New event to recruit freshmen with more than $50,000 in scholarships

A new initiative for recruiting academically talented high school students, UWG will host its first President’s Day Scholarship Program on Monday, Feb. 19.

Eligible high school students will have the opportunity to compete for non-renewable, West Georgia Foundation Scholarships. The UWG Foundation academic award program will offer $50,000 through 10 scholarships at the $2,000 level and 30 scholarships at the $1,000 level. Foundation Scholarships have been in existence for a number of years, but this is the first year that the majority of the awards will be targeted directly to prospective students for recruitment purposes.

According to Dr. Scot Lingrell, associate vice president for enrollment management, attracting high-achieving students and retaining them through graduation is a high priority at UWG.

“The $50,000 Foundation Scholarships for new students, along with other excellent scholarships like the Presidential, Goizueta and talent-based scholarships, provide not only an added incentive for talented students to choose UWG as their first-choice institution, but provide a sound financial basis from which they can launch their four-year college career,” Lingrell said.

In addition to West Georgia Foundation Scholarships, participants in the President’s Day Scholarship Program will compete for UWG Presidential Scholarships; scholarships in music, theatre and art; and the Goizueta Scholarship for Hispanic/Latino students. Students must be accepted for admission to be eligible for many of these awards.

The program will include lunch with current students and faculty, campus tours and financial aid FAFSA-completion workshops. Faculty, staff and students will be available to answer questions.

“Our goal is that by the end of the program, students will have fallen in love with UWG and will decide to enroll here whether or not they are awarded a scholarship,” said Lingrell.

UWG Foundation Scholarship Facts

- Scholarship Day brings prospective freshmen to a one-day campus event to compete for numerous scholarships.
- The West Georgia Foundation Scholarship Program will offer 10 $2,000 awards and 30 $1,000 awards. This is the first year they will be targeted directly to prospective students for recruitment purposes.
- Minimum qualifications for Foundation Scholarships are a 3.5 high school grade-point average, 1150 combined SAT score and acceptance to UWG by March 1.
- Questions about the event should be directed to the Admissions Office at x9-5600.

More gifts for stadium

Community support for the campaign to build a UWG football stadium continues to build with recent gifts from Dr. Ralph (r) and Susan Fleck (c), Gradick Communications and Duffey Realty. David Parkman (l), chair of the Stadium Development Committee, thanks the Flecks for their gift of $100,000. The Flecks have a long-standing tradition of supporting activities benefiting Carrollton and Carroll County. Susan Fleck serves on the UWG Foundation Board of Trustees and was 2005 A DAY for West Georgia chair. The Gradick Communications gift of $25,000 gives the company naming rights for the home team’s radio station booth, and Duffey Realty’s $25,000 gift will name a concession booth. A campaign to raise $2.5 million from alumni and university friends to name the new facility Alumni Stadium will kick off at a reception on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the Campus Center Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Individuals interested in attending should RSVP to Sheryl Marlar, University Communications and Marketing coordinator of office services, at x9-6464 or smarlar@westga.edu. Additional naming opportunities are still available. For information, contact Parkman at x9-3962 or dparkman@westga.edu.

Returning national cheerleading champs

As has become their custom, West Georgia’s cheerleading teams have again brought home the heavy hardware from the Universal Cheerleading Association College Cheerleading and Dance Team Nationals. Both the UWG coed and all-girl cheerleaders captured 2007 UCA Division II national championships last weekend in Florida. The all-girl squad (above) beat out Fairmont State (W.V.) and Southern Connecticut State to win its second consecutive national title, its third in four years. The coed team topped Slippery Rock (Pa.) and Columbus State in the final judging to win its sixth straight UCA crown.
BULLETINS

RHPC wins regional award for leadership training

The Residence Hall Presidents Council (RHPC) received the 2006 Student Award for Leadership Training (SALT) at the South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH) regional student leadership conference. UWG was chosen by representatives from other universities across the nine-state region, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

The award, given for excellence in training hall councils and other residence hall student leaders, recognized the RHPC for its annual Hall Executive and Representative Training (HEART) program, which trains members of UWG’s nine residence hall councils about need-to-know information, as well as program and recognition ideas for successful hall councils. HEART, now in its sixth year, previously received both regional and national SALT recognition in 2003-04.

Smoking policy revised

Effective Jan. 1, UWG’s smoking policy requires that cigarette smoking on campus take place at least 25 feet from all university buildings, vents and doorways.

The new policy complies with the Smoke Free Air Act passed by the Georgia General Assembly in 2005. It is designed to protect the campus population and visitors from secondhand smoke and to encourage healthier lifestyles. Smoking has been prohibited inside UWG buildings for several years.

Come to International Night

More than 40 countries will be represented at International Night on Thursday, Jan. 25. The event will begin with food tasting and exhibits at 6:45 p.m. in upper-level Z-6 and continue with entertainment in the lower level at 8 p.m.

Hosted by the International Club, the annual event features international cuisine, live music, a fashion show and dancing. Admission is $5 for UWG students and $7 for non-students. For information, call x9-6428.

In Memoriam

Marietta S. Ingle
former secretary to four West Georgia presidents
Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, 306 College St., Carrollton, Ga.

DECO offers Dining Experience of the Century

Imagine dining in a hot air balloon, under the eaves of a tree house, inside a box of chocolates or in an Arabian Nights tent. That is what UWG interior design students are not only imagining, but are making into a reality with the Dining Experience of the Century.

The fantasy dining experience will be held in the Campus Center Ballroom on Saturday, Jan. 27. The event will begin with a Table Design Preview at 6 p.m. and continue for dinner guests at 7:30 p.m.

Guests at the Table Design Preview will tour the ballroom and view the tablescapes. The preview will also feature hors d’oeuvres by Simply Catering and ARAMARK and a silent auction in the form of a designers’ market of furniture and accessories.

Dinner will be served in exotic, one-of-a-kind settings designed and built by students. The gourmet meal will be prepared by chefs at Ten East Washington, a renowned restaurant in Newnan, and dessert will be provided by McGee’s Bakery in Carrollton. The Etowah Jazz Society of Cartersville will perform live music for dancing.

“This is an opportunity for the community to experience and hear about what these students do,” said Sangwon Sohn, assistant professor of art and coordinator of the event. “This is an execution of ideas and a whole new way of showing those ideas. It will really be an evening to remember.”

The Dining Experience of the Century is one of the largest student projects to celebrate the UWG Centennial and the most expansive interior design project created at the university. Coordinated by DECO, a UWG student interior design organization, it is intended to raise funds for class projects, travel for training and the development of the interior design program.

The dinner is a semiformal, black-tie-optional event. Tickets for the Table Design Preview only are $25. Tickets for the Preview and the Dining Experience of the Century are $100. For table preview or dinner reservations, call x9-5530 or e-mail uwgdeco@hotmail.com by Jan. 20.

Chaplin expert to star in two TCPA performances

The TCPA will present comedic performer Dan Kamin in two unique family performances in early February. The acclaimed master performance artist will star in Funny Bones on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m and Comedy in Motion on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

In Funny Bones, Kamin will bring the world of Charlie Chaplin to life. The author of the book Charlie Chaplin’s One Man Show, Kamin is considered the world’s leading expert on Chaplin’s comedic methods. He trained Robert Downey Jr. for his Oscar-nominated portrayal of the screen legend in Chaplin and created the comedy sequences in Chaplin’s style. He also did choreography for Benny and Joon and trained Johnny Depp for his starring performance as Sam.

Comedy in Motion will feature movement illusions, sleight of hand, and quirky, choreographic comedy through a gallery of characters: a magician trapped by his own secrets, a cellist who becomes his instrument and a puppet master who dances with his ultimate creation.

Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for seniors, $5 for UWG students and $3 for children. For reservations, contact the TCPA at x9-7522.

Acclaimed Lost Boys of Sudan author to speak at UWG

Nationally acclaimed journalist and author Mark Bixler will speak at UWG on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom. His visit is sponsored by the International Student Club.

Bixler, a journalist and editor for the Atlanta Journal/Constitution, wrote the book The Lost Boys of Sudan: An American Story of the Refugee Experience after completing an AJC series on young Sudanese refugees living in Georgia.

The book explores the troubled history of the Sudan, the evolution of U.S. refugee policy and the politics of refugee resettlement. It also focuses on four young men orphaned by war who grew up in refugee camps before coming to America and resettling in metro Atlanta in 2001. Bixler chronicles the lives of the Lost Boys of Sudan, as they were nicknamed by aid workers, as they adjusted to the modern world, found employment and struggled to earn an education.

The Lost Boys of Sudan was a finalist for the 2005 Southern Book Critics Circle Award. Upon its completion, Bixler founded the International Rescue Committee Sudanese Assistance Fund to help refugees pay for their education.

Bixler has won honors from the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the North Carolina Press Association and the Georgia Press Association. He was a member of a writing team named as a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize. For more information about his lecture, call x9-6428.
UWG ranks in top 10 of James magazine’s People’s Choice list

James magazine included the University of West Georgia among the top 10 picks in its “People’s Choice for 2006” list of Georgia’s best institutions for academics and overall reputation. UWG ranked eighth overall.

James magazine is a monthly news magazine that covers state politics. The rankings were calculated following a telephone survey of state residents conducted in November.

Crafton is acting VPAA; Rice named interim dean of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Micheal Crafton, professor of English, has been appointed acting vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Don Rice, chair of the Department of Psychology and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, has been named interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Crafton’s appointment fills the vacancy created by the departure of Dr. Sandra Stone, who has been appointed vice chancellor for academic planning and programs for the University System of Georgia. Rice is replacing Dr. David White, who has resigned as arts and sciences dean and is now serving as assistant to the vice president for special projects in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Crafton has served as acting vice president for academic affairs before. He held the position when President Sethna last served with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia during academic year 1999-2000. He also filled the position of associate vice president for academic affairs from 1997 to 2000.

“Micheal brings to the task a set of exceptional leadership skills and wonderful academic values,” said Acting President Tim Hynes. “As the university benefited from Dr. Stone’s leadership during her appointment as vice president, so too will we benefit from Dr. Crafton’s leadership.”

Rice previously served as acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences during academic year 1995-96. He also was the associate vice president for academic affairs in 2000 and has been assistant vice president for student issues since 2001.

In announcing Rice’s appointment, Crafton said, “I have worked with Dr. Rice quite closely on a variety of projects, and I have complete faith in his many talents for this challenging position.”

Gauthier to retire in 14th year at West Georgia

Bill Gauthier, vice president for business and finance, has announced his retirement, effective March 1.

Acting President Tim Hynes said, “The business and financial aspects of the university are fundamentally better than they have ever been as a result of Bill Gauthier’s leadership. While we congratulate him on his retirement, we will miss him and his leadership.”

Hynes pointed out a variety of campus changes made under Gauthier’s leadership in the last 14 years: the near elimination of financial audit findings; the establishment of a risk management system and an Office of Environmental Health and Safety; and two facilities master planning efforts.

Looking back over his UWG tenure, Gauthier said he is most proud of the initiatives that have positively impacted students, including new and improved residence halls, an efficient transportation system and the Higher One financial distribution system.

Dr. Jonathan Goldstein’s (history) book China-Jews-Israel, 1903-2003: A Hundred Year Retrospective has been published in Beijing by China Social Sciences Press.

Dr. Daniel Helminiaik (psychology) made a panel presentation on “Religion, Sexuality, and Research” at the conference Sexuality and Religion: What’s the Connection? sponsored by the Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing in Atlanta on Nov. 14.

Dr. Tim Hynes (mass communications/theatre arts) was a guest speaker at the first National Methamphetamine Awareness Day news conference at the Georgia Capitol. He was asked to represent the University System of Georgia as part of a federal effort to communicate the dangers of methamphetamine to university students.

Brian McCrary, Brandon Peterson and Rory Wojcik (Learning Resources Center) completed the requirements for certification from Epson America in November. The certification allows them to work on both in-warranty and out-of-warranty Epson LCD projectors.

Customer service award winners

Winners of the first Customer Service Employee Recognition Awards presented by the Division of Business and Finance are (l-r): Melba Haynes, postal supervisor; Elaine Willis, senior secretary in Campus Planning and Facilities; and Jeanette Pollard, budget analyst in the Office of Budget Services and Asset Management, pictured here with Bill Gauthier, vice president for business and finance. In response to the Governor and Chancellor’s Customer Service Initiative, the new quarterly Customer Service Recognition Program was introduced in the fall semester to recognize employees who demonstrate superior customer service performance. The Division of Business and Finance will be featured in the February edition of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) magazine for its successful efforts in its Best Practices programs. Gauthier; Mike Renfrow, assistant vice president for campus planning and facilities; and Dan Lewis, coordinator of business and finance development, wrote the article with the editing help of Denice King, secretary to the vice president for business and finance.
Campus Upcoming Events

January

19 Friday
- Word Basics, C.Ed., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Exhibit: We Need to Talk, Kathy King, Main Gallery, through 1/31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

20 Saturday
- College Debate Tournament, through 1/22
- Basketball: Wolves vs. North Alabama; Campus Center; Women, 5:30 p.m.; Men, 7:30 p.m.

22 Monday
- Intramural Basketball begins.
- Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
- Observatory open for stargazing, 7-8 p.m.

23 Tuesday
- Basketball: Wolves vs. Alabama-Huntsville; Campus Center; Women, 5:30 p.m.; Men, 7:30 p.m.
- Ballroom Dancing, C.Ed., through 2/27, 7-9 p.m.
- Lecture: The Lost Boys of Sudan, Mark Bixler, Campus Center Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. See Acclaimed/p2.

24 Wednesday
- Purchasing Workshop, TLC, Rm. 1-203, 8:30-10 a.m.
- French Conversation Group: Pause Café, UCC Centre Café, 2 p.m.
- Miller Analogies Test, Strozier, Rm. 121, 3-5 p.m. Also on 1/24.
- Campaign for a West Georgia Stadium Fundraising Kickoff Reception, Campus Center Ballroom, 6:30 p.m. RSVP to x9-6464. See More gifts/p1.
- French Film Series: Cache (Hidden), TLC, Rm. 1-303, 7 p.m.

25 Thursday
- Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
- Purchasing Workshop, TLC, Rm. 1-203, 3:30-5 p.m.
- International Night, Z-6, 6:45 p.m. Tickets: $7, general admission; $5, UWG students. See Bulletins/p2.

26 Friday
- Graduation application deadline for summer 2007
- Deadline to submit Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges nominations to Linda Picklesimer (student activities)
- Performance Appraisals, C.Ed., 9 a.m.-noon
- Center for Teaching & Learning Centennial Lecture Series: Alzheimer’s Disease – Is Glucose One of the Culprits?, Dr. S. Swamy-Mruthinti, & Places of Memory & Tradition, Dr. Janet Donohoe; Cashen Hall; Reception, 3:30 p.m.; Lecture, 4 p.m.

27 Saturday
- National SAT; Pafford, Humanities & Business bldgs. & Bonner LH; 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Dining Experience of the Century, Campus Center Ballroom, 6 p.m. Table Design Preview, $25; Preview & Dinner, $100. RSVP by 1/20 to x9-5530. See DECO/p2.

February

1 Thursday
- Deadline to submit Student Employee of the Year nominations to Student Employment Office
- Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
- Nursing Assessment Test, Bonner LH, 5-9 p.m.
- Funny Bones, TCPA, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $10, adults; $7, seniors; $5, UWG students; $3, children. See Chaplin expert/p2.

Basketball teams to welcome GSC rivals to campus

The Wolves basketball teams will continue their homestand this weekend with an important pair of Gulf South Conference East doubleheaders.

The Lions of North Alabama will visit UWG on Saturday for a pair of division contests, and the Lady Chargers and Chargers of Alabama-Huntsville will play here on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Women’s action will begin at 5:30 p.m. on both days, and men’s play will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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