

# The Rejuvenator



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## THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF REUNION

Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Sunset Hills Country Club

The Annual Association of Retired Faculty and Staff (ARFS) Reunion will be held at 11:30 am on August 11, 2018 at Sunset Hills Country Club in Carrollton. Lunch will be sponsored by the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff and the University of West Georgia Foundation and catered by Sunset Hills. We will honor the new retirees and enjoy visiting with current and former colleagues, friends, and family.

Please join us at the reunion to celebrate the following 2017-2018 retirees:

CHRISTOPHER M. AANSTOOS, Ph.D.

DANNY JOHNSON

BOB POWELL, Ph.D.

MARGIE ALMON

JEFF JOHNSON, Ph.D.

HEMA RAMANATHAN, Ph.D.

JUNE BARRY

TINA JOHNSON

PRICELLA ANN REESE

LAURA M. BENNETT

KATHRYN McWHORTER

ERMA SHOOKS

MICHELLE BYRNE, Ph.D., RN

BILLY W. MORGAN

CONNIE S. SMITH

MEG COOPER, Ph.D.

SHEILA B. NORTON

FRANCESCA B. TAYLOR

EDDIE DUFFEY

KATHRYN OWENS

SHERRY M. BORDERS WALLS

BARRY C. HARWELL

SHELLY PARKER

DANIEL A. HELMINIAK, Ph.D.

BEVERLY PHILLIPS

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**ARFS Give West!**  
Have you given your annual gift?

Save the Date for A-Day:  
Thursday, October 18th  
A Day Celebration at Homecoming:  
Friday, October 19th

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[giving.westga.edu/givewest](http://giving.westga.edu/givewest)



## Student Awarded the First UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship

*Great news!* ARFS is pleased and proud to announce Jake Saunders has been chosen by the UWG Scholarship Committee to receive the first ever UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship for the fall Semester 2018.

Hunter Jacob (Jake) Saunders, 22, is a UWG senior majoring in Physical Geography. Jake thoroughly enjoys the outdoors including hunting & fishing. He would like to pursue a career in Natural Resources or in Conservation. Jake is the grandson of Dr. Martha Ann Saunders, retired English professor from UWG.



Thank you again to all who have given so generously to the scholarship fund. Your gifts are making a difference in the lives of our students!



### Jan Ruskell in Memoriam

By Debbie Novak

Jan Ruskell was a very familiar face at the Reference Desk where she served West Georgia's Ingram Library for 38 years from 1970-2008. She had a very inquisitive nature, an excellent memory and loved helping patrons find the information they needed. She was perfectly suited to her life's chosen endeavor to support people's informational needs.

When Jan retired, she immediately became involved with the ARFS group and delved right in. She was one of our longest serving Coordinating Council members. She organized and implemented the Third Thursday ARFS Travel Program which was held at Neva Lomason Library. Every month for 8 years those who attended the program traveled vicariously around the United States and the entire World. The programs, given primarily by retired UWG faculty and staff, were uniquely different and interesting. After the program, attendees and the speaker could partake in lunch at a local restaurant where there was an opportunity for more engagement and fellowship. The program was very successful and much loved.

Jan also served ARFS as our Vice-President for one two-year term. Her term would have ended this August. She was passionate about getting the ARFS Retiree Legacy Scholarship endowed. And, she got to see that happen!

We will all miss Jan for her helpfulness, ideas, and unique perspectives on situations.

Thank you, Jan, for all you did.

To sign up for our listserv, please email Debbie Novak at [dnovak@westga.edu](mailto:dnovak@westga.edu). Also, remember that if you've changed your email address, you must notify us so we can update you on the ARFS listserv. Our listserv address is [uwg-arfs-list@westga.edu](mailto:uwg-arfs-list@westga.edu).

## 2018 Football Preview

By Mitch Gray, UWG Sports Information Director

2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE	
9/1 • 2pm VS. CATAWBA	10/13 • TBD @ WEST FLORIDA
9/8 • 2pm VS. LIMESTONE	10/20 • 2pm VS. WEST ALABAMA HOMECOMING
9/15 • TBD @ ALBANY STATE	10/27 • TBD @ MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
9/22 • 2pm VS. FLORIDA TECH	11/3 • 2pm VS. DELTA STATE SENIOR DAY
9/29 • TBD @ SHORTER	11/10 • TBD @ VALDOSTA STATE
10/6 • 2pm VS. NORTH GREENVILLE	

Dates/times subject to change

A Gulf South Conference title and a return to the NCAA Division II playoffs are among the goals for the 2018 West Georgia Wolves football team. Coach **David Dean** returns a solid nucleus from last season's 9-4 team that advanced into the second round of the playoffs.

Leading UWG's returnees is senior running back **Devontae Jackson**, the 2017 GSC Offensive Player of the Year. Jackson enters his senior season on the verge of becoming on the second West Georgia player to surpass 5,000 all-purpose yards for his career. Also returning on offense is junior quarterback **Willie Candler**, who had a record setting season in 2017.

Defensively, UWG also returns some top talent from a year ago. Senior safety **Montrell Pardue** is among the top returning tacklers in the GSC. Also, **Chad Price** (junior) and **Deondre Gardenhire** (sophomore) are back to form one of the nation's top defensive end duos.

UWG begins the new season September 1 when Catawba visits Carrollton. There are other notable home games this season. September 22 brings Florida Tech to Carrollton on Hall of Fame induction Saturday. Defending GSC champ West Alabama visits on October 20 as West Georgia celebrates homecoming. Finally, perennial power Delta State comes to University Stadium for the 2018 home finale on November 3.

For more information on all UWG Athletics, ticket sales, and game schedules visit <http://www.uwgsports.com>.

*It's going to be an exciting football season! Our UWG retirees are all invited to the Alumni & Friends tailgates at every home football game. Hope you can stop by our tent to enjoy free food and good company! Invitations to the tailgates, with more details, will be emailed to the ARFS listserv before every home game.*

### ARFS New "Back to Campus" Program a Success!

The ARFS Coordinating Council offered retirees a wonderful "back to campus" experience this spring, and everyone present enjoyed a lively evening of socializing and learning. Retirees attended one of the UWG School of the Arts **THE OTHER NIGHT SCHOOL** events on March 27th.

There was a nice reception with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres to start off the night. Retirees were able to reconnect with fellow retirees and also visit with current School of the Arts faculty and Carrollton community members. Following the reception, everyone heard a presentation by Dr. Nathan Rees, Assistant Professor of Art, titled **ICON OR IDOL: Art and The Second Commandment**. Dr. Rees offered a wealth of knowledge during this engaging presentation.

The event was held at the Hub at Hudson Mill on Bradley Street. The Hub is a 24/7 luxury co-working and office space. It offers a wide range of business services including open desks, private offices, conference and meeting areas. It was a great chance to visit this new enterprise and see a portion of the exciting business partnerships happening in our community.

We look forward to future opportunities to gather with other retirees and learn something interesting and new! Another ARFS "Back to Campus" experience will be scheduled in the fall, so look for event details in upcoming emails and the Rejuvenator newsletter!

### The Coordinating Council

The next meeting of the ARFS Coordinating Council is scheduled for Friday, August 24, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of the Alumni House. Please feel free to join us for this meeting.



ARFS Candidate Slate to be presented at August 11, 2018 Annual Reunion

By Glenn Novak

The ARFS Nominating Committee is pleased to present to the membership our slate of candidates for officers and Coordinating Council for the coming year(s). We are grateful to our members who reached out by phone and email to recruit these fine retirees who will help guide our organization in the months and years ahead. And we appreciate all of our candidates for their willingness to have their names placed on this year's ballot. Terms begin at reunion date and end two years later at reunion date.

The ballot shown below is the document each retiree present at our August reunion event will vote on, and it includes persons continuing on for the rest of their terms as prescribed by ARFS By-Laws:

**Officers (also members of Coordinating Council)**

President: Kathryn Grams	(term 2018-2020)
Vice President: Linda Picklesimer	(term 2018-2020)
Past President: Mitch Clifton	(term 2018-2020)
Secretary: Bruce Lyon	(term 2018-2020)
Treasurer: Bob Reeves	(term 2018-2020)

**At-Large Members of Coordinating Council (minimum of six)**

Jimmy Drew	(term 2018-2020)
Dan Flinn	(term 2017-2019)
Swain Harris	(term 2017-2019)
Tom Mackel	(term 2018-2020)
Melanie McClellan	(term 2018-2020)
Debbie Novak (Scholarship Committee)	(term 2017-2019)
Gail Reid	(term 2017-2019)
Anne Richards (Co-Chair, Program/Events Committee)	(term 2017-2019)
Martha Ann Saunders (Co-Chair, Program/Events Committee)	(term 2017-2019)
Karen Smith (Scholarship Committee)	(term 2018-2020)