A $120,000 gift to the university by Fred and Dinah Gretsch and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Foundation will create the Joseph R. Johnson Scholarship in commemoration of the Hall of Fame’s 10th anniversary. Named in honor of the Hall of Fame’s longest-serving employee, the fund will benefit a UWG graduate student in the Public History or Museum Studies programs.

Fred Gretsch, fourth-generation owner of the Gretsch Company, the legendary, internationally recognized guitar and drum manufacturer with headquarters in Savannah, said, “As a curator of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, Joseph’s driving force, energy and enthusiasm for all things musical are truly an inspiration to anyone he meets — what a terrific ambassador for Georgia and for music. If we could bottle his spirit and transfer it to each recipient of the Joseph Johnson Scholarship, we’d have a winner every time.”

Johnson joined the museum as curator of music and popular culture two years before it opened and was responsible for building its expansive collection from the ground up. For the past 12 years, he has contacted and assisted hundreds of donors in his pursuit of recorded and printed music, instruments, performance outfits and memorabilia that document the history of Georgia music and Hall of Fame inductees.

The scholarship will support a graduate research assistantship to help UWG attract graduate students interested in documenting, preserving and presenting music history and in working in a museum or archival setting. It may be awarded for up to two years, and recipients will be required to work 15 hours a week each semester in collaboration with the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and the UWG Center for Public History’s Regional Music Project on a project that documents the musical heritage of Georgia.

The scholarship will provide a valuable educational opportunity for graduate students interested in public history and museum studies.

Advanced Academy trustee to deliver Stanley Lecture

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald will be guest speaker for the seventh annual Julian Stanley Distinguished Lecture, sponsored by the Advanced Academy of Georgia, on Friday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in lower-level Z-6.

Fitzgerald, who was a major in the U.S. Air Force and served as chair for Leadership Georgia, will lecture on the topic of “Your Mission, Should You Decide to Accept It.” Now an OB-GYN in the Tanner Health System in Carroll County, she is president of the Georgia OB-GYN Society and an assistant clinical professor at Emory Medical Center. She is also a member of the Advanced Academy Board of Trustees.

The Advanced Academy is one of only about 10 programs in the nation that offers gifted and talented high school-aged students the opportunity to earn concurrent high school and college credit in a full-time residential program. Its lecture series is named for the late Dr. Julian Stanley, a West Georgia alumnus renowned for his dedicated research on teaching and inspiring gifted children. For more information on this free event, contact the Advanced Academy at x9-6249.
Come to a ‘Souper Bowl’ party

A “Souper” Bowl party will be hosted on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom by Recruiting Emerging Alumni Leaders (R.E.A.L.) and the UWG National Alumni Association. The Super Bowl will be shown on three big screens, and snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

Admittance is free, and guests are requested to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local soup kitchen. For more information, e-mail Frank Pritchett, associate executive director for alumni relations and annual giving, at fp Ritch e@westga.edu.

Deadline nears for student travel requests

Requests for spring 2007 student travel funds for presenting research or creative activities at professional meetings or conducting research specific to future presentations are due Friday, Feb. 9. For information, call Suzanne Garrett, academic affairs senior secretary, at x9-6445.

Proposals sought for activity fee funding

The Student Activity Fee Budget Allocation Committee (SAFBA) is accepting funding proposals for Fiscal Year 2008 until 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23. Application forms can be requested by calling the Campus Center Administration Office at x9-5500 or e-mailing Linda Picklesimer, committee chair, at lindsay@westga.edu.

Committee to allocate student technology fees

The Technology Fee Committee is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2008 funding from student technology fees until 8 a.m., Monday, March 12. Funding is allocated to provide technology that offers academic or instructional benefits to students. To review guidelines and submit a proposal, visit www.westga.edu/~techfees.

In Memoriam

Dr. David J. Higgins
Retired Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent De Paul in care of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Carrollton, Ga., or Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Rd., Coconut Creek, Fla., 33073.

Chamber commissions sculpture for centennial

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce has presented a commissioned sculpture to UWG as a “birthday present” in recognition of the university’s centennial.

Local artists Helen Helwig and Machiko Ichihara designed and created “Centennial Tribute,” a concrete and clay mosaic sculpture now mounted on a concrete pedestal near the Campus Center. According to the artists, the sculptural form was inspired by the McIntosh Stone, the UWG flame, architectural elements of the Campus Center, and the upward movement associated with achievement in an educational setting.

“We hope this centennial gift serves as a permanent reminder to all of us, now and in the future, of this institution’s value to this community and the exceptional relationship UWG and this community have forged over the past 100 years,” said Daniel Jackson, president of operations for the Chamber of Commerce/Carroll Tomorrow. “It is our desire that people will always look upon this beautiful sculpture as a lasting reminder of a vital ‘town-gown relationship’ that must always be nurtured, preserved and celebrated.”

In accepting the sculpture, Acting President Hynes said, “This gift symbolizes our partnership and continuing relations over the first 100 years of the University of West Georgia. The beautiful work of Helen Helwig and Machiko Ichihara will serve as a permanent recognition of the wonderful relationship with our community.

“Like that relationship, the art is complex, and yet tied together with a special simplicity. The art is strong enough to resist the elements, and yet will require care to preserve its beauty. It is constructed of many parts, and yet when brought together serves a single purpose.”

Committee seeks input for parking and transit planning

UWG parking and transportation needs are under review, and town hall meetings are scheduled to solicit campus and community input.

According to Mike Renfrow, assistant vice president for campus planning and facilities, issues such as parking utilization and efficiency, phased development of additional parking areas, bus operations, and traffic management with city officials are being studied by a dozen members of a parking committee comprised of faculty, staff, students and community members.

Town hall meetings are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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“It is time for the university’s Facilities Master Plan to be updated, and it is vital that parking and transportation needs are examined and we develop a sustainable plan for our future parking and transit needs,” Renfrow noted. “This committee will develop a comprehensive 1-3-5 year plan.”

In addition to meetings, the committee is gathering feedback through a brief survey of students, faculty, staff and community members.

On hand for the unveiling of a sculpture presented to UWG by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the university’s centennial were: (l-r) Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, UWG president and interim chief academic officer/executive vice chancellor of academic affairs for the University System of Georgia; Charity Aaron, chair of the Chamber’s Ambassador Committee; Drs. Anne and Fred Richards, co-chairs of the UWG Centennial Celebration Steering Committee; Edie Haney, 2006 Chamber chair; Acting President Hynes; Bill Hodge, 2007 Chamber chair; and artists Helen Helwig and Machiko Ichihara.
Wolves fall athletes earn academic honors from Gulf South Conference

Two players each from UWG’s volleyball and football teams were voted to the 2006 Fall All-Academic Gulf South Conference Team last month. In addition, 36 athletes from the Wolves’ five fall sports teams were named to the 2006 GSC Fall Academic Honor Roll, the most UWG athletes ever to make the fall list.

The two volleyball players who made the All-Academic GSC Team were Carolin Schoeneck and Siha Collins. Schoeneck, a junior from Germany, earned All-GSC East honors while carrying a 3.78 grade-point average in business. Collins, a senior from Snellville and four-year regular, is a 3.43 GPA student majoring in marketing and psychology.

The football players honored were safety Adam Carter and quarterback Brett Yenser. Carter, a senior from Dallas, is an education major with a 3.59 GPA. The second-team All-GSC performer will return to UWG in the fall as a graduate assistant football coach. Yenser, a redshirt sophomore from Kennesaw, is a two-year regular at quarterback and a business administration major with a 3.68 GPA.

Spring sports to get under way this weekend

Despite the winter chill in the air, spring sports will begin this Saturday at UWG. The opening weekend will kick off a busy month of home action for Coach Doc Fowlkes’ baseball team beginning with a single against Southern Polytechnic on Saturday, Feb. 3, and a match with Clark-Atlanta on Sunday, Feb. 4. Both games will begin at 1 p.m. at Cole Field.

The 2007 softball season will begin on Friday, Feb. 9, when Coach Erika Swanson takes her squad to Albany for a doubleheader with Albany State. The Wolves will play their home opener on Thursday, Feb. 15, when Florida Southern visits Oil Park for a doubleheader.

Kudos

Dr. Swarna “Bashu” Dutt (economics) has had his co-written article titled “Inflation Forecasts: An Empirical Re-examination” (with D. Ghosh, Emporia State University) accepted for publication in the fall 2007 issue of Southwest Business and Economic Review.


Dr. Joseph Huff (biology) has been selected to write the PowerPoint Notes for the fifth edition of Judith Brown’s textbook Nutrition Now, to be published by Thomson Wadsworth.

Dr. Bruce Landman (mathematics) has been awarded a $17,200 National Science Foundation Conference Grant to host the Integers Conference 2007. The conference will be held at UWG in October.
February Campus Upcoming Events

2 Friday
▷ Water Resources Conference, Z-6, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration, 8:30 a.m. $30 fee covers refreshments & lunch.
▷ Faculty Senate Meeting, TLC, Rm. 1-301, 3 p.m.

3 Saturday
▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. Southern Polytechnic, Cole Field, 1 p.m.
▷ Comedy in Motion, Dan Kamin, TCPA, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $10, adults; $7, seniors; $5, UWG students; $3, children.

4 Sunday
▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. Clark-Atlanta, Cole Field, 1 p.m.
▷ “Souper” Bowl Party, Campus Center Ballroom, 6 p.m. Free with non-perishable food item. See Bulletins/p2.

5 Monday
▷ Deadline to register for US/GA History Exam, Strozier, Rm. 114, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
▷ Basic Access, C.Ed., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ Photography Essentials for Digital & Film, C.Ed., through 2/26, 7-9 p.m.

6 Tuesday
▷ Deadline to register for GA Constitution Exam, Strozier, Rm. 114, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
▷ CLEP, Strozier, Rm. 121, also 2/7 & 2/8, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

7 Wednesday
▷ Saxophone & Percussion Symposium, through 2/9
▷ Basic Access, C.Ed., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
▷ Graduate Foreign Language Exam, Strozier, Rm. 120, 9-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m.
▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. Shorter (2), Cole Field, 1 p.m.
▷ French Conversation Group: Pause Café, UCC Centre Café, 2 p.m.
▷ US/GA History Exams, Strozier, Rm. 120, 3-4:30 p.m.
▷ International Film Series: Blackboards, TLC, Rm. 1-303, 7 p.m.

8 Thursday
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ GA Constitution Exam, Strozier, Rm. 120, 3-4:30 p.m.
▷ Saxophone & Percussion Symposium Concert, TCPA, 8:15 p.m.

9 Friday
▷ Deadline to submit spring 2007 Student Travel Awards requests. See Bulletins/p2.
▷ Intermediate Excel, C.Ed., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
▷ Introduction to SPC/TQM, C.Ed., 9 a.m.-noon
▷ J Julian Stanley Lecture: Your Mission, Should You Decide to Accept It, Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, LL Z-6, 7 p.m. See Advanced Academy/p1.
▷ Saxophone & Percussion Symposium Concert, TCPA, 8:15 p.m.

10 Saturday
▷ National ACT; Pafford, Humanities & Business bldgs. & Bonner LH; 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. Shippensburg (2), Cole Field, 1 p.m.
▷ Nursing Assessment Exam, Bonner LH, 2-6 p.m.

11 Sunday
▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. Valdosta State; Campus Center; Women, 5:30 p.m.; Men, 7:30 p.m.

12 Monday
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ Miller Analogies Test, also 2/13, Strozier, Rm. 121, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
▷ Parking Town Hall Meeting, TLC, Rm. 1-303, 3:30 p.m. See Committee/p2.

13 Tuesday
▷ Basketball: Wolves vs. West Florida; Campus Center; Women (Senior Night), 5:30 p.m.; Men (half-time: EXCEL Center Day of HOPE), 7:30 p.m.
▷ Parking Town Hall Meeting, TLC, Rm. 1-301, 7 p.m. See Committee/p2.

14 Wednesday
▷ French Conversation Group: Pause Café, UCC Centre Café, 2 p.m.
▷ Baseball: Wolves vs. Georgia Southwestern, Cole Field, 3 p.m.
▷ Spanish Cine Club: Bandidos, TCL, Rm. 1-303, 7 p.m.

15 Thursday
▷ UWG Job Expo, Campus Center Ballroom, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
▷ Univ. Club Lunch, Exec. Dining Rm., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4.50.
▷ Softball: Wolves vs. Florida Southern (2), Oil Park, 1 p.m.
▷ Tales of the Ashanti, Jim Gamble Puppeteers, TCPA, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $10, adults; $7, seniors; $5, UWG students; $3, children.