Centennial Hoedown to offer casual fun, fellowship and freebies for faculty and staff

In honor of its Centennial Celebration, the university will host a Faculty/Staff Centennial Hoedown on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom.

The free appreciation event for faculty and staff will be an opportunity for community and celebration, according to Drs. Anne and Fred Richards, co-chairs of the Centennial Celebration Steering Committee.

A barbecue dinner, live music by Little Creek Bluegrass Band and DJ Kurt Kraft, and line dancing will set the tone for a relaxed evening of socializing. Guests will receive commemorative centennial bottles of Coca-Cola and bandannas. Attire will be casual.

“...we’re looking forward to sharing this event with any of you who can work it into your schedule,” the Richards stated in an e-mail to faculty and staff about the event. “It’ll be a good time. A faculty/staff committee has worked long and hard to make this a memorable, relaxing and enjoyable event. Even if you can just drop in for awhile to say hi (wearing whatever is comfortable to you), your presence will be appreciated.”

For more information, contact Donna Martin, Publications and Printing office manager, at x9-6483, or Frank Pritchett, associate executive director of alumni relations and annual giving, at x9-6582.

Hartford strategist, Smith to speak at Forecast Breakfast

Dr. Quincy Krosby, chief investment strategist for The Hartford, and Dr. William “Joey” Smith, assistant professor of economics, will deliver national, regional and state economic predictions at the 2006 Economic Forecast Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 9.

The annual event will be held in the Campus Center Ballroom from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Krosby will provide a forecast for the U.S. and world economies. Before joining The Hartford, she was a global investment strategist for Deutsche Bank. Her government service includes several years at the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Commerce, and as an American representative at the International Monetary Fund.

Smith, who teaches classes on economic forecasting and business cycles in the Richards College of Business, will share his outlook on the economy in the west Georgia region. He specializes in urban and environmental economics and is a senior research associate at the Fiscal Research Center at Georgia State University.

Guests at the breakfast will receive a copy of the 2006 West Georgia Regional Outlook. The event’s sponsors are the Richards College of Business, the UWG Department of Economics and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are $25 per person or $175 for a table of eight. Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Department of Economics at x9-6477 or e-mail Dr. David Boldt, associate professor and chair of economics, at dboldt@westga.edu.

A DAY giving increases to more than $505,000

The 2006 A DAY for West Georgia campaign raised $505,097 to support scholarships, enhanced academic programs, advanced technology and faculty development. These gifts and pledges, which represent an 8 percent increase over last year’s total, bring UWG’s 2006 fundraising total to $2,076,728 to date.

“How blessed are we for the relationship between this institution and our community,” A DAY Chair Rocky Lipham, president and CEO of West Georgia National Bank, told volunteers at the evening’s Victory Celebration. “Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.”

Acting President Hynes remarked, “The university had a number of reasons to cheer and give thanks during the Victory Celebration. A DAY always provides opportunities to celebrate the partnership of the university and the community.”

A special feature of the Victory Celebration was the unveiling of the Thirteen Oaks Society Donor Recognition Wall at the entrance to the Campus Center Ballroom. Created to honor those who have contributed $10,000 or more to the university, the wall is named for a new UWG giving group commemorating the oak trees donated by the original 13 colonial states for planting on the front campus in 1919.

The wall includes a plaque recognizing the 1908 Carroll County Grand Jury that supported funding for the Fourth District A&M School, and descendants of the grand jury’s members were honored at the event.

UWG recognized Rocky Lipham (l), president and CEO of West Georgia National Bank, for his exemplary leadership as 2006 A DAY Chair with a plaque of appreciation presented by Acting President Tim Hynes.
BULLETINS

Regents delay open enrollment

The 2006 annual open enrollment period for benefits changes has been delayed from the month of October to Nov. 13-Dec. 15 by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Although the board has advised that only minimal changes will be made in healthcare plan options, it is expected that healthcare premiums will change for 2007. Plan information will be available after the board’s November meeting.

The following employees won door prizes at the Benefits Fair on Oct. 26: Mary Calhoun (custodial services), George Foreman grill; Joseph Geter (ITS), $30 Ruby Tuesday gift certificate; Dr. Cecilia Lee (foreign languages/literatures), neck and shoulder massager; Rebecca Riofrio (health services), Express Scripts portfolio; Todd Slate (facilities-maintenance), Sam’s Club membership; and Kathy Wagstaff (university communications/marketing), weather radio.

UWG Foundation to co-host free philanthropy seminar

The University of West Georgia Foundation, Inc., will co-host the seminar Philanthropy 102, Today’s Passions, Tomorrow’s Reality! on Thursday, Nov. 16, in partnership with the Community Foundation of West Georgia as part of National Community Foundation Week, Nov. 12-18. The seminar will focus on engaging in and managing philanthropy for those who want to be more effective in their charitable giving.

The free event will take place in the Campus Center Ballroom from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Reservations should be made with Dale Duffey, development and alumni services office manager, at dduffey@westga.edu. The Community Foundation of West Georgia will also host a free Community Fiesta with door prizes and children’s activities on Nov. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the WPA Building (Old City Gym) at 590 North Cliff St. Food will be catered by The Border and musical entertainment will be provided by Glass Onion.

Dinner to benefit Mary Bates

ARAMARK and Auxiliary Services will sponsor a benefit dinner on Friday, Nov. 10, at 5 p.m. in lower-level Z-6 to raise funds to help Java City/Starbucks worker Mary Bates in her battle against cancer. Tickets are $20 per person. For more information, contact Teresa Traylor, business manager II in Auxiliary Services, at x9-5076.

Striking up the band in a foreign land

Zoe Teague, a nine-year-old student at Seaview Academy in Antigua, serves as guest conductor for the UWG Marching Band, “The Sound that Lights the South,” as it performs for a group of educators and students. The band and UWG Jazz Percussion Group performed in Antigua and Barbuda this week in honor of the island nation’s 25th anniversary of independence. They are the only North American music organizations participating in the international event. The music groups were selected to perform several shows throughout the celebration, including a command performance for the prime minister, a joint concert with the Antiguan Military Band, the band’s signature field show in the National Stadium and two parades.

Leavitt invites UWG community to parade watch

Faculty and staff and their families are invited to watch the Centennial Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Nov. 4, from the home of Dr. Andy Leavitt, associate vice president for development and alumni relations and professor of chemistry, at 124 South St. Light refreshments will be served.

Those attending should park near Adamson Square and walk to Leavitt’s house. Lawn chairs are recommended.

While the parade is as traditional as the football game, this year’s route honors a long-past tradition, the Rat Parade, a freshman initiation that many alumni still recount. The parade will start at Tyus Hall at 10 a.m. and travel to the UWG west entrance at Maple Street, turn east toward Carrollton, take a right onto South Street, turn the curve at the Bradley Street railroad crossing and pass through Adamson Square to end on Rome Street.

Leavitt’s party will fall in behind the parade and walk to the square for post-parade activities.

Reservations are requested. E-mail Leavitt at aleavitt@westga.edu.

Volleyball and soccer players earn post-season honors

UWG’s volleyball players have earned a ticket to post-season play for the third consecutive season. The Wolves will travel to Florence, Ala., for opening round play in the 2006 Gulf South Conference Tournament on Friday, Nov. 3.

West Georgia, 16-16 on the season, claimed the fourth seed from the GSC East Division. That spot earned the team a date with West Division champion Harding in the opening round. Despite playing the top seed from the opposing division, the Wolves enter Friday’s play as a confident team. In September, they defeated the Bisons, 3-2.

A victory over Harding would move West Georgia into Saturday’s semifinal round. The Wolves-Bisons winner will face the winner of Friday’s other afternoon contest between West Florida and Henderson State. The championship match is set for Saturday evening.

In soccer, a UWG player has captured top honors from the Gulf South Conference for the second year in a row. Midfielder Alex Udin is the co-winner of the GSC Women’s Soccer Player of the Year award. A junior from Sweden, Udin was a defensive standout on UWG’s 2006 GSC Tournament team. She led a group that produced eight shutouts during the recently completed season.

In addition, UWG had one other representative on the All-GSC Team. Senior defender Sam Malone of Douglasville was chosen for a first team all-conference berth in a vote of league coaches.

Wolves go on the road for exhibition basketball games

Although the 2006-07 basketball season is still nearly two weeks away, both UWG squads have pre-season exhibition games on tap. The men’s team will travel to Athens on Nov. 3 to face the Georgia Bulldogs, and both squads will face action in Alabama on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The women’s team will travel to Montgomery to play Alabama State, and the men will visit Jacksonville State.
The UWG Atlanta Gallery Project will present its second annual exhibition, *Telling the Narrative Impulse in Visual Art*, at the Mason Murer Fine Art Gallery in Atlanta in November. In addition to works by UWG faculty, the show will feature art by Lincoln Perry, who will visit the university with his wife, author Ann Beattie, as part of an Artists-in-Residence program Nov. 8-10.

Perry is a renowned American artist whose paintings and sculptures have been commissioned and exhibited at galleries in Boston, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. His works are included in permanent collections at museums in Paris and the United States. Beattie is a nationally influential fiction writer who has received critical acclaim for her depiction of the generation of Americans who grew up in the ’60s.

The Atlanta Gallery Project show, which examines the relationship between narrative and visual art, will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. with an opening reception featuring talks by exhibiting artists, including Perry and Beattie. A book signing with the visiting artists will conclude the evening.

Faculty whose work will be exhibited are Dave Collins and Eilis Crean, assistant professors of art; Perry Kirk and Debrah Santini, associate professors of art; Stephanie Smith, temporary instructor of art, and Jenny Dowd, former visiting faculty member. Visiting curator Lisa Alembik will curate the show, which will run through Nov. 30.

As part of the Artists-in-Residence program, Beattie and Perry will present *A Conversation with Ann Beattie and Lincoln Perry* at the TCPA at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, followed by an 8:30 p.m. opening reception and book signing for an exhibition of Perry’s work in the Main Gallery of the Humanities Building. The UWG exhibition, *Telling Ourselves Stories in Order to Live: The Art of Lincoln Perry*, will run Nov. 6-30.

Heather Beattie (left) and Lincoln Perry (right).

Beattie will be a guest speaker in the English 4188 class *Individual Authors* on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 12:20 p.m. in the TLC, Room 1-305. All students are welcome.

The program is hosted by the Department of Art and the Department of English and Philosophy and sponsored in part by the University of West Georgia Foundation, Inc., and the Centennial Celebration Steering Committee.

All events are free, but faculty, staff and students must pick up a ticket for *A Conversation with Ann Beattie and Lincoln Perry* at the TCPA before the event. Community guests may pick up tickets at the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

The Mason Murer Fine Art Gallery is located in midtown Atlanta at 199 Armour Dr. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. For directions, call 404-879-1500. The UWG Main Gallery is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

A catalog for the Atlanta Gallery Project show is available online at www.westga.edu/~artdept. For more information, call Crean at x9-4954, or Lucy Curzon, instructor of English, at x9-6144.

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**Aldrich, Lester recognized by library association**

Michael Aldrich, librarian associate professor and government documents librarian, and Lori Lester, library technical assistant, were both honored at this year’s Georgia Library Association Conference.

Aldrich was presented with the McJenkin-Rheay Award, which is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the association.

Lester was named the first recipient of the Georgia Library Association Charles E. Beard Scholarship, which is given to candidates who show strong potential to inspire and motivate their peers in the library profession and in professional associations. The UWG alumna is currently a graduate student in Valdosta State University’s Master of Library and Information Science program with a 4.0 grade-point average.

The Georgia Library Association is dedicated to developing an understanding of the place that libraries should take in advancing the educational, cultural and economic life of the state; promoting the expansion and improvement of library service; and fostering activities toward those ends.

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**Dr. Jon Anderson** (management) presented two papers — “Ideological Alignment and the Employee-Organization Relationship” and “When Good Research Gets Interesting: A Case in Poultry Processing” (with David Ogle, R06) — at the Mountain Plains Management Conference in Orem, Utah, Oct. 18.

**Dr. Swarna "Bashu" Dutt** (economics) has had his co-written article titled “Nonstationarity and Nonlinearity of Eurodollar Rates: A Multi-horizon Study” (with D. Ghosh, Emporia State University) accepted for publication in the fall 2006/spring 2007 issue of the journal *Midwestern Business and Economic Review*.

**Dr. Megumi Fujita** (chemistry) has been awarded a $35,000 Type G “Starter” Grant by the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund for her proposal titled “Development of Transition Metal Catalysts for Environmentally Benign Oxidation of Hydrocarbons by Nitrous Oxide.”

November

3 Friday
▷ 1930s & '40s Reunion, Z-6, 10 a.m. $17.
▷ Book & Alumni Author Event, Ingram Library, 7 p.m. $10.

4 Saturday
▷ Homecoming; Parade, 10 a.m.
▷ RCOB Alumni Reception, Adamson Hall patio, noon-2 p.m.
▷ National Alumni Association Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon, Campus Center Ballroom, 12:30 p.m., $15.
▷ Parent’s Day Tailgate Party, Grisham Stadium, 12:30 p.m., $15.
▷ Football: Wolves vs. North Alabama, Grisham, 3 p.m.
▷ African-American Alumni Reception, Campus Center, 6 p.m., $5.
▷ 1950-56 Golden Reunion, Campus Center Ballroom, 7 p.m. $17.
▷ Black Student Alliance Step Show, Campus Center gym, 8 p.m. $10.

6 Monday
▷ Artists-in-Residence Exhibition: Telling Ourselves Stories in Order to Live: The Art of Lincoln Perry, through Nov. 30, Main Gallery, Humanities Bldg. See Renowned/per p3.
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ The Sirens of Song: Julie Lowry, soprano; Luan Mueller, clarinet; & Melanie Fuller, flute; with pianist Peter Mueller, Cashen Hall, 8:15 p.m.

8 Wednesday
▷ French Conversation Group: Pause Café, UCC Centre Café, 1-2 p.m.
▷ College Success Seminar: Strategies for Continued Success, UCC, Rm. 312, 4 p.m.

9 Thursday
▷ Economic Forecast Breakfast, Campus Center Ballroom, 7:30-9 a.m. See Hartford/p3.
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ UWG Trustees Meeting, Carrollton High School, Academic Learning Center, Rm. 301, 6 p.m.
▷ A Conversation with Ann Beattie & Lincoln Perry, TOPA, 7 p.m. See Renowned/p3.
▷ French Film Series: Inch’a’la Dimanche, TLC, Rm. 1-303, 7 p.m.
▷ Opening reception & book signing for Artists-in-Residence Exhibition, first-floor Humanities Bldg., 8:30 p.m. See Renowned/p3.
▷ Football: Wolves vs. Valdosta State, Grisham, 8 p.m. Game will be televised.

10 Friday
▷ Intramural Paintball begins
▷ Benefit Dinner for Mary Bates, lower-level Z-6, 5 p.m. $20. See Bulletins/p2.
▷ Univ. Club Happy Hour, Alumni House, 5-7 p.m.
▷ UWG Jazz Ensemble, TCPA, 8 p.m. Free.

13 Monday
▷ Benefits open enrollment begins. See Bulletins/p2.
▷ Registration/Deadline for Intramural Battleball, through 11/17
▷ Intramural Soccer Playoffs, through 11/17
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.

14 Tuesday
▷ Miller Analogies Test, Strozier, Rm. 121, 4-5:30 p.m.
▷ College Success Seminar: Stress Management, UCC, Rm. 312, 4 p.m.
▷ Latin American Film Series: Talk to Her, TLC, Rm. 1-301, 6 p.m.
▷ UWG Concert Choir & Chamber Singers, TCPA, 8:15 p.m. Free.

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Geiger's Angels
To celebrate Halloween (l-r), Stephanie Bierlein, coordinator of student programming; Lucille Whiten, coordinator of student leadership programs; and Melissa Shaw-Brown, assistant director of student activities, dressed up as “Geiger's Angels,” complete with toy guns and led by their very own “Charlie,” Chris Geiger, associate director of student activities (not pictured).

16 Thursday
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ Miller Analogies Test, Strozier, Rm. 121, 4-5:30 p.m.
▷ Spanish One Club: Maria Full of Grace, TLC, Rm. 1-203, 7 p.m.
▷ Saxophone Ensemble Recital, Cashen Hall, 8:15 p.m. Free.
▷ UWG Foundation Philanthropy Seminar, Campus Center Ballroom, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. See Bulletins/p2.