

Leslie wins prestigious scholarship for graduate study at Cambridge

Senior Logan Leslie has been awarded one of the most prestigious scholarships in the world, the Gates Cambridge Scholarship. The award will cover the full cost of graduate study at Cambridge, estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year.

Sir Alan Fersht, director of the Centre for Protein Engineering and the world's leading expert in the field, invited Leslie to join his research group at Cambridge.

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship, a perpetual endowment started seven years ago by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, enables outstanding graduate students anywhere outside of Great Britain to study at Cambridge. This year, there were 600 nominations from the United States, of whom 124 were invited for final interviews and 48 were offered scholarships.

Leslie began his research in the UWG science laboratories after school as a seventh-grader and has presented numerous research papers on his lab work as a UWG undergraduate student.

"My undergraduate research experience, conference participation and extracurricular opportunities stacked up favorably against the applications of students from much larger schools," he said. "I've been fortunate to have had strong advocates among the faculty at West Georgia, both in the Chemistry Department and outside it. They've helped me prepare for my next stage in my academic career."

Leslie's research at UWG has provided much-needed insight into the processes that lead to protein aggregation, which results in Alzheimer's and mad cow diseases. He would be able to continue that research with Fersht as a graduate student at Cambridge.

Requirements for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship include admission to Cambridge through normal academic procedures, a high grade-point average and graduation with honors from a university.



Leslie, who will graduate summa cum laude in May with a degree in biochemistry, has a 4.0 GPA and has been offered full scholarships from several universities, including Harvard, Stanford, Yale and Princeton. He attended the UWG Honors College.

Dr. Donald Wagner, dean of the Honors College and director of special programs, said he is not surprised that Leslie has been named a Gates Cambridge Scholar.

"Logan is one of the most academically accomplished students ever to enroll at West Georgia," he said. "He holds the record for enrolling in the most honor courses and presenting more research papers than any

other student. I am very confident he will achieve great success."

Leslie's extensive undergraduate research at UWG has attracted notice over the years and resulted in numerous honors, including his naming as a Goldwater Scholar and a member of *USA Today's* All-USA College Academic Team's second team.

"I have always enjoyed the enthusiastic support from faculty and administration," said Leslie. "I turned down scholarships from Emory and Wake Forest, among other places, to attend West Georgia's strong chemistry program, and take advantage of the opportunities for hands-on lab work and original research."

Activist Dick Gregory to deliver MLK Lecture

The Center for African American Male Research, Success and Leadership (CAAMRSL) will host civil and human rights activist, author and entrepreneur Richard "Dick" Gregory as the speaker for the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Distinguished Lecture Series on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m., in the Campus Center Gym.



Gregory was a star comedian who used biting racial satire and shunned the stereotypes of early

black comics in the early 1960s. Inspired by King, he became a civil rights and anti-war leader and ran as a write-in presidential candidate for the Freedom and Peace Party in 1968. He has campaigned for dozens of causes, including the Campaign for Human Dignity to fight crime in St. Louis neighborhoods in 1992.

Dr. Said Sewell, CAAMRSL director and associate professor of political science, said the lecture series helps inspire UWG students.

"We have hit our mark of only bringing quality gentlemen to the university," he said. "Dick Gregory will be the spark needed to light the flame in some of our students."

Sewell opened the center in 2005 to develop and implement programs to help African American males make a successful transition from high school to a post-secondary institution. In addition to the MLK Distinguished Lecture Series, the center sponsors the W.E.B. Dubois Academic Institute, the Black Males With Initiative Program, the Bayard Rustin Community Service Program, the African American Male Learning Community and the Benjamin E. Mays Faculty/Student Luncheon.

The MLK Distinguished Lecture is free, and the community is invited to attend. For more information, call Sewell at x9-4997 or visit the center's web site at www.westga.edu/~caamrsl.

Honors Convocation to reward student achievement

UWG will conduct the 22nd annual Honors Convocation on Wednesday, March 28, in the TCPA at 1:30 p.m. Classes will be canceled from 1 to 4 p.m. so that faculty and students may attend. Morning and evening classes will be held as scheduled. Participating faculty should report to the Black Box Theatre at 12:45 p.m. for robing.

BULLETINS

SGA seeks senators, officers

The Student Government Association is accepting applications for senator and officer positions for the 2007-08 academic year until Friday, March 16, at 5 p.m. Applications can be picked up outside of the SGA office or in the Campus Center, Room 202.

Forum to solicit concerns related to diversity

In response to concerns raised by the recent campus climate survey regarding the treatment of issues related to diversity, the Office of the Special Associate to the President for Minority Affairs will host a Diversity Forum on Friday, March 30, at 3 p.m. in the Hubbard Dining Room.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend to express their diversity-related concerns and possible strategies for addressing them. To help determine potential attendance, individuals who wish to participate are requested to contact **Dr. Jack Jenkins**, professor of psychology and special associate to the president for minority affairs, at jjenkins@westga.edu or x9-5940.

Apply for SOFREA funds

The Office of Sponsored Operations is accepting applications from tenure-earning and tenured faculty for 2007 Sponsored Operations Faculty Research Enhancement Awards (SOFREA) until Monday, April 9. Individuals who have accepted tenure-earning positions for the fiscal year in which the funds are to be spent may also apply, with the understanding that they must be employed full time by UWG to receive the funds and they must be on one of the UWG campus sites during the funding period.

Awards will be announced in the spring, and the funding period will be from July 1 through June 30 unless otherwise specified. For submission guidelines and an application, contact **Dr. John Storer**, coordinator of sponsored operations, at x9-4760.

Exhibits honor Tom Murphy

Exhibits honoring the 83rd birthday of Thomas B. Murphy, former Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, are currently on display in the Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections area of Ingram Library.

Murphy donated his political papers and memorabilia to UWG in 2003 following the closing of his state office, and Special Collections serves as the depository for the collection.

UWG joins in Georgia Military Education Initiative

The University System of Georgia is stepping up efforts to make it faster, friendlier and easier for U.S. military personnel to earn a college degree by launching the Georgia Military Education Initiative (MEI).

This coordinated system-wide approach will expand the degree programs, courses and support services available to every branch of the military.

UWG is one of many universities in the system that will be coordinating the launch and implementation of the MEI. **Jeff Rooks**, lecturer in business administration and a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, will represent UWG during program planning and implementation.

"The soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines living in Georgia deserve every opportunity to pursue their educational goals in the University System of Georgia," said Rooks.

North Georgia College & State University (NGCSU) has been designated the lead institution in the MEI, given its status as the military college of Georgia and close association with the military community. Officials at NGCSU will orchestrate planning and development of the initiative's overall strategy with the support and oversight of the Board of Regents, USG staff and other system institutions, including UWG.

Chancellor Erroll Davis Jr. stated, "Georgia has one of the largest military populations in the nation, and the university system should become a major educational service provider for those men and women who are serving our country through military service."

Georgia has the sixth-largest active-duty population in the nation and is the 12th state in the country to develop an advisory council.

Honors reception

The Richards College of Business recently hosted an Honors College reception for UWG business majors who are eligible to enter the Honors program. The Honors College is the only such college in Georgia and offers such advantages as classes with no more than 16 students, early registration and a free annual trip to Washington, D.C. At the reception, (l-r) **Melanie Hildebrandt**, Honors College administrative specialist; business major Shirley Arhin; and **Katherine Brantly**, RCOB pre-major advisor and IT coordinator, discussed the advantages of being an Honors student.



Four May graduation ceremonies to be held on campus

The university will conduct spring commencement on Saturday, May 5, in the Campus Center Gym because the location, which is now air conditioned, does not require a secondary rain plan. To accommodate all graduates without limiting the number of guests they may invite, four commencement ceremonies will be conducted during the day.

There will be special guest speakers at each ceremony, and the UWG National Alumni Association will host a reception for graduates and their families in the TLC atrium following each ceremony.

Plans call for all UWG commencement exercises to be conducted on campus in the future. Ceremonies will be moved to larger accommodations in the Health, Wellness and Lifelong Learning Center upon its completion, projected for fall 2008.

May graduates will march according to the degree and major they will receive, as follows:

9 a.m.

College of Arts and Sciences undergraduates

- *Degrees:* B.F.A., B.M. and all B.A. except chemistry and political science
- *Majors:* anthropology, art, English, global

studies, history, mass communications, music, philosophy, psychology, Spanish and theatre

Noon

College of Arts and Sciences undergraduates

- *Degrees:* B.A. in chemistry, B.A. in political science, B.S., B.S.Chem., B.S.En.St. and B.S.N.
- *Majors:* biology, chemistry (B.A. and B.S.Chem.), computer science, criminology, environmental studies, geography, geology, mathematics, nursing, physics, political science (B.A. and B.S.) and sociology

3 p.m.

College of Education undergraduates

6 p.m.

Richards College of Business undergraduates and Graduate School

Information on faculty participation in the ceremonies will be distributed by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. All graduating students will receive detailed information by mail from the Registrar's Office within the next few weeks. For more information, visit the Registrar's Office web site at www.westga.edu/~registra.

Undergraduates win prizes in annual Research Day competition

The first-place student winners of the 2007 UWG Research Day competition in early March were each awarded a \$250 cash prize and will now have the opportunity to present their work at the Centennial Big Night 2007 on Thursday, April 5.

Dr. Andy Leavitt, associate vice president for development and alumni relations and professor of chemistry, has coordinated Big Night for nine years and sees it as an opportunity for undergraduates to show off their talents.

"I am very pleased with the high quality and diversity of the chosen projects this year," he said. "I want to encourage everyone to attend this year's Big Night to see the finest that undergraduate student research has to offer at West Georgia."

The first-place Research Day winners and their

advisors in each of the six academic areas are:

- **Arts:** Ian Rowswell of Sparks, "*The Grapes of Wrath* Lighting Design." Advisor: **Tommy Cox**, associate professor of theatre arts
- **Business:** Arlynn Rook of Peachtree City and Scott Digby of Fairburn, "Helping Underprivileged Guys and Gals (HUGG): The Carroll County Foster Parent Organization Promotional Plan." Advisor: **Mimi Rickard**, lecturer in business administration
- **Education:** Cory Ledford of Carrollton and Brandon Bowman of Temple, "The Video Generation: Enhancing Instruction with Microsoft Movie Maker." Advisor: **Dr. Allison Nazzal**, assistant professor of middle grades education
- **Humanities:** Lauren Jenny Lovvorn of Bowdon, "Resurrecting Burials: Liquid Identities of *The Phantom of the Opera*." Advisor: **Dr. Lisa**

Crafton, professor of English

- **Sciences:** Wesley Loveless of Gainesville, "High-Precision U-PB Zircon Geochronology of the Elberton Granite, Northeast Georgia: Preliminary CA-TIMS Results." Advisor: **Dr. Kent Ratajeski**, assistant professor of geosciences

- **Social Sciences:** Sean Dunlap of Carrollton, "Native Transients: A Look at Hiker Culture." Advisor: **Dr. Lisa Gezon**, chair and associate professor of anthropology

UWG Centennial Big Night will begin at 7 p.m. in the TPCA on April 5. A reception and exhibition hosted by the Association of Research and Creative Humanities will follow in the TLC atrium. The event is free, and the community is invited to attend. For more information, call x9-6582.

Johns named treasurer for regional association

Dr. Roger Johns, a lecturer in management and business systems, is serving as treasurer

of the Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business (SEALSB). The organization is a division of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business (ALSB), which works to foster understanding and cooperation between those who teach and conduct research in the field of legal studies and university administrators, faculty, staff and students.

Johns has been a member of the SEALSB for two years and a member of the ALSB for 16 years. His election to office represents a seven-year commitment to the SEALSB, during which he will progress through the ranks to president.



Holland is VP of Georgia Sociological Association

Dr. Laurel Holland, associate professor of sociology, is serving as vice president of the

Georgia Sociological Association, a group of professional sociologists whose objective is to improve research and teaching methods in Georgia.

Holland came to academia after several years in the non-profit sector and strives to teach from an applied perspective. She teaches *Introduction to Sociology*, *Sociological Theory* and *Critical Social Analysis*.



National grant to fund UWG writing project

UWG is one of nine educational institutions nationwide to be awarded a competitive grant this year from the National Writing Project. The grant will fund the Cherokee Rose Writing Project, a professional development program to train teachers of all grade levels in writing instruction.

Plans are being made for the writing project to open this summer as an institute for lead teachers in all grade levels and subject areas. About 200 National Writing Project sites

across the nation conduct annual summer institutes for experienced teachers. Individuals who enroll are lead teachers in their schools who will go on to train their colleagues by demonstrating effective practices and improving their knowledge of writing by examining research and writing themselves.

For more information on the Cherokee Rose Writing Project, contact **Dr. Cathleen Doheny**, associate professor of early childhood and elementary education, x9-6064.

KUDOS

Faculty and staff recognition

➤ **Dr. Jonathan Goldstein** (history) delivered the lecture "The Jews of Manila and Holocaust Rescue" at a seminar on the Holocaust sponsored by the Shorter College Department of History and Political Science and the college chapter of Eta Pi Sigma on March 6.

➤ **Dr. Christine Haynes** (accounting/finance) has had her article titled "The Effects of Client and Preparer Risk Factors on Workpaper Review Effectiveness" published as the lead article in the 2007 issue of the highly ranked journal *Behavioral Research in Accounting*.

➤ **Jeff Rooks** and **Dr. William Lankford** (management/business systems) have had their article titled "Emergency Preparedness and Data Sharing" accepted for publication in the *Ethics & Critical Thinking Journal*. Rooks, who is a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, has also recently completed the U.S. Air Force

Air War College Distance Learning Program.

➤ **Sangwon Sohn** (art) presented "Learning the Southeast Asian Religion and Culture through a Design Project" at the Fulbright Outreach Conference on Teaching and Learning: Focus on Malaysia and Singapore at Clayton State University on Feb. 9.

UPDATE

2007 Georgia General Assembly

The General Assembly has adopted a schedule for days 27-37 of the 40-day legislative session that pushes the session's end into at least the third week of April. Legislative Day 37 is scheduled for April 17. Legislators left the dates for the remaining three days of the session open to allow for maximum flexibility in last-minute negotiations over the Fiscal Year 2008 budget and other bills still in play at that point. The new schedule will necessitate the Board of Regents making budget allocations at a special May meeting instead of at its April 17-18 meeting.

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Campus Upcoming Events

March

16 Friday

- ▷ Intramural Frisbee begins.
- ▷ Thomas B. Murphy Exhibit, Library Special Collections area. See **Bulletins/p2**.
- ▷ Faculty Senate Meeting, TLC, Rm. 1-301, 3 p.m.



17 Saturday

- ▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. North Alabama (2), Cole Field, 1 p.m.
- ▷ Softball: Wolves vs. North Alabama (2), Oil Park, 3 p.m.

18 Sunday

- ▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. North Alabama, Cole Field, 1 p.m.
- ▷ Softball: Wolves vs. Alabama-Huntsville (2), Oil Park, 1 p.m.

19 Monday

- ▷ Spring Recess; no classes through 3/24

20 Tuesday

- ▷ Softball: Wolves vs. North Georgia, Oil Park, 1 p.m.

21 Wednesday

- ▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. Miles (2), 1 p.m.
- ▷ Softball: Wolves vs. Miles, Oil Park, 1 p.m.

22 Thursday

- ▷ *Line Dancing*, C.Ed., through 4/26, 6-7:30 p.m.

23 Friday

- ▷ *Strategic Planning for Managers*, C.Ed., 9 a.m.-noon



Cooney to succeed Murphy as head basketball coach

The vacancy at the top of the men's basketball program has been filled by a familiar and energetic UWG veteran. Assistant Coach **Mike Cooney** has been named to succeed **Ed Murphy** as UWG's head men's basketball coach.



Mike Cooney

Murphy resigned his coaching duties earlier this month after the completion of the 2006-07 season. He will remain as the university's director of athletics.

Cooney joined the UWG staff prior to the 1997-98 season. He has been an integral part of a program that has produced 201 wins and five NCAA Tournament berths, including the 2002 NCAA Division II South Region Champion. He has also contributed to a Gulf South Conference title and two GSC East crowns and coached three

All-America players at UWG.

In addition to his basketball duties, Cooney serves as both an assistant and associate director of athletics for operations for the Wolves' athletics program.

Baseball, softball teams to start GSC season play

The softball and baseball teams will open GSC East Division play this weekend for their 2007 seasons.

The softball team will play a pair of key, home doubleheaders. North Alabama will visit Oil Park for a 3 p.m. twin bill on Saturday, March 17, and the Wolves will host Alabama-Huntsville in a pair of games at 1 p.m., March 18. The baseball team will spend the weekend with North Alabama. The Wolves and Lions will play a Saturday doubleheader and a Sunday afternoon single game. Action on both days will begin at 1 p.m. at Cole Field.



24 Saturday

- ▷ No Saturday classes
- ▷ Softball: Wolves vs. Valdosta State, Oil Park, 1 p.m.

25 Sunday

- ▷ Softball: Wolves vs. West Florida, Oil Park, noon

26 Monday

- ▷ Teacher Interview Day
- ▷ Men's & Women's Golf: UWG Invitational, through 3/27
- ▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$4.50.



28 Wednesday

- ▷ *Introduction to Computers*, C.Ed., through

3/30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- ▷ Honors Convocation, TCPA, 1:30 p.m. Classes canceled 1-4 p.m. See **Honors/p1**.
- ▷ Honors Day Recital, Cashen Hall, 3:30 p.m.
- ▷ Pi Nu Induction Ceremony, Exec. Dining Rm., 6 p.m.
- ▷ German Film Series: *Help, I'm a Boy*, TLC, Rm. 1-303, 7 p.m.



29 Thursday

- ▷ *Publisher*, C.Ed., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- ▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$4.50.
- ▷ Rev. Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Distinguished Lecture: Richard "Dick" Gregory, Campus Center Gym, 7 p.m. See **Activist/p1**.
- ▷ Concert: RazzaMaJazz Quintet, Cashen Hall, 8:15 p.m.