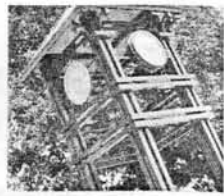


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin the Holiday Season, I hope all of you who can will come to my Open House on Sunday. The tree is decorated and we will have lots of goodies and refreshments.

We are off on a fast track to design the Gainesville Campus academic building that is being planned to begin in the next academic year. Meetings with Humanities and Business representatives began on Thursday, December 4. The goal is to have the programming and basic design completed in early February. Meanwhile, a construction bid process should begin soon with the firm selected by March. The reason for the push is to have the completed plans ready for the first bond issue that occurs after July 1, 2009. It is an exciting time in the campus's history, but one that will require lots of commitment and hard work. Thanks to those who will participate in this process.

The Oconee Campus building is now complete with moving scheduled for the week of December 15. That is another long-time dream that has now come to pass.

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IMPORTANT COLLEGE BUSINESS

- ◆ The Vice President of Academic Affairs Search Committee would like **feedback from GSC faculty and staff regarding the candidates being considered for the VPAA position.** Please note that you are not "voting" for a particular candidate. The Search Committee has been charged with the responsibility of providing President Nesbitt with recommended candidates for the position. Feedback from faculty and staff will assist the Committee in making recommendations to the President. **If you wish to provide feedback visit <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=U2AZTCYFMSCX>. Please do so by 12:00 midnight on Monday, December 15.**

If you prefer to provide feedback in person to a committee member please do so by December 15, 2008. The VPAA Search Committee members are: Mike Ryan, Patsy Worrall, Maryellen Cosgrove, Al Panu, Nina Lamson, Penny Mills, David Sluzsky, Eric Skipper, Angela

Megaw, Betsy Cantrell, Tom Walter, and Paul Glaser. If you are interested in reviewing the presentations of each candidate they are on-line at: <https://web.gsc.edu/fs/jcwilliams/vpaa>. Thank you for your interest and comments.

- ◆ Please take a few minutes to complete the **survey on Professional Development Day.** Your feedback guides us in planning for next year. You may access the survey by visiting <https://portal.gsc.edu/depts/IE/default.aspx>. The survey will be available until December 19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Support the Home Team! GSC SIFE is hosting their first annual **Breakfast with Santa!** On Saturday, December 6, 9-11:30am in the Student Center. Admission is \$3 for one child/\$5 for parent and child/\$10 for the whole family. Fee includes breakfast and a picture with Santa. Profits benefit GSC SIFE team and their Micro-finance program in Nicaragua.
- ◆ All **library materials** are due on December 15.
- ◆ **Tom Preston, Professor of Communication and sponsor of the GSC Debate Club,** seriously need volunteer speech and debate judges for the GSC Chicken or the Egg Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament on January 16-17, 2008. The tournament promises to be a large one, with 12 colleges and universities committed to attend. Any person interested in volunteering even a small amount of time during these days should contact Tom at tpreston@gsc.edu, or x3703. Your time will help deserving GSC students to attend state, regional, and national debate and speech competitions, and will put GSC's best foot forward in front of the region's finest speech and debate programs.
- ◆ **Drop Everything and Write-** Do you have trouble finding uninterrupted time to work on your research or writing projects? Time to polish that presentation or report? Work on your dissertation? Would a little accountability to a partner, or a regularly scheduled time help? The Center for Teaching, Learning and Leadership has reserved a computer lab on each campus every two weeks on Friday afternoon for you to have uninterrupted time to work on your projects in the company of your colleagues. Join the group at any time, come as often as you like. The schedule for this semester is Dec. 12. Gainesville location: Dunlap Mathis 138. Oconee location: OC 302. The spring semester schedule will begin Jan 9.
- ◆ **The Holiday Star Tree** (sponsored by SGA and the Staff Council) is once again up on the Student Center Stage! Now is your chance to help a needy child. What to do: **1)** Pick your star. Join up with friends, fellow staff or faculty members, or your student organization. There are large stars, for which you would be "adopting" one child's needs, and small stars, that just list books for ages. **2)** Register your star with the Office of Student Life. This is so we know who to remind about the deadlines! **3)** Buy your holiday adoptee some presents. Each large star contains the gender, age, and shoe/pant/shirt sizes, as well as, if known, the child's favorite character or interest. Please plan to buy your star at least one shirt, pair of pants, and shoes – this is why we suggest folks team up to chip in! Each small star lists an age group for which you can buy a book. These books will supplement the clothing needs for a child who is already being taken care of by another organization in our community. **4)** Wrap your gifts (if they're in more than one box, it is helpful if you put the boxes in a shopping bag or tie them together), attach your star, and return your gifts to the Office of Student Life no later than December 10! For more information contact Cara Ray x3899.

COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

Wellness Extravaganza Oconee Wellness Events for January 09'/February 09'

Wednesday, January 14th

SUICIDOLOGY 101: Christy Whitman (National Speaker) 12-1pm, Room 522

In this powerful presentation based on her book, *How To Tell if Your College Friends are Suicidal, and What To Do About It*, Christy says "We don't talk about it, but it happens anyway. Suicide rates among youth (ages 15-24) have increased 200% in the last fifty years. Perhaps the biggest problem is the taboo associated with suicide." Break the wall of silence at your school with Christy Whitman as she teaches:

- Tips, Facts, Signs and Symptoms of Suicide
- How to stop a suicide-what to look for, and what to do-if you are concerned about someone.
- Coping skills necessary to meet difficult challenges, and how to adapt to change.

(Evening Program from 6-7 p.m., Room 522 will be sponsored by ACS & UGA Cooperative Extension)

Cancer Prevention Cooking School/Cervical Cancer with Ashley Morrow & Denise Everson

You've Got the Power! Kick-off the new year by attending "Cooking for A Lifetime", a cancer prevention cooking school. You will learn basic cervical cancer information in addition to cooking healthy on a low-income budget. Cooking demonstrations and free taste testing are included!

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 – Sex Signals (National Improv Group) 12-1pm, Room 522

Blending a unique combination of improvisational comedy, education, and audience participation, SEX SIGNALS provides a provocative look at the issues of dating, sex, and ultimately, acquaintance rape on college campuses. The two-person show explores how mixed messages, gender role stereotypes, and unrealistic fantasies contribute to misunderstandings between the sexes.

CONTINUING EDUCATION—ON COURSE

Adult Computer Classes—6-Hour One-Day—All one-day classes meet from 9am-4pm

Fee: \$119

- ◆ Basic Quickbooks II, December 10
- ◆ Basic MS Excel 2007, December 11

TO VIEW CLASSES AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.GSC.EDU/CE/MAIN OR CALL (678) 717-3605

CULTURAL EVENTS

Roy C. Moore Art Gallery Exhibit

November 12—December 12

An Artistic Discovery: 2008 Congressional Art Competition for the Honorable Nathan Deal's Georgia 9th District High Schools. This juried competition is initiated annually by The Honorable Nathan Deal of Georgia's 9th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. All high school students in the 9th District are invited to participate. The first prize-winner's artwork is sent to Washington, DC and exhibited for one year on Capitol Hill.

RINGING OUR BELLS—GAINESVILLE

- ◆ **Tom Preston**, Professor of Communication, presented a paper entitled "China's Unconventional Marketing Success in the United States: a Media Study" at the National Communication Association Annual Convention at San Diego on November 22, 2008. The NCA Convention is the largest and most prestigious national convention in the field of communication.
- ◆ On October 17, **Terry Easton**, Assistant Professor of English, presented a paper entitled "Day Laborers' Voices from the Margins: Activist Routes in the Academy" at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE FAMILY



◆ Congratulations to **Joyce Ferguson** on the arrival of her grandson, Jacob Reid Ferguson. Baby Jacob was born on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:23 p.m. Weighing 6lbs. 3 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long.

- ◆ Our deepest sympathy goes to **Beverly Kazienko**, who lost her mother on Tuesday, November 25. Please remember Beverly and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Dec. 6—**Breakfast with Santa**, 9-11:30am, Student Center
- ◆ Dec. 7—**Dr. Nesbitt's Annual Open House**. Invitations have been sent. If you haven't received one, please call Leora Myers x3610.
- ◆ Dec. 13—**Summer/Fall 2008 Graduation Ceremony**, 10am-12pm, Physical Education Building
- ◆ Dec. 22-26—**Christmas Holiday**—Campus Closed
- ◆ Jan. 1-2—**New Year's Holiday**—Campus Closed



Summer/Fall Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, December 13
10:00 a.m.

Hugh M. Mills Physical
Education Complex

Students lineup in Fitness Center at 8:45 am
Faculty lineup in Acad. II hallway at 9:15am