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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Included in this issue is the first Legislative Update of the 2001 Georgia Legislative session. We usually receive these reports weekly during the session. After this initial update, we will put the rest on the College Bulletin Board for you to access if you like. While Gainesville College does not have any special item in this year's budget, we are supporting the System budget which will provide some growth money which we will need. We need to continually remind our legislators that strong support for public higher education is necessary if we are to compete nationally, both for faculty and in the quality of programs we offer, and if we are to increase the number of college graduates in the state.

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Beginning this month, we are scheduling a series of faculty and staff "chat sessions." The first will be on January 17 with twenty-five faculty invited to meet with the vice presidents and me at 10:00 am and twenty-five staff to meet with us at 3:00 p.m. The purpose is to provide a small group meeting in which we can informally discuss developments at the College and issues of interest in the System and higher education in general. Because we want to provide for small groups, it will take several sessions before all are

invited. I anticipate that they will conclude in April. So, if you are not among the first to be invited, you will be in the next few months.

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE

We have been requested by the Board of Regents' legal affairs office to respond to the requirements of Georgia Law #45-1-6. To do so, we request that you e-mail Mrs. Donovan in the Business Office (edonovan) by January 20 if you received a gift during 2000 from any person or company doing business with any part of the Georgia State government.

For each gift, she needs the name of the vendor, nature of the gift, value of the gift, and date the gift was received. We will consolidate your responses into a single report to the State Ethics Commission so that the vendors can then comply with GA Law #45-1-6.

## FROM THE DEAN

The following sections represent new or modified sections of the Faculty Handbook that have been reviewed by the Faculty Senate. All changes will be posted to the Handbook by January 16. These will be the last changes posted until the next Faculty Meeting on January 30.

In celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, **VELMA MAIA THOMAS** will speak **TODAY** at **12 noon in CE 108.**



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Student Records (new section)  
 Intellectual Property (Section II, LL)  
 Emergency Procedures (Section II, U)  
 Academic Advisement (Section II, O)  
 Faculty Handbook Amendments (Section I, H)  
 Class Schedule (Section II, I)  
 Standardized Course Syllabus (Section V, L, 11)  
 Textbook Orders (Section II, W)  
 Learning Support (Section V, G)  
 Registrar (Section V, K)  
 Institutional Facilities and Services (Section III)  
 Faculty Teaching/Workload (Section II, C-new section)  
 Hazardous Waste/Environmental Issues (new policy)

### FROM THE GC FOUNDATION

We hope everyone will plan to participate in the Gainesville College Foundation's Annual Dinner Meeting and Auction on **Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Gainesville Civic Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and Philip Wilheit is our auctioneer. If you do not receive your invitation by next Friday, January 26, please contact Jana Jones at X3844.

Also, please consider donating an auction item -- art pieces, antiques, new merchandise, vacation packages, rare books - just use your imagination. (We're asking that each item have a value of at least \$50.) We already have a nice variety of things to offer, but we would certainly welcome more. Thanks for your help.

### FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** Complete job descriptions may be obtained from the Gainesville College Website.

**Circulation Assistant, Part Time:** Primary duties include assisting with the circulation of materials, stack maintenance, reserve service, collection of fine payments, issuing overdue notices. May include some evening and weekend hours. High school graduate or equivalent required, some college preferred.

**Payroll Specialist:** Prepares payroll checks, and all required quarterly reports to IRS and DOL and other duties as assigned. Preference given to candidates with experience in producing University System of Georgia payroll on PeopleSoft payroll and HR system.

**Personnel/Benefits Specialist:** Assist in the overall administration of the personnel program. Also serves as payroll support/back-up. Position provides administrative support to the VP for Business & Finance, and other duties as assigned. Preference given to candidates with experience in PeopleSoft HRIS and USG benefit plans and administration.

**Cashier:** Receipt all monies received from all campus offices and reconcile daily cash receipts. Distribute financial aid refunds to students. "Banner" experience strongly preferred. Serves as primary cashier during registration. Assists students with questions regarding their account.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The campus will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In celebration of the life of Dr. King, it is suggested that you have "A day on -- not a day off." Do something for the community in which you live.



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ONCE A DAY

and check your e-mail. It is very important to keep the lines of communication open - to check the bulletin board and your e-mail at least once a day. Ignorance is not bliss and you may miss out on important payroll and other information.



You all -- **faculty, adjunct faculty and staff** -- are responsible for utilizing the technology that surrounds you.

**Gainesville College Internal Facility Usage Process** indicates on instruction #3, that "**Each request must have a cost center head's signature.**" Those of you who fill out the Room/Facility Reservation Request form **MUST** have it signed by the cost center head who will check the campus calendar to see that events do not overlap. If the chair has not signed the form, Mr. Hendrix has been instructed to return it.

This is important so that planned events can have healthy participation. A coordinated calendar will benefit everyone.

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

- January 17: Super Bowl Blast, SC, noon  
 January 18: Study Smarter Workshop, PACE center, 11 a.m. and/or 5:15 p.m.  
 January 22: Tom Bresadola, Hypnotist, SC, noon  
 January 25: Souper Bowl, SC, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### COLLOQUIUM SERIES PRESENTS:



**Douglas Bachtel, "Is Atlanta Coming?"**  
**January 24 at noon in CE 108.**

Mr. Bachtel is editor of *The Georgia County Guide*, a professor of housing and consumer economics at the University of Georgia and a former editor of *The Journal of The Community Development Society* and *The Southern Journal of Rural Society*. He has a Ph.D. in Rural Sociology and an M.S. in Anthropology.



The Gainesville College family wishes to extend its sympathy to Dan Cabaniss whose father, Dr. C. Daniel Cabaniss, Jr., passed away January 3.

**BOWLING**  
**February 14**  
**2 - 5 p.m.**  
**Gainesville Bowling Center**

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, January 16, in the Physical Education Office (X3645)

Limited to first 120 people to sign up.



**"IMAGE/IMAGINATION" Art Exhibit**  
**Closing January 17.** If you haven't taken the time to visit Jeanne Ann Davidson's abstract images in the GC Art Gallery, you only have a few days left.



**GCWO Spring Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 28**  
**3 p.m.**  
**Faculty/Staff Dining Room**

Mark your calendars to attend this important meeting.



On behalf of the many local people who were recipients of food, toys and clothing, a big **THANK YOU** to all of you who volunteered to ring the Salvation Army bell in December !! The weather interfered somewhat, but many of us were able to make it there to help out. In the next few weeks, we'll have the final figures as to how much was collected.



Bells were quiet this week





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Stage Tour: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Theatre Wings\* hosts a Stage Tour of Gainesville Theatre Alliance's upcoming production of *Pride and Prejudice*, February 8, at 6pm in Brenau University's Pearce Auditorium, Gainesville, which is free and open to the public.

*Pride and Prejudice* director, Jim Hammond, will give a behind-the-scenes look at the set and costumes of this southeastern premiere of Jane Austen's most popular novel, newly adapted by Christina Calvit. Period styles consultant, Gay H. Hammond, who is also cast as the prattling Mrs. Bennet, will talk about Jane Austen's lively and irresistible sense of comedy, and the rigid pre-Victorian codes of conduct where a slip into an inadvertent vulgarity could doom a character's social prospects for life.

Instead of the finger food potluck that usually follows Theatre Wings/Gainesville Theatre Alliance Stage Tours, participants are invited to a gallery reception marking the opening of two exhibits in the Brenau galleries adjacent to Pearce Auditorium. "Geoffrey Johnson: Travels in Light" features recent work by this Georgia artist whose lush canvases and preoccupation with the effects of light evoke comparisons with French artists Sisley and Utrillo. "ReAppearance: Realism in Contemporary Art" focuses on work by artists associated with the Marlborough Gallery and other New York galleries.

The public is also welcome to attend all or part of a *Pride and Prejudice* rehearsal.

For further information about the Stage Tour, call Francine Dibben at 770-718-3606; or Jean Westmacott at 770-534-6263 for information about the Brenau galleries opening and reception.

\*Theatre Wings is the volunteer support organization for Gainesville Theatre Alliance.

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To get to Brenau University's Pearce Auditorium (One Centennial Circle, Gainesville): Take I-985 to Exit 22. Go west towards Gainesville approximately 2 miles. Turn right on Washington Street, go two blocks to Pearce Auditorium. Lighted parking around block and on campus lots.

Gainesville College  
presents

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Friday, January 12, 2001

12 noon

Gainesville College Continuing Education/  
Performing Arts Building Auditorium



*"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."*

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King holiday, Gainesville College is thrilled to present Velma Maia Thomas, author of the award-winning *Lest We Forget: The Passage from Africa to Slavery and Emancipation*, and *Freedom's Children: The Passage from Emancipation to the Great Migration*. She is also creator and curator of the nationally acclaimed Black Holocaust Exhibit in Atlanta, Georgia. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Howard University and a master's degree in international affairs from Emory University in Atlanta.

A writer, historian, and genealogist, Ms. Thomas has lectured at universities, conferences, and churches across the country. She is a member of the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists and the Caucus of Emory Black Alumni. A native of Detroit, Ms. Thomas resides in Atlanta with her husband, Rev. Milton Fann, and their son Olu Fann. Ms. Thomas' next book, *No Man Can Hinder Me*, a CD and book of Negro Spirituals, is due fall 2001.

The book signing will be immediately following the program. Both books will be available for purchase at this time.

For More Information  
contact Brenda Perry,  
770-718-3705





# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A Briefing for Faculty & Staff of the University System of Georgia No. 1, Jan. 8, 2001

## Gov. Barnes Announces FY '01 Supplemental Budget Priorities

All 236 legislators of the Georgia General Assembly are expected in Atlanta today for the formal kick-off of the first session of the 2001-2002 legislative biennial. The session now moves to fast forward for the next five days as the full body convenes this week before breaking for the Martin Luther King Jr. State holiday next Monday.

The work of the House and Senate Joint Appropriations Committees got off to an even earlier start last week, however, as members of that group gathered for hearings on the FY '01 Supplemental Budget. Gov. Roy Barnes jumpstarted the Committees' proceedings on Mon., Jan. 2, with an address in which he outlined his priorities for the FY2001 Supplemental Budget.

Barnes continued his forward march on his education agenda of the past three years, recommending a \$ .5 billion K-12 school construction program - the largest in Georgia's history - aimed at making his goal of lower class sizes a reality. He also announced expansion of support for

teacher certification and professional development programs, along with nearly \$13 million in funding for competency and end-of-grade tests for public school students. In addition, the Governor announced more than \$40 million in proposed expanded funding for the state's HOPE scholarship program, to meet increased student demand.

The Governor also pledged to return some of Georgia's continued economic prosperity to the taxpayers, in the form of additional property tax relief. He recommended \$166 million in the Supplemental and \$83 million in the FY '02 Budget to increase the total homestead exemption from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for every Georgia homeowner over a seven-to-eight year period.

"Georgia has been one of America's leaders in economic growth," Barnes stated. "The census report released just last week shows we have grown by 1.7 million people this decade alone. And the best thing we can do to extend that prosperity is to cut taxes again this year."

University System of Georgia Chancellor Stephen R. Portch presented Gov. Barnes' budget recommendations for the Board of Regents the following afternoon, on Wed., Jan. 3 - a presentation that was extremely well received.

The Governor supported many of the System's priority funding requests in his Supplemental Budget recommendations, including \$24 million to hold the University System harmless from the enrollment implications of semester conversion, \$15 million in employee health-care funding needs, and \$175.7 million in capital funding, among other key initiatives.

In his remarks to the Committees regarding the \$24 million for the funding formula, Portch emphasized the System's "bounce back" from the previous enrollment decline experienced in Fall 1998 - the first year of semester conversion and the year on which the formula will be weighted in this budget cycle. The chancellor noted that the System's Fall 2000 enrollment is its second highest headcount on

record, trailing only slightly behind the record high of Fall 1995. As projected, the decline in enrollment was temporary, in line with the experience of other institutions and systems which have converted their academic calendar.

"We're off to an exciting start with this year's session," said Chancellor Portch. "The Governor's capital recommendations will build well on the \$315 million we've received from the legislature for capital funding over the past two years, and should help us to continue our momentum in this area. While this figure may pale in comparison with the \$3.1 billion bond referendum for higher education construction just approved in North Carolina, we believe this is a better approach, to have a strong construction program each year."

The Governor also recommended \$15 million to help the System cover anticipated employee claims and to pay the employer share of health-care premiums for University System employees. Portch noted that this was the second

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time the General Assembly had been asked to allocate funds to address the System's health-care costs; however, he told the members of the Committees that aggressive efforts to transfer University System of Georgia employees out of the self-insured indemnity plan had resulted in 43 percent of such employees enrolling in more cost-effective health-care benefit programs.

The Governor also recommended that the System receive \$15 million from the Equipment, Technology and Construction Trust Fund. Customarily allocated from the "big budget," these lottery revenues were recommended by the Governor for allocation in the FY '01 Supplemental Budget.

Gov. Barnes also recommended the allocation of an additional \$800,000 in lottery revenues for the continued phase-in of the electronic interoffice library system known as PINES (Public Information Network for Electronic Services). Currently, 26 of the state's 57 public library systems are part of PINES. The \$800,000 would allow 15 more systems to be added to the network.

In all, 19 of the University System's 34 institutions are in line to benefit from the

Governor's equipment and capital recommendations. Six major projects already in the USG construction pipeline, have been recommended to receive their associated equipment needs, totaling \$9.1 million. These include the following:

- \$2.7 million for the University Learning Center at Clayton College and State University;
- \$1.1 million for the Technology and Commerce Center at Columbus State University;
- \$2 million for the Science and Nursing Building at Georgia Southern University;
- \$950,000 for the Camden Center Facility at Coastal Georgia Community College;
- \$1.37 million for the Russell Library & Information Center at Georgia College and State University; and
- \$1 million for a Residence Hall at Savannah State University.

The Governor also recommended \$95.3 million to construct the top six projects on the Regents Major Capital Priority List (all currently in design). The projects include:

- \$15.5 million for Macon State College's Nursing/Health Sciences and Outreach Complex;
- \$7 million for the Agricultural Sciences Building at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College;
- \$12.3 million for the Physical Education Building at Darton College;
- \$18.6 million for Georgia Southwestern University's HPE Recreation, Athletic and Student Success Center;
- \$23 million for the Classroom and Convocation Center at Kennesaw State University; and
- \$18.9 million for Phase II of the Classroom Replacement project at Augusta State University.

With major projects number 7 and 8 (the Medical College of Georgia's Health Sciences Building and Floyd College's Bartow Center) already in the design phase (utilizing existing funds), the Governor also recommended \$660,000 in design funds for number 9 on the Capital Priority List, the Georgia Tech Advanced Computing Technology Building.

In addition, Gov.

Barnes recommended \$33.3 million in funding for nine of the System's 15 requested Minors projects.

Tom Daniel, interim senior vice chancellor for external activities and facilities with the Board of Regents, is optimistic about the next 40 days of the legislative session that lie ahead. "The capital recommendations were most noteworthy," he stated, "and I'm pleased about the reception that we've received for our formula funding support. It's clear to us that the Governor and the chancellor have a shared vision about the priority that education is for Georgia, and the critical role that the University System plays in helping the Governor and the General Assembly achieve their goal of maintaining Georgia's vitality and national standing."

### Looking Ahead:

- 1/11/01 at 11 a.m. Gov. Barnes' FY '02 Budget Address
- 1/15/01 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Week of 1/16/01 Chancellor Portch's FY '02 Budget Address
- 1/31/01 at 11 a.m. Gov. Barnes' State of the State Address

# 2001

## Dean's Administrative Calendar

### JANUARY

- 3 Registration , Orientation
- 4 Classes Begin, First Session, Full Session, & 10-Week Session  
Late Registration & Schedule Adjustment thru  
Jan. 7 (First Session), thru Jan. 9 (Full Session)
- 10 Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 15 *MLK Holiday - Campus Closed*
- 24 Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 30 Faculty Meeting, 4:00 p.m., CE Auditorium
- 31 First Session Midpoint

### FEBRUARY

- 7 Special Academic Delivery, 2 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 8 10 Week Session Midpoint
- 9 Last 10-Week Session Classes Begin
- 14 Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 26 First Session Classes End
- 27 Full Session Midpoint  
First Session Exams
- 28 Second Session Classes Begin  
Second Session Schedule Adjustment  
Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room

### MARCH

- 1 Second Session Schedule Adjustment
- 12-16 *Spring Break*  
Saturday Classes Meet March 10 - Do Not Meet March 17
- 14 Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 19 Regents Test, CE, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Regents Test, CE, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- 22 10 Week Session Classes End  
Last 10-Week session Midpoint
- 28 Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room

### APRIL

- 2 Second Session Midpoint
- 11 Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 12 Second Session Midpoint
- 18 Honor's Day, Noon, Gym
- 21 Saturday Classes End
- 25 Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 26 Classes End
- 27 Reading Day  
Part-time Faculty Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Final Examinations

### MAY

- 1 Final Examinations
- 2 Final Examinations
- 3 Final Examinations  
Graduation, 7:00 p.m. ,Georgia Mountain Center  
(Reception at 5:30 p.m.)
- 9 May Session Registration/Classes Begin  
Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 17 May Session Midpoint
- 23 Academic Delivery, 2:00 p.m., Pres. Conf. Room
- 28 *Memorial Day Holiday - Campus Closed*
- 29 May Session Classes End
- 30 May Session Exams

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