Cookout to thank community for UWG support

To say “Thank You” to the citizens of Carroll County for their support of the university over the past 100 years, UWG will host a Centennial Community Appreciation Cookout on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Front Campus lawn. Everyone is welcome to attend the free event.

A performance by the UWG Marching Band at 4:30 p.m. will be a highlight. Hamburgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings, including vegetarian chili, will be available during the event, which has been patterned after a tradition of long ago.

“Beginning in the early days of the A&M School, UWG’s predecessor, and throughout the decades, covered dish lunches and cookouts have often been held on front campus,” said Lisa Ledbetter, director of university communications and marketing and member of the Centennial Celebration Steering Committee.

“We plan to recreate this tradition, but without asking the community to bring their own food!”

Each guest will receive a token of appreciation from the university — a commemorative UWG Centennial Coca-Cola bottle.

Drs. Anne and Fred Richards, co-chairs of the Centennial Celebration Steering Committee, and committee members Dr. Tracy Stallings and Jennie Coker have helped organize the gathering.

“We see this as a relaxed, informal opportunity for representatives of the university to let those in the local area know how important and valued their support has been over the years,” said Anne Richards.

Co-chair Fred Richards commented, “I’m excited about watching the university marching band perform and then going on to cheer the West Georgia Wolves. I’m hoping a lot of folks come out for the festivities.”

In the event of bad weather, the cookout will take place in the Student Recreation Center on Back Campus Drive. Although there is no charge for the meal, tickets are required to facilitate food planning. Free tickets are available at the Alumni House, as well as Horton’s Bookstore, Merle Norman, the Carrollton MainStreet office, Carrollton City Hall and other city halls throughout the county.

For more information, contact Ledbetter at x9-6464.

Mexican Consul General to speak at Luso-Hispanic Day

The Consul General of Mexico in Atlanta, Dr. Remedios Gómez-Arnau, will visit West Georgia on Wednesday, Oct. 11, to celebrate Luso-Hispanic Day and to speak with students about Latin-American issues.

The daylong event will be sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and all faculty, staff and students are welcome to participate. The day will include a lecture titled Mexicans in Georgia: Opportunities and Challenges by Gómez-Arnau in Cashen Hall at 11:15 a.m., a film on Spanish and Latino cinema and an interpretive performance by the University Choir.

Gómez-Arnau’s lecture will be especially topical for faculty and students interested in political science, global studies, economics, history, Latin-American studies and the social sciences, said Dr. Cecilia Lee, professor of Spanish.

Audience questions will be taken after the lecture.

“This is a relevant subject for all of us nowadays,” Lee remarked. “It is exciting to have such an honored guest at West Georgia.”

For the day’s schedule, visit www.westga.edu/~ekim. For more information, call x9-5964.

Former Apprentice star to deliver MLK Lecture

Wall Street investor and television star Kwame Jackson will deliver the second Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, in the Campus Center Ballroom. The free lecture series is hosted by UWG and the Center for African American Male Research, Success, and Leadership (CAAMRL). Jackson is a successful businessman best known for his appearance on The Apprentice in 2004. He will bring the no-nonsense attitude and leadership skills that made him stand out on the prime-time show to West Georgia for a lively 90-minute lecture.


“It is an honor to have such a positive African-American male at this level in his career come and share some of his secrets to success with us,” said Dr. Said Sewell, associate professor of political science, who directs the CAAMRL and coordinates the lecture series. “I truly feel that Kwame Jackson will greatly motivate West Georgia.”

In addition to the lecture series, the center sponsors five other university initiatives: the W.E.B. DuBois Academic Institute, the Benjamin E. Mays Faculty/Student Luncheon, the Black Males With Initiative program, the Bayard Rustin Community Service Program and the African American Male Learning Community. The center’s goal is to develop and implement programs that help black males successfully transition to institutions of higher education. For more information, call x9-4997.
Dances of Congo Square, coming to the TCPA on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m., will offer a glimpse into Zulu culture, ancient West African stilt dancing and music, and a New Orleans phenomenon that features Mardi Gras Indians. An explosion of breathtaking acrobatics, spellbinding music and elaborate costumes, the show is directed by veteran performers Shaka and Na’imah Zulu, who have been showcasing African and Caribbean culture internationally for 18 years.

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.

A DAY Concert gets new name, performers and venue

In honor of the UWG Centennial, current and retired music faculty will be joined by alumni musicians in the annual concert for A DAY for West Georgia, scheduled for Monday, Oct. 16, at 8:15 p.m.

This year, the event is called the Centennial A DAY Concert, and the success of last year’s concert has prompted a venue move from Cashen Hall to the TCPA to accommodate a larger audience. A donor reception will precede the concert at 7:30 p.m.

Participating alumni will be Patricia Callaway, Carla Crawford, John LaForge, Tom MacArthur, Benjamin Pruett, Ned Wasson III, Charlene Wiggins, Amy Wilson and Bernie Wong. Performing faculty and retired faculty will be Drs. Dan Bakos and Larry Frazier, professors of music; Drs. Carol Gingerich and Doug Overmier, associate professors of music; Mariano Pacetti, music instructor; and George Mann.

Musical selections will include classic, theatrical and operatic pieces by Bizet, Chopin, Donizetti, Fauré, Mozart, Sondheim and Vivaldi, as well as original compositions by Bakos.

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International exchange

A group of 10 students and two faculty members from Kagoshima University in Japan visited UWG Sept. 12-18 in conjunction with an exchange program being established through International Exchange Programs by Dr. Bill Schaniel, director of international programs. Among other activities, the group visited UWG classes, Carrollton City Schools, the Cultural Arts Center, the Honda Lock Company in Bremen and various Atlanta attractions, and dined with the UWG International Club and Acting President Tim Hynes, as well as the Kiwanis Club, host families and Dr. Sandra Stone, acting vice president for academic affairs. They also went white-water rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee and spent four days at the University of Georgia before visiting Disney World in Florida. The guests lodged with several UWG hosts: Schaniel; Debra Dugan, residence life coordinator of first-year and academic support programs; Pacetti, music instructor; and George Mann.

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Whos Who recognizes seven UWG faculty

Seven UWG faculty members have been recognized in this year's edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Receiving the honor are Dr. Charles Clark, interim dean of the Graduate School and professor of history; Dr. Donna Harkins, associate professor of reading; Dr. Kevin Hibbard, professor and chair of the Department of Music; Dr. Jane Hill, professor and chair of the Department of English and Philosophy; Dr. Mary Hooper, assistant professor of educational leadership and professional studies; Dr. Kent Layton, dean of the College of Education and professor of reading; and Dr. Said Sewell, associate professor of political science.

Educators are nominated and chosen by peers, community members and students who have been previously selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who Among American High School Students--Sports Edition and The National Dean's List publications.

Publications and Printing wins top state awards for printing quality

Six UWG publications and one off-campus publication printed in 2005 by the Department of Publications and Printing have won Best in Category awards from the Printing Industry Association of Georgia. Two other off-campus publications also received recognition.

The 2005 A DAY brochure, a promotional brochure for a UWG football stadium, the Black Males with Initiative calendar, the basketball media guide, the football poster and the faculty/staff phone directory all received the top award in their respective categories. The Carrollton Trojans basketball program also won a Best in Category award, and Awards of Excellence were given for the Georgia Highlands College literary magazine and a booklet for the Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department.

Staff with hands-on responsibility for the winning work were Eddie Rogers, production supervisor; Keith Harris, senior offset pressman; Debby Holcombe and Teresa Latham, designers; and Jim Charles, quick-copy supervisor.

The PIAG Print Excellence Awards competition is the Georgia printing industry's oldest, largest and most prestigious graphic arts awards program. Winners were selected from 1,124 entries submitted by 61 print and graphic arts companies.

Best named RCOB Scholar

Dr. Ron Best, professor of business administration, has been recognized as the Richards College of Business Research Scholar of the Year. The first faculty member to receive the award, Best will hold the title for 2006-07 and will receive a $5,000 stipend for a research project in economics.

The RCOB Research Scholar program awards an eligible tenured or tenure-track faculty member a stipend to be used primarily for expenses incurred for research, such as travel or research assistants. Best said his research will focus on earnings forecasts of financial analysts.

“Previous studies indicate that ‘bold’ earnings forecasts, those that are most different from average or herd forecasts, are more correct than the average forecast,” said Best. “I plan to continue this line of research by examining whether the analysts that issue the bold forecasts anticipate changes in economic conditions and the resulting effect on corporate earnings.”

Summer laptop winners

Ten faculty members each won a laptop computer and a stipend of $750 in a special summer competition sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning to encourage blended instruction, a combination of traditional classroom and technology-enhanced instruction. During the fall and spring semesters, the winning faculty will conduct research on how to integrate technology into the classroom in their fields of study and identify resources for use by other faculty members. Several will also conduct workshops to share what they've learned. The winners are (back row, l-r) Brad Prince, assistant professor of management and business systems; Dr. John Blair, associate professor of German; Dr. Elizabeth Bennett, professor of media and instructional technology; Dr. Dawn Putney, professor of media and instructional technology; Dr. Li Cao, assistant professor of educational psychology; Dr. Anne Gaquere-Parker, temporary assistant professor of chemistry; Dr. Salvador Lopez, lecturer in economics; (front row, l-r) Dr. Rita Tekippe, assistant professor of art; Dr. Jill Reddish, assistant professor of early childhood and elementary education; and Dr. Larry Schor, associate professor of psychology. Putney and Bennett will work with staff in Distance and Distributed Education to incorporate resource material and examples of blended instruction in the unit's web site.

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Dr. Sunil Hazari (management/business systems) presented “Information Security Awareness: What Do Home Users Need to Know?” at the Information Security Curriculum Development Conference at Kennesaw State University, Sept. 22.


Dr. Roger Johns (management/business systems) has had his paper titled “Wreck of Ages: The Effects of Norfolk S Ry. Co.” accepted for presentation at the 2006 annual meeting of the Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business to be held in Savannah, Nov. 2-4.

Dr. William “Joey” Smith (economics) co-wrote a Georgia State University Fiscal Research Center report titled “Revenue Losses from Exemptions of Goods from the Georgia Sales and Use Tax,” which was released in September. Summary findings were reported in a front-page article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Sept. 21.
Soccer and football teams to spend weekend at home

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