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Congratulations, Mr. President

A lifetime of service — Georgia Southwestern State University congratulates former President Jimmy Carter for winning the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize, announced Oct. 11. The philanthropic endeavors of the former president and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter (both GSW alums) are well-documented worldwide. Editor’s note: look for additional coverage of the Carters in the Spring 2003 edition of the Aeolian.
A trio of achievers was recently inducted into the GSW Athletic Hall of Fame. The newest members are Larry Gurchiek, Jerome Hubbard and Marion “Pete” Silver.

In 1984, Gurchiek was the first certified athletic trainer at GSW. He was a founding member of the executive council of the Georgia Athletic Trainer’s Association. In 1993, he was awarded a doctorate in physical education from Middle Tennessee State University.

Currently, Gurchiek is the curriculum director for athletic training education, and a professor of health and physical education at the University of South Alabama.

Hubbard, a 1981 graduate of GSW, earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education. He was a conference finalist in tennis for three years, and a member of the all-tournament basketball team in 1978-79. During the 1979-80 basketball season, he was ranked in the NAIA top 10 poll, won team MVP and best offense awards, and was a member of the all-conference team and all-tournament team in a holiday tourney.

Silver earned a secretarial science degree from GSW in 1959. In 1958-59, the basketball player averaged 29 points per game. She was co-captain of the team her freshman and sophomore years, and in 1959, a state tournament qualifier, winning four medals including all-tournament and sportsmanship honors.

Silver is a member of the GSW Foundation, Inc., board of trustees.

Arnold honored as All-American

Top ‘Cane—Kristan Arnold (center) became the first student athlete in GSW history to win three specific honors at the same time. The pitcher/shortstop for the Lady Hurricanes softball team was an NAIA first-team All-American, a National Fast-pitch Coaches Association first-team All American and an NAIA Academic All-American. Arnold is pictured with former GSW softball coach Ann Planas, left, and athletic department secretary Debra Sloan. A four-year letter winner, Arnold graduated in May with an accounting degree.