mention \$500.

For more information and to view the winning designs, visit <http://www.ypa-academics.org/cc/>.

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You're invited to a very special birthday party hosted by Kennesaw State University for Arthur Harris, the university's oldest student, who will turn 80 on Tuesday, June 13. He will be feted with a surprise party in the Atrium of the Burruss Building from 1:30-2 p.m. on his birthday.

An English major and dedicated student, Harris will be taken from his class in the Burruss Building by the dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and led to the party. His fellow students are also invited.

If he continues the track he's on, Harris will become the oldest graduate in Kennesaw State history, when he graduates next year at age 81 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Harris and his family, wife Sydell and children Richard and Karen, are the owners of Spa Sydell, which operates eight spas with more than 500 employees. Prior to opening Spa Sydell in 1982, Harris had a successful career in sales and sales management.

During World War II, Harris was stationed in the Pacific and Japan. Following the war, he stayed in the Pacific for several years as a Merchant Marine. He returned home and married Sydell, whom he had known since they were teenagers, in 1949.

After graduating from high school at age 16, Harris briefly attended a New York City college. His insatiable appetite for learning and a love of reading led him back to college at Kennesaw State three years ago.

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During the mandatory, full-day program, students attended sessions designed to help them understand the course registration system, meet new students and find out where to park on campus.

Spearheaded by Counseling, Advising and Program Services, first-year orientation is for students who have recently graduated from high school or have been out of school for an extended period of time but have no previous college experience.

While students were learning the ropes, parents attended an orientation segment on how they could best support their student's transition to KSU. They also learned about services and resources, and toured the campus before being reunited with their children.

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Summer admissions expected to rise by 7 percent

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As of May 30, 10,440 students were registered to take summer courses, an approximately 7 percent increase from the 2005 summer semester. When the final numbers are crunched, Susan Blake, associate director of admissions, believes the university will see a 10 percent spike in summer registration.

“It is part of the growth trend we’re in,” Blake said. “A lot of transient students are home for the summer and need or want to take courses to further their education, so they come to us.”

Another reason for the increase, according to Admissions Dean Joe Head, is KSU’s convenient course schedule, as well as its variety of classes.

One of the many students taking advantage of this convenient summer schedule is Doug Trojanowski, a criminal justice major at KSU. He completed one Maymester course and is currently taking two summer semester classes.

“I’ve found that the summer courses are more relaxed,” Trojanowski said. “Less people combined with less traffic has created a laid-back summer class experience. I’m also enjoying the extra personal attention from my instructors.”

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Gallery director showcases own artwork

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“Transmutations: The Art of Roberta Griffin” opened in the Sturgis Library Gallery on June 7 and continues through July 26.

The 30-year retrospective of paintings, drawings and prints traces changes in Griffin’s style and vision within her work. According to Griffin, there are two underlying themes in her art: the rhythm of the universe and the cycle of life.

“The etchings are more specific evocations of ideas and feelings about the cyclical rhythms of nature and use personal symbols, including woman, the nautilus, the moon and fossil shells,” she explained.

To accompany the exhibit, Griffin presented a gallery talk where she read selections of her poetry relating to her art. These poems, she said, helped her create the works featured in the show and are reflections of her family and other artists who have influenced her.

Although she is retiring, Griffin said she will continue to promote the arts throughout the Kennesaw community by teaching courses as professor emeritus, as well as serving as a board member of Friends of the Visual Arts.

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The class will meet Tuesday, June 20, Thursday, June 22, and Tuesday, June 27, noon-4 p.m. at the site. For more information on Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Site, visit <http://gastateparks.org/info/picketts/>.

To schedule a visit, please contact Terry Powis at 678-797-2174.

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Members of the news media are invited to participate in a free one-day workshop on enhancing skills needed to encourage innovative thinking. The seminar, titled “One Foot Out of the Box,” will be held Wednesday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 464 of the KSU Center. The seminar is hosted by the Business Innovation & Creativity Center at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University.

The agenda includes overcoming blocks to creative thinking, using the creative process to your advantage, exploring how personal preferences affect innovative thinking, and more.

The seminar will be led by Harry Vardis, director of the Business Innovation & Creativity Center and founder of Creative Focus, Inc., a market research firm, as well as center co-founder Gary Selden, a Professor of Marketing and Sales at KSU.

To RSVP, or for more information, e-mail Gary Selden, Ph.D. at gselden@kennesaw.edu.

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Perhaps best known for writing and singing the theme for the television show "The Nanny," Callaway is also recognized for her interpretations of timeless American classics and for adding to the American songbook through collaborations with songwriters like Carole King and Barbara Carroll.

Upcoming shows include a free patriotic concert by the Cobb Symphony Orchestra, jazz flutist Nestor Torres, KSU Faculty and Friends, the Army Ground Forces Jazz Guardians, Mac Frampton & The Three Penny Symphony and the KSU Jazz Ensemble.

Starlight guests are welcome to bring picnics and lawn chairs to the amphitheater. Admission is \$5 for most events, and gates open at 6 p.m.

Table reservations for \$50 are available for parties of up to six. Catering packages are also available for tables, but reservations must be made at least one week in advance.

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According to Program Manager Amy Fike, nearly 500 youngsters in grades 1–12 have signed up for Summer U, participating in classes such as “Crime Lab Chemistry,” “Beginning Creative Confections” and “Computer Game Design,” one of the most popular classes.

“The classes we offer really tap into what kids love to do,” Fike said. “Every year when Summer U comes to a close, we ask for feedback from students and parents to get new ideas for classes.”

Summer U, which runs through July 28, takes place at the KSU Center.

For more information, visit www.kennesaw.edu/coned/kids/camps.htm or call 770-423-6765.

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Kennesaw State's Chief Information Officer Randy Hinds coordinated the day-long June 13 conference that featured expert speakers from nonprofits, corporations and the university.

"The purpose of the conference is to discuss technology – where it is going and what's happening now," said Hinds, who hopes that it will become an annual conference.

"Today is not about the bells and whistles, but the big picture," Hinds said. "It's imperative to look at how technology will drive the future and how this will impact various societies on a global basis."

Keynote speaker Erik Peterson, senior vice president of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a nonprofit public policy think tank, presented, "Seven Revolutions: Scanning the World Out to the Year 2025." He noted that the seven revolutions are: population, resource management, technology, information, economic integrity, conflict and governance.

Additional speakers featured at the symposium included John David Pickering, CEO, Technical Systems Integration, and John Salerno, Jorge Perez and Meg Murray, all from Kennesaw State.

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Since her arrival at Kennesaw, Griffin has worked to develop and increase the growth of an undergraduate visual arts program, as well as raise more than two million dollars in contemporary art donations to the university's permanent collections.

"What I enjoy most about the art program here at KSU is its ability to grow, the exciting students and the university itself for being so supportive of having a strong gallery and art program," Griffin said. "Throughout my career here, it was really nice to see growth occur and be a part of it."

After earning both a master's degree in art education and a diplomate in collegiate teaching from the University of Miami, Griffin began her higher education teaching career at Miami-Dade Community College before coming to KSU in 1983.

Griffin arrived during a time of transition, when the institution was moving from a growing junior college of about 4,500 students to a prominent four-year undergraduate school.

"The emerging college needed enthusiastic and energetic personnel to make this daunting transition," said Patrick Taylor, chair of the department of visual arts from 1987 to 1999. "She came to the art program with the experience, talent, energy and vision to develop a major in art."

Throughout her career, Griffin worked with students, as well as faculty, to ensure a stable and growing art program.

"Roberta Griffin has tremendous energy," said Shane McDonald, coordinator of the Visual Resource Center. "As one of my first college art teachers, she was clearly passionate about art as an important means of societal communication and cultural recreation. She was not afraid to stand up for the validity of the efforts of artists and their supporters."

Griffin will retire in August to devote more of her time to creating art but will stay involved in the university as a professor emeritus and a board member of Friends for the Visual Arts.

"I have learned as much from my students and faculty colleagues as I hope they may have learned from me, not just about teaching but about becoming a complete human being," Griffin said.

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The program, funded by a grant provided by Merck Pharmaceutical and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, provides \$3,000 stipends for five highly qualified and motivated students to conduct interdisciplinary research over a 10-week summer period. Alongside faculty members, each student works on a research project that encourages the use of both chemistry and biology.

“The Merck/2FAAAS grant serves to advocate and cement the interdisciplinary research programs that are currently budding between the departments of chemistry and biology,” said professor Marina Koether.

Undergraduate student Jaclyn Waier’s research, which includes the analysis of the photosynthetic rates of understory plants using a portable gas exchange system, has given her real research experience that will benefit her in her future career.

“The research we are doing is new,” she said. “There is not much out there on the species we are studying. This has been a great chance for me to delve deep into biotechnology. Also, it has taught me quite a bit about what true original research is like.”

Throughout the 10 weeks, students learn skills that will not just benefit them in the scientific field, but in other learning environments, as well.

“This program has exposed me to various research techniques and really strengthened my critical thinking skills,” said senior Sheel Patel. “All in all, it is an invaluable asset regardless of whether my future career involves research or not.”

After concluding their research, each student will give a formal report at the Annual Symposium of Student Scholars, which allows them to present what they have learned to a large academic audience.

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Kennesaw State University will host an in-depth open house for high school students with disabilities on Wednesday and Thursday, July 19 and 20, 9 a.m–3 p.m. The open house is an opportunity for students with a wide range of disabilities to learn of the services offered by KSU to prospective students. The open house is for all high school students, not just those already accepted at KSU. The event is free, but registration is required. For more information contact Lynne Hagen at 770-499-3667 or lhagen@kennesaw.edu.

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The College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University has added an exhibition to its Summer 2006 schedule. “Potters for Peace Filter Receptacle Show” will open with a public reception at 7 p.m. on June 28 in the Fine Arts Gallery at Kennesaw State. The exhibition runs through July 27.

Organized at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, the exhibition, which is also known in the potters community as “The Big Show,” is intended to raise awareness of the clay/sawdust and colloidal silver water filter that is being used in developing nations on five continents. Since 1998, Potters for Peace has been developing and promoting these low-tech water filters to help meet the urgent demand for safe water in rural and marginalized communities. According to the Potters for Peace website, field experience and clinical test results have shown this filter to effectively eliminate approximately 99.88% of most water-borne disease agents. These filters have been cited by the United Nations' Appropriate Technology Handbook and are used by the International Red Cross and the Nobel Prize-winning medical relief organization Doctors Without Borders. The Potters hope that the development of this technology, and its supporting technologies, will provide a much needed cottage industry: the production on a village and semi-industry level of low-tech ceramic water filters.

The filters are primarily intended for household use, ideally as part of an overall water delivery network combined with intensive educational efforts aimed at improving water hygiene. Each consists of a porous clay filter unit perched inside a lidded five-gallon spigoted receptacle of plastic or clay. The filter unit is saturated with colloidal silver as a germicide and disinfectant.

Potter Richard Wukich will present a lecture and discussion on July 12; the time will be announced at a later date. Other exhibitors in the show include Lacey Anderson, Brian Badac, Sharif Bey, Jaime Biggs, Val Cushing, Jim Chaney, Manny Hernandez, Bob Isenberg, Rick James, David Macdonald, Ron Mazanowski, Donna Nicholas, Jeffery Schwarz and Barbara Wukich.

The galleries at Kennesaw State University are free and open to the public. Hours for the Fine Arts Gallery in the Wilson Building are 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Monday–Thursday and 7–9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 770-499-3223.

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Vengroff, whose specialties are Canada and Africa, lived and worked overseas for eight of the last 30 years and has conducted field research and been involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of development projects and exchange programs around the world.

"I frankly knew very little about KSU until one of my graduate students interviewed here and came back to Connecticut with glowing reports," Vengroff said. "I am very excited to be at KSU because it is an extremely dynamic environment in the forefront of innovation in public higher education. It offers the combination of outstanding faculty, applied research programs responsive to community needs and opportunities for students to study in small classes with faculty who take teaching very seriously."

Vengroff is the author or editor of seven books, more than 75 articles in scholarly journals and a series of training materials in project management. He has been the author of numerous proposals and the primary investigator on more than \$10 million of research grants. His current research is devoted to issues of Canadian and Quebec politics, electoral system reform, development management, democratic governance, decentralization and privatization.

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Nearly 100 parents came to campus June 28 to attend one of several orientations scheduled during the summer. While here, parents toured the campus and received the guide, "Helping Your First-Year College Student Succeed." Before the fall semester begins in August, CAPS expects to see hundreds of parents attend orientation.

In addition to the new parent orientation, CAPS also provides year-round counseling, advising and testing services to enrolled students as well as conducts orientation and entrance testing services to incoming students. The CAPS student orientation program has been recognized by the Foundations of Excellence Organization.

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