



**From
the
President**



Dr. Virginia M. Carson

South Georgia College is a happening place these days.

When you read this issue, you will see the many ways our faculty and club advisors are helping broaden the lives of our students through films, theater, literature and community service.

These events and activities are so important to help prepare these young people for their future. I am looking forward to participating and hope you will join me.

In spite of the very challenging financial situation, we are focused on our strategic goals and are making strides on retention and diversity-related efforts. Stay tuned for more details on these topics coming soon.

Most importantly, I would like to wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am appreciative of our team and our accomplishments this year. I hope you have a special holiday full of memorable moments with those you hold dear.

Reach for 10 in 10 achieves initial campaign target!

Thanks to the generosity of South Georgia College faculty and staff, the REACH campaign met its initial threshold of \$10,000 for 2010.

Sixteen new donors and increased levels of giving from current donors helped obtain this milestone.

Congratulations to **PEGGY DOBBS** for winning the grand prize drawing, a gift certificate for two nights at the Holiday Inn Express—Gwinnett Place Mall. To complement her stay, she will receive two tickets to the Fernbank Museum and IMAX theatre, and a \$25 Ruby Tuesday gift card, courtesy of the SGC Foundation.

The department with the highest percentage participation is the **SGC ENTRY PROGRAMS**. The nine full-time employees who comprise the entry programs at Valdosta State University and Georgia Southwestern will be treated to a pizza party.

Thanks again to everyone who participated and helped REACH this target. As we all know, the budget continues to be a concern, so if you have not contributed, you may still sign up for payroll deduction at any time through Human Resources. Funds may be designated to help any area you wish to support.



Clower Center garners state recognition again



Dr. Jim Cottingham (2nd from right) accepted the 2009 Innovations Award for the restoration of SGC's Clower Center, with (l-r) Tony Aeck of Lord Aeck and Sargent Architects and Gita Hendessi and Joe Gambill of Hendessi and Associates.

South Georgia College was honored by the Georgia Association of State Facilities Administrators at their Fall Conference in Atlanta with the 2009 Innovations Award.

GASFA presented the award for the adaptive renovation and repurposing of the Clower Center.

Built in 1936, the building served for decades as a gymnasium, recreation area, and later storage facility. It was named for T.A. Clower, who taught education and other classes at SGC from 1928 to 1954. He also coached several tennis teams that won state titles.

The students of SGC passed a referendum to assess a student fee to finance the completion and operation of the facility. The student life center for residential

and commuting students opened for Fall Semester 2007.

Tony Aeck of Lord Aeck and Sargent Architects gave an overview of the project to those in attendance at the GASFA conference. Dr. Jim Cottingham accepted the award on behalf of the College.

This is the second award given for the Clower project this year, the first being the Preservation Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation in May.

The Georgia Association of State Facilities Administrators is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing and enhancing the leadership, education and professionalism of facility managers employed in the state government of Georgia.



SGC's Rebecca Futch (center) and Jim Knowles (right) visit with Duo Intermezzo performers Ruth Berry, cellist, and Kevin Pollock, pianist, following their performance in McGouirk Auditorium.

Duo Intermezzo presents piano/cello performance

Ruth Berry, cellist, and Kevin Pollock, pianist, of Duo Intermezzo performed *As Time Goes By, A Harvest Celebration of Song* on October 27 in Peterson Hall's McGouirk Auditorium.

The concert celebrated and reflected upon the importance of music in the cycles of life. The two accomplished musicians led the audience on a journey through classical compositions, folk songs, movie themes, hymns, and patriotic standards.

The SGC Cultural Events Committee sponsored the Duo Intermezzo performance.



Faculty Focus



Multeity in Unity poetry slam

“When the whole and the parts are seen at once, as mutually producing and explaining each other, as unity in multeity, there results shapeliness.”

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1821

Quite a crowd of students, faculty and staff attended the poetry slam October 20 in the William S. Smith Library. The theme of the program, *Multeity in Unity*, was diversity. Students competed for \$50 cash prizes in four categories. Winners were Amanda Mincey, Best Read; Renee Brier, Best Original; Rebecca Briceno, Best Foreign Language; and Brittany Vickers, Most Interesting Take on Diversity. Leann Boyd, Aleta Gass, and Kayla Tillman served as judges for the event, which was sponsored by the Division of Humanities, the William S. Smith Library, and the *Pegasus* literary journal.



Dr. Bill Webster (center) congratulates the winners of the *Multeity in Unity* poetry slam: (l to r) Renee Brier, Rebecca Briceno, Brittany Vickers, and Amanda Mincey.

Valerie Webster, Dr. Charles Johnson, Jeremy Petrella, Casey Durden, and Dr. Barbara Frizzell attended the inaugural Diversity Summit, held October 28 and 29 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center on the campus of the University of Georgia. **Dr. Carl McDonald** was on the Planning Committee for this event. The conference was well attended by presidents, vice presidents, and campus faculty and staff leaders from all institutions throughout the University System. The purpose of the summit was to focus on strategies to ensure that everyone has the opportunity for higher education and that institutions recruit and retain employees that mirror a diverse society. Among the topics discussed were the institutional change necessary to be a truly diverse and inclusive campus, the changing demographics of the state

and nation, and issues of difference including race, ethnicity, social class, gender, sexual orientation, religion and politics. As a follow-up to the summit, each institution was asked to determine its top three priorities with respect to diversity and to address those priorities. SGC will pursue this assignment in the near future.

On October 19, **Jessica Crowe**, an instructor with the SGC Entry Program and a Georgia State University alumna, was a delegate for South Georgia College at the investiture of Dr. Mark P. Becker as Georgia State University’s seventh president. The theme of the investiture was *Envisioning Our Second Century*. Highlights of the event were a processional down Piedmont Avenue and guest speakers Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin.



Faculty Focus



In September, **Dr. Leonard Steverson** completed four encyclopedia entries for the *Cultural Encyclopedia of Alcohol*, edited by Rachel Black and to be published by ABC-CLIO. The entry topics written by Steverson were Interventions; The Medical Uses of Alcohol; Violence, Alcohol-Related; and Race and Ethnicity.

On October 6, the Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics & PE hosted a symposium titled "Everything you always wanted to know about the swine flu, but were afraid to ask" by **Dr. Cameron Perkins, M.D.**

SGC's Academic Quiz Team recently participated in the first competition of the school year in Orlando, Fla. Corey Newkirk (captain), Gaelen Whitfield, and Matt Sweat finished with two wins and seven losses. **Dr. Frank**

Holiwski, team advisor, said he was encouraged by the members' efforts in tackling challenging material and competing against teams from four-year schools.

Dr. Bill Webster, associate professor of English, and **Valerie Webster**, director of the SGC Entry Programs, attended the Eighth Annual Bourne Poetry Reading at Georgia Tech on September 25. The featured poets were Allison Joseph, who is the author of five books of poems and teaches at Southern Illinois University, and Mark Halliday, professor of English at Ohio University and the author of several books including *Jab*, his most recent poetry collection. Poetry at Tech, directed by the poet Thomas Lux, has become one of the premier poetry venues in the Southeast, sponsoring readings by the leading voices in American poetry today.

The Business and Social Sciences' **Fall 2009 Tolerance and Diversity Film Series** continues this month. The November showings are as follows:

- November 9**
Divided We Fall (2000)
- November 16**
Walk on Water (2004)
- November 30**
The Pursuit of Happiness (2006)
- All at 7:00 pm in Room 224, Collins Hall**

The South Georgia College Entry Program in Valdosta also has a November showing in its Tolerance and Diversity Film Series:

- November 12**
7:00 pm, UC Theatre
Prayers for Bobby
with a special guest from PFLAG

The Cultural Exchange Club has organized an exhibit entitled *Story of Money* in Collins Hall that will be on display through the end of November. The exhibit consists of four parts that illustrate how money evolved from barter without money, to commodity money, to metal money, and then finally to the paper money we currently use. Dr. Yuna Chen, event organizer, said faculty, staff and students supported the effort by bringing currencies from other countries, contributing money collections, and setting up the exhibit. Those assisting were Dr. Rick Reiman, Kit Carson, Leann Boyd, Gina LaBorde, Jeanette Dukes, Hilaria Taft, Nikki Gantt, Amanda Mincey, Eryka Martin, Zee Zhang, Omer Makhdoom, Gerald Jonah, and Ivan De Los Santos.



STORY OF MONEY

Nursing Outreach

HEALTH FAIR



Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) from the South Georgia College Nursing Division provided valuable health services for community members at several booths during the Health and Safety Festival October 3 in the Central Square Complex. These future nurses provided BP screenings and assisted with health screenings for the Kidney Foundation and Coffee Regional Medical Center's Wellness Center. Nursing instructor Cheryl Solomon supervised the nursing students who participated: Janet Ray, Russell Durden, Amanda Patillo, Allison Brice, Holly Mobley, Melanie Blackston, Cindy Dale, Samanda Allen, Janice Jackson, Angela McDonald, Jodie Roberts Tracy Goodale, Clay Nisley, Mendy Rentz, Megan Shook, and Tammy Bassett.

WALK FOR BABIES



Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) from the South Georgia College Nursing Division joined the "March for Babies" March of Dimes Walk on October 17 at Coffee Regional Medical Center. Twenty-one nursing students and their families participated in this wonderful opportunity to raise public awareness for families of children who are born prematurely.

PROBE Fair



Area high school students explored higher education options at the PROBE Fair October 8 in the SGC Wellness Center. Representatives from over 40 post-secondary institutions, including South Georgia College recruiters, were available to discuss programs of study, scholarships, financial aid, admissions and campus life.



SOCCER TEAMS

Coach Ken Kirsch introduced the SGC players on the men's and women's soccer teams October 7 at the cafeteria in Engram Union. Students enjoyed ice cream while Kirsch shared details about the soccer teams' late-season push for the play-offs.

MCDONALD NOMINATED FOR AWARD

Dr. Carl McDonald, SGC's Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been nominated for the 2009 National Council of Instructional Administrators (NCIA) Leadership Award for spearheading an on-campus project designed to highlight student learning outcomes. Throughout the 2008-2009 academic year, Dr. McDonald showed extraordinary dedication and leadership as he ushered in a new culture centered around student learning outcomes at SGC. While this project was a team effort, Dr. McDonald led the team and shouldered much of the responsibility for developing the program. "Dr. McDonald took the responsibility for instituting, in a very short time period, a model program of student learning outcomes and had the accountability for its success," said Dr. Virginia Carson, SGC President. As a direct result of this project, SACS removed SGC from Warning in June and reaccredited the College for 10 years with no additional monitoring. In a recommendation letter for the award, Dr. Rick

Reiman, Division Chair for Business and Social Sciences, also praised Dr. McDonald's leadership. "Dr. McDonald articulated a successful path forward to the various assessment stakeholders and did so with a combination of enthusiasm, empathy and knowledge," wrote Dr. Reiman. The NCIA will recognize eight individuals through regional awards, with the national award being presented at the International Conference on Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Fla., in April 2010.

BROWN REPRESENTS SGC AT INSTITUTE

Wes Brown is representing South Georgia College in the USG's Executive Leadership Institute (ELI). ELI is the systemwide leadership program developed in 2009 to build and sustain leadership excellence. Targeting both faculty and staff within the System, ELI will focus on continuously developing leadership capabilities in the competency areas of strategy, execution, collaboration, and engagement.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES WORKSHOPS

It was "Tuesdays with SSS" as Student Support Services hosted a Fall Workshop Series on three Tuesdays in October in Powell Hall. Focusing on skills for college success, the three workshops covered communication, study strategies, and step-by-step transfer.



COMMUNICATION



STUDY STRATEGIES



STEP-BY-STEP TRANSFER

Did you Know?

Georgia View:

According to **Julie Anderson**, Database Administrator, SGC's usage in Georgia View, the software used for online learning, has reached its highest level since Summer 2005. Anderson said 1,199 users accessed 73 sections with 965,087 actions in October 2009. Georgia View includes fully online, partially online, and hybrid courses at SGC.

Facilities Contact:

Cathy Hand in the Office of Advancement now serves as the primary contact for facilities requests and functions. You may reach Cathy at extension 4269 or cathy.hand@sgc.edu.

Pool Passes:

Community pool passes will only be offered in the Wellness Center. Interested individuals should contact **Martha Morgan** at extension 4217.

New Employees:

Mary Graham and **Venus McRae** have joined the housekeeping staff. Mary will be maintaining Floyd Hall and Venus will be taking care of Stubbs Hall.



November CALENDAR

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Advisement Day

3-4

Advance Registration

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Benefits Fair for
Open Enrollment

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Conference Room 210
and Ballroom
Engram Union

Open enrollment ends November 20

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SGC Alumni Reception

5:00 - 8:00 pm
Park Tavern, Atlanta

23-27

Thanksgiving Holidays

Cultural Festival Week

November 9-12

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Public Readings

of Student Essays

8:00 am - 12 noon

Front Lawn, Library

Festivals Around the World

Portrait in Japanese Anime

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Engram Union Lobby

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Public Readings

of Student Essays*

Author Yocheved Artzi

Book presentation:

Stealing German Bread

12:15 pm, Library

Theatre Stew

SGC Theatre Company

12:20 pm; 6:00 pm

Room 142, Peterson Hall

Cultural Events Music:

French Songs & Old Folkies

1:15 - 3:30 pm

Front Lawn, Library

Festivals Around the World

*Mexican Jewelry Show**

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Public Readings

of Student Essays*

Theatre Stew

12:20 pm

Room 142, Peterson Hall

Festivals Around the World

*Make Your Own Bread**

Martial Arts Demonstration

6:00 - 7:30 pm, Laird Auditorium

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Public Readings

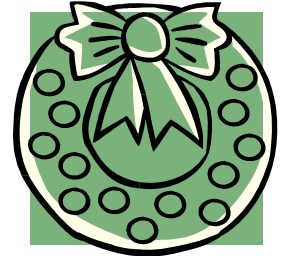
of Student Essays*

Festivals Around the World

*Chinese Painting Demonstration**

**If no time/location listed,
same as first reference*

December Events



HOLIDAY CONCERT

featuring *SGC Chorus,*
Coffee High Chorus, and
Special Orchestra

7:00 pm, December 1
McGouirk Auditorium
Peterson Hall

sponsored by SGC Cultural
Events and the Coffee
Alliance for the Arts

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for the
SGC Christmas Party to be
held on Tuesday, December 8,
2009, from 11:30 am to 1:00
pm in the Engram Ballroom.
The meat, rolls and beverages
will be provided courtesy of
the SGC Foundation. Please
sign up with Becky Wehmeier
in the Office of Advancement
to bring a dish, according to
your last name:

A-H Vegetable/Casserole

I-R Dessert

S-Z Salad

If you would like to support a
needy family this Christmas
season, SGC will be collecting
unwrapped toys at the party as
a community outreach project
to donate to local charities.



Happy Birthday NOVEMBER

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Jennifer Hall

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Lionell Bennett
Derek Westwood

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Kacie Hutchison

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Autumn Williams

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Annette Lewis

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Sheila Cady

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Wes Brown

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Virginia Carson
Lisa Harrell

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Dave Ellis
Adam Safer

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Scott Sims
Paul Wise

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Lori Seward



SGC November ANNIVERSARIES



FIRST 10

1 Year

Dorothy Tompkins

2 Years

Wayne Quinn

3 Years

**Leann Boyd
Kasey Dorminey
Lesa Williams**

4 Years

Linda Gail Andrews

5 Years

Tammy Parker

MILESTONES

10 Years

**Yolanda Crosby
Daphne French**

11 Years

**Peggy Dobbs
Elisa Johnson**

Transitions



Jeff & Jimmy Timothy

Jeff Timothy is the proud father of Jimmy Calvin Timothy, born October 13, 2009, at 11:04 am at Coffee Regional Medical Center. Congrats to Jeff and Christianna.

The William S. Smith Library honored two long-time employees, **Pat Burch**, 41 years, and **Glenys Wildes**, 35 years, with a double retirement reception October 19.



Glenys Wildes & Pat Burch