Friday, Aug. 18, marked UWG's 100th birthday, and the university celebrated with a variety of events. A Centennial Tree Planting Ceremony and Birthday Party complete with cake (top left) was the highlight of the daytime activities.

John Frevert, Kristin Etheredge and Sylvia Shortt of Student Development (middle left photo, right to left) were among numerous UWG family and friends who helped plant the first of 13 oak trees on campus to commemorate the A&M School's planting of trees from the original 13 colonial states in 1919. Other events included Chemfest 2006 for prospective students (bottom left), a Geosciences open house and river cleanup (bottom center), a Richards College of Business cookout, a College of Education history presentation and other departmental exhibits and films.

In the evening, UWG made new history by hosting its first black-tie event in 100 years: a Centennial Celebration Gala in the new Campus Center ballroom. About 400 guests enjoyed red carpet treatment, fine dining and dancing at the gala. UWG's highest honor, the Founder's Award, was presented for loyalty, service and friendship to Drs. Anne and Fred Richards (top right photo, center and left), Centennial Steering Committee co-chairs, and to Lucille Commander (bottom right photo, second from right), alumna, volunteer and widow of former President Maurice Townsend. Fred Richards sported a coat embroidered with the centennial logo (middle right). For more photos, visit 100years.westga.edu/august06.html.
A DAY gets cooking for faculty and staff
Melba Haynes (l), postal supervisor, puts the finishing touches on her ice cream dish at the annual A DAY Ice Cream Social for faculty and staff who donated $5 or more during the first days of the A DAY for West Georgia fundraising campaign. In addition to ice cream sundaes and banana splits, the first 100 donors attending each received a free T-shirt with the Wolves mascot emblazoned on the back.

Dr. Kerry Sebera, assistant professor of counseling, won two round-trip tickets from AirTran Airways, sponsor of the A DAY Faculty/Staff Drive. The next social event for faculty and staff donors will be the Faculty/Staff Cookout on Friday, Sept. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Front Campus lawn near Adamson Hall. Donors of more than $100 will be entered in a second AirTran drawing for round-trip airline tickets. This is the third year AirTran has sponsored the A DAY Faculty/Staff Drive, which will end on Friday, Sept. 8.

Designers promise dining experience of the century
Would you like to dine in a hot air balloon or under the eaves of a tree house? How about in a box of chocolates, a closet filled with gifts from Tiffany’s or a scene from the Arabian Nights?

These fantasy dining experiences are being made into reality by UWG interior design students through the Dining Experience of the Century (DECO), an upscale dinner to be held in the Campus Center on Saturday, Sept. 16. DECO is one of the largest student projects to celebrate the UWG Centennial and the most extensive interior design project created at the university. It is also UWG’s first International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Campus Center project.

The event will feature a gourmet meal prepared by a renowned chef and served in exotic one-of-a-kind settings, along with live entertainment and a silent auction.

The idea for the dinner was introduced by interior design students Jessica Dial of Newnan and Megan Georgia of Dahlonega and grew into a class project involving about 20 students.

“We are in the process of creating the most unique dining environment while allowing our community to experience and participate in the infinite possibilities of design,” said Dial.

Sangwon Sohn, assistant professor of art and advisor for the event, said, “This is an opportunity for the community to experience and hear about what these students do. It will really be an evening to remember.”

Tickets for the dinner are $100. Tickets for a reception and tour of the dining hall are $25. All ticket holders are eligible to bid at the auction. For reservations or information on helping sponsor the event, call x9-4952.

Come play basketball!
Faculty and staff are invited to join in informal drop-in basketball games with their colleagues throughout the semester. Games are played on Mondays and Thursdays at noon in the Campus Center (membership required) and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Student Recreation Center.

All ability levels are welcome. For information or to receive occasional e-mail reminders of games, contact Dr. Julie Bartley, associate professor of geology, at jbartley@westga.edu.

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Photo exhibit to focus on India
Internationally acclaimed author and photographer Robert Arnett will display 40 photos focusing on India’s rich and diverse culture, architecture and geography, including sites seldom visited by travelers, in the India Unveiled Photographic Exhibit in the first-floor Art Gallery of the Humanities Building Sept. 6-29. The artist will deliver an opening slide presentation at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Arnett has lectured about India at the Smithsonian, Harvard, Yale and Stanford. His photographic album India Unveiled has won three national book awards, and he is the author of Finders Keepers?, a children’s book set in India that has won five national book awards. He will sign copies of his books after the slide presentation. For more information, visit www.atmanpress.com or contact Dr. Jonathan Goldstein, professor of history, at x9-6094.

Responsible Sexuality Committee to present annual fall forum
The Responsible Sexuality Committee will present its annual fall forum, Let’s Talk About Sex, in the TCPA on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Targeted primarily at freshmen and sophomores, the forum provides an opportunity for students to ask questions about human sexuality to help them make better, more informed decisions about sex.

This year’s theme is “Respect: Personal, Local and Global,” and panelists will include a gynecologist, rape crisis counselor, health educator and psychologist.

The program is free, but students must obtain tickets from the TCPA starting Tuesday, Sept. 5. For more information, contact Dr. Amy Cuomo, co-chair of the Responsible Sexuality Committee, at x9-4703. To provide extra credit to students for attending, e-mail Debra Dugan, health educator, at ddugan@westga.edu.

Grammy-winning folk artist to kick off TCPA season
The TCPA will kick off its 18th season at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, with Tom Chapin and Friends, a musical act featuring three-time Grammy award winner Tom Chapin.

The New York Times calls Chapin “one of the great personalities in contemporary folk music.” His career spans 30 years as a prolific songwriter and performer and ranges from a lead in a Broadway musical to a cameo in The Manchurian Candidate and TV roles as host of Make a Wish and National Geographic Explorer. He has released 17 CDs for preschoolers, adults and all ages in between.

Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for seniors, $5 for UWG students and $3 for children. Discount pricing is available for groups of 12 or more and for subscription tickets for three or more shows. For reservations, call x9-4722 or visit the TCPA box office.

Folk artist Tom Chapin (r) and collaborators Michael Mark (l) and Jon Cobert (c) will sing and play more than a dozen instruments, including the marimba, piano, synthesizer, accordion, bass and guitar.
Honors students tie for national lead in NCHC research presentations

Ten Honors College students will present their research to the prestigious National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) in November. Their selection marks the 15th consecutive year that West Georgia students have had research proposals accepted for presentation at the council’s annual meeting.

It is also the seventh time in the past nine years that no college or university in the nation has had more research proposals accepted for presentation than UWG. This year, UWG tied for the most proposals accepted with the University of Alabama-Birmingham, a much larger institution.

Being selected is no small achievement. The NCHC is the nation’s preeminent organization for undergraduate research. The Honors College must meet certain NCHC criteria, and students and mentors dedicate months and sometimes years of study, research and collaboration toward a project.

The tribute highlights the university’s reputation for competing and winning at the academic level of larger research universities, including the University of Georgia and Southern Polytechnic State University.

Dr. Donald Wagner, dean of the Honors College, said that only about 10 percent of research proposals submitted to the NCHC are accepted each year for presentation.

“It is, consequently, a remarkable achievement for our students and the faculty members who help them for our students to do so well,” Wagner said. “It is a testimony of the hard work and dedication of the students and the work and dedication of their mentors.”

This year’s conference will take place Nov. 15-19 in Philadelphia with a theme of “Liberty: Foundation for Inquiry, Innovation, and Invention.”

The students who will make presentations this year are: Kelly Antion of Cartersville; Emily Briegel of Canton; Reba Cox of Norman, Okla.; Lorri Dee Dukes of Douglasville; Idoreyin Esenyie of Lithia Springs; Jessica Henry of Braselton; Logan Leslie and Adam Woodward of Carrollton; Brannen Morris of Armuchee; and Everett Smith of Marietta.

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Kudos

Dr. Ben de Mayo (physics) has received a renewal to his grant from the Georgia Space Grant Consortium—NASA with an increase of 51 percent to $34,500. De Mayo plans to continue working with undergraduate researchers investigating carbon nanotubes, analyzing downloaded photos of Mars using digital photography techniques, and designing, constructing and flight testing a virtual composite ultralight aircraft.

Dr. Jonathan Goldstein (history) delivered the lecture “The Jews of Harbin (China), Ehud Olmert’s Extraordinary Ancestral Home Town” for the University of Birmingham (U.K.) Department of Theology and Religion and the Birmingham Society for Jewish Studies on May 17, and on May 24 he lectured on “Jews and Jewish Identity in Singapore and Manila” at the University of Birmingham (U.K.) Department of Theology and Religion.

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Spinning a new web

Members of the Web Redesign Committee launched a redesign of the university web site on Aug. 22 with a ribbon cutting in Cobb Hall. According to Lisa Ledbetter, committee chair, the redesign was focused on marketing to external audiences, primarily prospective students. Attending the ribbon cutting along with Acting President Tim Hynes (sixth from l) were (l-r) committee members Dr. Scot Lingrell, Kathy Kral, Ledbetter, Steven Broome, Madison Bryan, Katherine Brantly, Julie Lineback, Dr. Melanie Clay and Jerry Mock. Committee members not pictured are Dr. Will Lloyd and Mike Russell.

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Season opens with mixed results for five Wolves teams

UWG opened its first season as the Wolves last weekend with action for five sports teams. Wolves volleyball was the first team to take on competition. After dropping games on Friday to Northwood (Mich.) and Ashland (Ohio), the team bounced back for a pair of Saturday wins over Edinboro (Penn.) and Lewis (Ill.) in the UWF-Comfort INN-vitational in Florida.

Despite a strong effort, the soccer team also fell in its season opener Friday against Division I Coastal Carolina, but will return to action this weekend for matches against Tampa and Columbus State in Columbus. The team’s home opener with Eckerd is set for Friday, Sept. 8.

Led by new coach Frank Butts, both UWG cross country teams turned in solid efforts Saturday morning and gained second-place finishes against a large field in the Berry College Country Relay Invitational.

Wolves football and 14th-ranked Presbyterian staged a defensive struggle at Grisham on Saturday night. Though UWG held the powerful Blue Hose attack to under 200 yards total offense, it was enough to get the win as Presbyterian knocked off the Wolves, 10-0. The Wolves will return to action Saturday, Sept. 9, at Division I-AA Furman.

September

1 Friday
▷ Graduation application deadline for spring 2007
▷ A DAY Faculty/Staff Cookout, Front Campus Lawn near Adamson Hall, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for faculty/staff donors of $5 or more. See A DAY/p2.

2 Saturday
▷ No Saturday classes
▷ Faculty/Staff Basketball, Student Rec. Center, 10 a.m. See Bulletins/p2.

4 Monday
▷ MAP Academic Rap Session, UCC, Rm. 207, 4 p.m.
▷ French Film Series: La Grande Seduction, TLC, Rm. 1-303, 7 p.m.

5 Tuesday
▷ Labor Day Holiday: no classes; offices closed

6 Wednesday
▷ College Success Seminar: How to Read a Textbook, UCC, Rm. 312, 4 p.m.
▷ Volleyball: Wolves vs. Augusta State, 6 p.m.

7 Thursday
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.

8 Friday
▷ Univ. Club Happy Hour, home of Dr. Tim & Barbara Chowns, 5-8 p.m.
▷ Soccer: Wolves vs. Eckerd, Observatory Field, 5 p.m.

9 Saturday
▷ Faculty/Staff Basketball, Student Rec. Center, 10 a.m.
▷ Football: Wolves at Furman University; Greenville, S.C.; 6 p.m.

10 Sunday
▷ Soccer: Wolves vs. Lynn, Observatory Field, noon

11 Monday
▷ Registration for Intramural Gulf Kayaking Trip, through 9/20
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, upper-level Z-6 near Hubbard Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ Faculty/Staff Basketball, Campus Center, noon
▷ EXCEL Center Film: Gandhi, Campus Center Ballroom, 7 p.m.

12 Tuesday
▷ College Success Seminar: Know Your Learning Style, UCC, Rm. 312, 4 p.m.
▷ Responsible Sexuality Annual Fall Forum: Let’s Talk About Sex, TCPA, 7:30-9 p.m. See Bulletins/p2.

13 Wednesday
▷ Volunteer Fair
▷ Miller Analogies Test, also 9/14, Strozier, Rm. 121, 3:30-5 p.m.
▷ MAP Academic Rap Session, UCC, Rm. 207, 4 p.m.

14 Thursday
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, upper-level Z-6 near Hubbard Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ Faculty/Staff Basketball, Campus Center, noon
▷ Career Services Workshops: How to Dress (& More) for Success, UCC, Rm. 312, 11 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
▷ Spanish Cine Club: Voces Inocentes, TLC, Rm. 1-203, 7 p.m.
▷ Tom Chapin & Friends, TCPA, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults, $10; seniors, $7; UWG students, $5; children, $3. See Grammy-winning/p2.