

Tigers' ROAR

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SGC Faculty Staff News



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TIGER SWIM TEAMS: Top 10 in Nation

There are a lot of ways to define success, but no matter how you choose to do so, the South Georgia College swim team has had a successful season. The Tigers demonstrated that on the national stage last week, finishing in sixth place (men) and eighth place (women) at the 2011 junior college national swim meet.

The Tigers, in their first season of competition, showed they could be competitive from the first meet of the year. As the season progressed, the team improved and began thinking about post-season competition. Before the 2011 campaign came to a close, every swimmer on the team had qualified for the national meet. With the times in the bag, head coach C.M. Jenkins and assistant coach Emily Horne knew the Tigers were headed to nationals.

Last week, the SGC swim team, along with 20 other teams from across the country, arrived in Buffalo, New York, for the meet. The national meet played out over four days, and on each day, the Tigers showed they deserved to be with the best teams in the nation. On day one, the women were in sixth place with 50 points and the men were tied for seventh. After day two, the women's team was in eighth place and the men's team held on to seventh. The men's relay team of Travis Jenkins, Joshua Harrell, T.J. Crossland and Les Scott finished fifth in the 200 free relay while the women's team of Stephanie Crews, Kaitlyn Ward, Amanda Bennett and Christine Postin placed sixth in the 400 medley relay. Individually, Crews earned points with a 14th place finish in the 200 individual medley and Ward placed 10th in the 50 free.

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From the President

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It's an action-packed month here at SGC! As I write this column, our swim team has just returned from the NJCAA National Swimming and Diving Championship in Buffalo, New York, in SGC's first year of competition, having qualified 17 SGC swimmers for the meet. This is not only exciting but a testament to the student athletes, Coach Jenkins and Coach Horne for their hard work and dedication to achieve this result in their inaugural season. The SGC swim team appears to have earned the status of an Academic All-American Team for Fall 2010. This means that the team GPA was 3.0 or above.

I must give kudos to the Office of Student Life for the excellent events involving students and community members held in honor of Black History Month in February. In March, the calendar is filled with many curriculum planning sessions, athletic games, recruiting events, faculty development sessions, and student activities, all to help better position our institution for the coming year. Construction continues apace on the dining hall, and the architectural drawings for the impending Engram renovation are almost completed.

We begin April with our Homecoming Week and *Night to Shine* Gala in honor of the 40th anniversary of the SGC Foundation. I encourage you to join in as we honor our past and set the stage for the future.

Dr. Virginia M. Carson



SGC to host STEM Event

South Georgia College, dedicated to creating interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), has announced a STEM Showcase Weekend for high school juniors and seniors. This event will be held April 29 and 30 on the SGC campus.

The overnight event will be filled with activities for those students interested in exploring STEM careers in a fun and educational environment. Participants will attend sessions on physics, chemistry and biology presented in an entertaining way as well as learn more about South Georgia College and its STEM degree programs.

The weekend will begin on Friday with an opening banquet, keynote speaker and social and recreational activities coordinated by the Student Activities staff of SGC. Saturday will be filled with sessions led by STEM faculty, presentations on college admissions and financial aid, and a panel discussion with notable STEM professionals from around the region. Parents or guardians are welcome to attend and stay on campus in the dorms as well as participate in parent sessions and campus tours.

Lodging in Floyd Hall and meals will be furnished for all participants. The fee for a student participant is \$25 and the cost for each parent/guardian staying on campus is \$15. Contact Amy Hancock at 260.4461 for more information.



SGC's new 3D map reflects the major changes that have occurred on campus in the past few years. You may access at www.sgc.edu/discover/visitor/campus_map.html.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2011

SGC Foundation to Present Alumnus of the Year Award at 40th Anniversary Gala

Friday, April 1, 2011

SGC Spirit Day – All employees and students wear SGC apparel!

Alumni Golf Tournament

8 am, Douglas Golf & Country Club

\$75 per person/\$375 for 3-man team

SGC Bookstore Open

12 noon – 4 pm

SGC Tiger Baseball Game

5 pm, Crider Field

Ballpark Cookout and Activities

5-6 pm, Crider Field

Adults - \$15/children under 12 - \$5

Free SGC Balloons/Tiger Senators

Complimentary Face Painting &

Blood Pressure Screenings/GANS

Family Movie Event

8-10 pm, sponsored by SGC Foundation and Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Saturday, April 2, 2011

SGC Bookstore Open

12 noon – 4 pm

SGC Campus Tours

1 – 3 pm

Tiger Baseball Game

2 pm (doubleheader)

History and Architecture Lectures

From Graveyard Road to Silk Stocking Row

book discussion by Ms. Mary Clyde Scott

An Architectural History of SGC

presented by Mr. Jackson Kane, LAS

3 – 4 pm

Art Gallery

Class Receptions

4-6 pm

Peterson Hall Lobby

15th - 1996

25th - 1986

50th - 1961

A Night to Shine Gala

7 – 9 pm

Wellness Center Gym

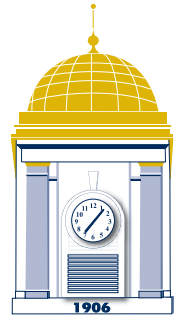
\$100 per person; Sponsorships available

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Lady Tiger Softball Game

2 and 4 pm

To recognize the many contributions made by over 10,000 alumni, South Georgia College, with sponsorship from the SGC Foundation, is proud to announce the launching of a new opportunity to honor outstanding SGC alumni by establishing an Alumnus of the Year Award.



This first-ever award will be presented during the Foundation's *Night to Shine* Anniversary Gala Saturday evening of the 2011 Homecoming Weekend, April 1-3, 2011. This weekend will include many activities to highlight the growth and accomplishments of SGC and its alumni. Other planned events include a golf tournament to support SGC Athletics; Tiger baseball/softball games; campus tours; receptions honoring the 15th (1996), 25th (1986), and 50th (1961) reunion groups as well as a complimentary movie and cultural event.

The registration deadline for the Homecoming golf tournament and gala is March 18, 2011. To register or learn more about any Homecoming events, please contact the SGC Office of Advancement at (912) 260-4273 or email advancement@sgc.edu.

HOMECOMING 2011 SPIRIT WEEK

- MONDAY
SGC TRIVIA, 4 pm, The Clower Center
- TUESDAY
PAJAMA DAY/MOVIE NIGHT-8 pm
- WEDNESDAY
TWIN DAY
Do you know your twin? Trivia Game
4 pm, The Clower Center
- THURSDAY
POWDER PUFF Football Game
- FRIDAY
SPIRIT DAY

Stay tuned for updates!

Swim Teams continued from page 1

On the third day, the men's team climbed into sixth place on the strength of several swimmers earning points in their individual events. Travis Jenkins had a podium finish in the 100 breast stroke for eighth place. T.J. Crossland, Joshua Harrell and Jad Fussell also earned points by finishing in the top 16 in their respective events. These four swimmers also finished sixth in the 200 medley relay team. Stephanie Crews earned a spot on the podium with an eighth place in the 400 individual medley while Kaitlyn Ward again finished in the top 16 in her events. The women's team stayed in eighth place.

The meet came to a close Saturday night and the final team scores had the SGC men's team finishing in sixth place and the women's team earning an eighth place national ranking. The women narrowly missed the seventh spot by just two points. Indian River College and Daytona State College took the first and second place spots in both sides of the competition.

Individually on the final day, Stephanie Crews had a ninth place finish in the 200 fly and Kaitlyn Ward finished 11th in the 100 free. T.J. Crossland finished 10th in the 200 back while Colby Herrin followed up right behind with 11th place in the same event. Jad Fussell held on for the 13th spot. Christine Postin also earned points in the 200 back with a 12th place finish and Paul Poorman finished 13th in the one-mile distance freestyle.



Students at Swim Send-off Ceremony

Welcome Kristin!

Kristin Roberts joins Residence Life staff



South Georgia College is pleased to welcome its newest employee, Residence Life administrative assistant Kristin Roberts.

Kristin was born in Edison, N.J., but grew up in Coral Springs, Fla. near Fort Lauderdale. While earning an accounting degree at Valdosta State University, she met Ambrose native Eddie Roberts. The two married and moved to Miramar, Fla.

Five years ago, the couple moved back to the Douglas area, so Eddie could attend nursing school. Kristin has a BBA in accounting from VSU and an MBA from Nova Southeastern University. She and Eddie have two sons, Keegan, 5, and Kolton, 4.



Dr. Carl McDonald, Vice President for Academic Affairs, served as a judge for the 2011 Bellwether Awards.

Speakers' thoughts....

Ms. Tracy McClelland, who is a 1994 graduate of SGC, stated that she has been able to rise above her circumstances because of persistence. She knew she wanted to be a registered nurse, but she had no idea what it would take to obtain her nursing degree. The cards were stacked against her — she had given birth to a daughter at age 17 and when she enrolled at SGC, she had to take, as she put it, “every remedial class South Georgia offered. I wasn’t smart back then. I was determined.” That determination has led her to earn three nursing degrees. McClelland is on track to graduate with a doctorate in nursing from California University in 2012.

Ms. Tonya Lesure is also a graduate of SGC. She earned her associate’s degree from SGC in 1998, and obtained her bachelor’s degree from Valdosta State University. She also holds a master’s from Troy University and a six-year degree from VSU. Lesure plans to enter a doctorate program later this year. Like McClelland, she said hard work and determination are the keys to success. “As an African-American, color doesn’t mean anything to me, but you need to see people being successful who look like you,” she said. However, she added, “As an African-American, I get frustrated. A lot of people have given their lives to open the doors for us. Nobody is going to give you anything. Nobody owes us anything. Even people of other races have to work hard to be successful. If you want to be successful, you have to surround yourself with successful people.”

Mr. Terrell Jacobs, a self-described nerd in high school, said his motivation was the desire to have something better for his family. It was an eye-opening experience when he had to provide for a family, realizing that others were looking to him to meet their needs. He returned to school and obtained a master’s degree. He did not plan to become a city manager. A series of steps and opportunities led him into this position. “I had a lot of jobs along the way. You have to work hard and pay your dues. You have to be persistent. If you aspire to these positions of leadership, you have a lot of eyes on you,” he said, reminding everyone that with authority comes responsibility.

Mr. Reggie Gadson, a graduate of Savannah State, said he started with Wal-Mart as a member of the store set-up crew. From there, he worked his way up the ladder to store manager. He didn’t always have the most glamorous jobs with the company, but he always did his best and displayed an interest in the issues that interested his supervisor. He maintained a positive attitude and took pride in his work. “Working hard every minute of every day shows you are dedicated to what you do. It all starts with you. You have to have the drive to succeed,” he said.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Professional Panel shares experiences



Mr. Terrell Jacobs, Douglas City Manager, speaks to SGC students about his motivation to succeed.

Hard work. Dedication. Persistence. Never giving up. Those were the themes at the first ever African-Americans in the Workplace panel discussion, hosted by SAAB on February 21 in the Art Gallery at Peterson Hall. The discussion, which was part of SGC’s Black History Month activities, included four local African-American professionals who shared their experiences in the workplace with the audience.

The panelists — Nurse, author and entrepreneur Ms. Tracy McClelland; Wal-Mart store manager Mr. Reggie Gadson; Douglas City Manager Mr. Terrell Jacobs; and Dean of Student Discipline (sixth grade) at Coffee Middle School Ms. Tonya Lesure — had several things in common, though they came from different cities, backgrounds and circumstances.

FACULTY FOCUS



“For Chinese New Year 2011, the Cultural Exchange Club took a road trip to Atlanta to visit with Dr. Yuna Chen’s family. With Dr. Paul Wise as our chauffeur, we immersed ourselves in Chinese



culture and LOTS of Chinese cuisine. Saturday was spent at Discovery Mills mall and the evening at Dr. Chen’s house, where her husband made dinner for all of us. Then, on Sunday, it was off to Chinatown where the group enjoyed more Chinese dishes and roamed the local gift shops for souvenirs. As with every road trip, the return journey home seemed to go faster than the journey to Atlanta, and some of us were still too full from all of the amazing food to consider eating again. None of us, however, will forget the fun we had and the memories we shared bonding with our fellow students and professors.”

Amanda Shively, Office of Advancement Student Worker

Members of the SGC Environmental Awareness Club visited Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area in Lowndes County on February 22 to catch a glimpse of sand hill cranes that roost at night in the area. Grand Bay is part of a 13,000-acre wetland ecosystem known as a Carolina Bay. The SGC EAC met Ms. Jessica Crowe and several of her students from the Entry Program at VSU. Faculty and staff attending included Dr. Adam Safer, Ms. Julia Safer, Mr. Frankie Snow, Ms. Vicki Giddens, Ms. Kelly Luke and former VPSA Dr. Jim Cottingham.



Quantway Team attends Winter Institute

The South Georgia College Quantway team attended a winter institute at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in Palo Alto, California, from January 24-28.

The goal of this institute was to bring together the five-person teams from each of the eight two-year colleges (from the states of Georgia, New York and Ohio) that are involved in the Quantway

Initiative and work cooperatively with the Carnegie Foundation and researchers from the University of Texas (Austin), UCLA, and Harvard University.

Attending from SGC were VPAA **Dr. Carl McDonald**, Registrar **Dr. Randy Braswell**, and math faculty members **Dr. Derek Westwood**, **Mr. Tim Brown** and **Mr. Duane Benson**. Each team compiled a PowerPoint presentation detailing what was learned at the institute. The SGC PowerPoint was presented at the Faculty Assembly meeting on February 11. There is a link to this PowerPoint on the SGC Intranet at: <http://faculty.sgc.edu/intranet/assembly/110211/>.

Developing a new developmental mathematics course for non-STEM majors is the goal of the Quantway Initiative, and SGC is proud to be a part of this innovative challenge. The course, MLCS 0099 (Mathematical Literacy for College Students), has been approved by the SGC faculty and will be offered the first time as a pilot course spring 2012. Dr. Derek Westwood, Mr. Tim Brown and Mr. Duane Benson will each teach one section. The course will be offered to all non-STEM majors who need developmental mathematics starting fall 2012.



SGC Quantway Team (l to r) Dr. Randy Braswell, Mr. Duane Benson, Dr. Derek Westwood, Dr. Carl McDonald, and Mr. Tim Brown (with a Carnegie buddy).



During the SGC regional science fair in February, **Dr. Adam Safer** (left) and **Mr. Robert Preston** entertained over 400 students, teachers and parents with a snake show in Peterson Hall's McGouirk Auditorium. Thirteen elementary and middle schools took part in the science fair, which featured 273 science projects.

Dr. Leonard Steverson, Associate Professor of Sociology, had a book review on Peter Moskos' *Cop in the Hood: My Year Policing Baltimore's Eastern District* published in the journal *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*, Vol. 12, Issue 1, this February.

Calendar



MARCH

15
Info Night
6:00 pm
Engram Hall
Ballroom

21-25
**SPRING
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*View the
Tiger Athletics
March schedule at:
www.sgc.edu/calendar.pdf*



*Congratulations
Lionell Bennett
on a new grandson*



*William "Liam"
Lionell Harrison
Born March 2
Parents Jamie Bennett
and William Harrison
are SGC graduates*

Birthdays

1
Kelly Luke
Angela Wilcox
3
Michael Talbott
Valerie Webster
4
Thomas Hickman
Glen Maul
Randy Moss
Cam Perkins
11
Ollie Harkleroad
Lea Johnson
13
Lawayne Paulk
14
Jessica Crowe
15
Crystal Callahan
16
George Wingblade
18
David Lott
19
Diane Blum
20
Chris Royer
23
Jimmy Lee
24
Tim Brown
27
Charles Holzworth
29
Cathy Gilbert
30
Autumn Amos
31
Rodney Davison

South Georgia College



Anniversaries

1 YEAR
Danielle Buehrer

3 YEARS
Jake Brinson
Virginia Carson
Walda Kight

6 YEARS
Fannie Poole



MILESTONES:

12 YEARS
Autumn Prescott

15 YEARS
Lisa Bohannon
Cinnimin Durham

**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day
March 17**