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The Division of Continuing Education is sponsoring two new travel tours and GSW alumni and friends are invited. The departure date for the trip to Greece is October 17, 2008 and includes 15 days and 22 meals. The per-person rates are $5,199 for singles; $4,199 for doubles; and $4,149 for triples. The departure date for the Central Europe trip is April 15, 2009. It includes 10 days and 14 meals at per-person rates of $3,299 for singles; $2,999 for doubles; and $2,969 for triples. Call (229) 931-2151 for more information.

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“On The Cover”— GSW President Kendall A. Blanchard, Ph.D., left, and Waycross College President David Palmer, Ph.D., are pictured signing a Transfer Admission Guarantee.
Meeting needs today and growing for tomorrow

It was announced recently that a group of paleo-anthropologists working at a variety of sites in Africa had found evidence suggesting that some 70,000 years ago the human species was on the verge of extinction. Apparently, the human population had dwindled to approximately 2,000 individuals as severe drought had reduced food supplies to starvation levels. 70,000 years later, the species has exploded to a total of almost seven billion.

As I thought about the implications of these numbers, I could not help but reflect on the significance of individual human lives. Theoretically, if you are one of 2,000 your life is worth more than if you are one of seven billion. While in fact no life is worth more or less than another, in the latter case it is much easier to get swallowed up in the crowd, be overlooked, or forgotten.

Georgia Southwestern is relatively small compared to other comprehensive public universities in the country. Our total of 2,400 students pales in comparison to the 20,000 of a Kennesaw State or the 17,000 of a Georgia Southern. However, there is an advantage to being a student at Georgia Southwestern in that you never become just a number or a face among a multitude of faces. We are proud of this and the fact that our small size allows us to give more attention to individual students and provide what amounts to a small private school education at the reasonable cost of public school tuition.

At the same time, this does not mean that we are satisfied with our size. We must grow and we will. My colleagues and I are working hard to increase the number of students who come to GSW and the number who are retained and graduate. A variety of special events and marketing initiatives have been designed and implemented to make sure that no one has an excuse not to know what the University is, what it has to offer, and why it is special.

Despite all our efforts here at Georgia Southwestern, we cannot achieve the growth that we want without the support of our alumni. We need your help. Tell people about Georgia Southwestern. Encourage those who aspire to a college education to check us out. Come and visit the campus every chance you get. This is your university and you need to come around occasionally and make sure that we are taking good care of it. Finally, you need not wait to be asked for a financial donation. As we work to grow, bring in the best students, and recruit the finest athletes, scholarships are our most valuable tool. By creating a scholarship or contributing to an existing one you are not only helping the University grow but also preserving your own legacy or that of a friend or loved one.

Georgia Southwestern is small and proud of its ability to attend to the individual needs of every student. At the same time, it aspires to grow. Be assured, though, that regardless of how large the University becomes, it will never forget its small school history nor abandon its commitment to providing a personalized education in a culture that maximizes every student’s opportunity to succeed.

“We must grow and we will.”

Kendall A. Blanchard, Ph.D.
President
Adler appointed GSW vice president of academic affairs

President Kendall A. Blanchard, Ph.D., has named Brian U. Adler, Ph.D., dean of the graduate school at Valdosta State University (VSU), vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty (VPAA). Following a nationwide search, Adler will replace Interim VPAA William L. Tietjen, Ph.D., effective June 2008.

“I am pleased and honored to be offered the position, and I look forward to serving with the wonderful faculty, staff and students at Georgia Southwestern,” said Adler. “The University is clearly at a unique juncture in its history, full of potential and possibilities, and I am excited to be part of the process as we work at growing GSW and moving it to the next level.”

“Dr. Adler comes to GSW with a wide range of academic accomplishment and administrative experience,” said Blanchard. “We are confident he will play a key role in our efforts to grow the enrollment at the graduate and undergraduate levels. We are excited that he is joining our administrative team.”

Dean of Valdosta State’s Graduate School since 2005, Adler has been instrumental in adding eight new graduate programs, with three currently under development; completion and retention rates have improved by 15%; and applications to the Graduate School have increased by 27%. Presently, the School includes 45 graduate programs, with four doctoral degrees, across five colleges.

Prior to his tenure as dean, Adler served as acting dean from 2004 to 2005, preceded by his time as administrative head of VSU’s Philosophy and Religious Studies Department (Spring and Summer 2004) and director of the Honors Program. A position he held from 1994 to 2004.

Adler earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, a Master of Arts in English from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Daniel’s tenure as Nursing dean permanent

Sandra Daniel, Ph.D., interim dean of the School of Nursing, has been promoted as the Georgia Southwestern Nursing School dean.

“I am honored to have been appointed Dean of the School of Nursing at Georgia Southwestern,” said Daniel. “I look forward to providing leadership and direction to this nursing program. The faculty, staff, administration and the community has provided me with much support, and I anticipate significant enrollment growth in this high-demand profession over the next decade and beyond.”

Daniel earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Georgia Southwestern, a master’s in nursing from Valdosta State University and a doctorate in nursing from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. She is also a licensed Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with a degree from the University of Alabama, Birmingham.
Central Bank of Georgia makes $110,000 donation to GSW School of Business

Central Bank of Georgia in Ellaville recently pledged a donation of $110,000 over two years to Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW).

Designated to support the GSW School of Business Administration, the gift equipped a state of the art stock market room, furnished the newly renovated Central Bank of Georgia School of Business Conference Room and supports GSW Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

“As we talk about the importance of the University to the local economy and the impact that additional students will have on the community, we also stress the importance of the community pitching in to help,” said President Kendall A. Blanchard, Ph.D. “This gift from Central Bank is a great illustration of the type of support we need as we work to increase our numbers.”

“We are very grateful to John Gill and Central Bank of Georgia for supporting the School of Business Administration and SIFE,” said John Kooti, Ph.D., dean of the School of Business. “John has been a great supporter of the School of Business for a number of years.”

Central Bank of Georgia, formerly known as Bank of Ellaville, was first chartered as a state institution in 1910. During the past ninety plus years, the bank has been a highly successful community institution in Southwest Georgia. The bank’s parent holding company, Middle Georgia Corporation, is the 31st largest bank holding company headquartered in Georgia. The bank has offices in Macon, Butler, Buena Vista, and Ellaville. The bank also operates Central Georgia Wealth Management, a full service brokerage unit, and Central Bank Mortgage Services, a home mortgage origination company.

Counties that Count

GSW is growing in student representation all over the state. Here is a list of the counties with the highest number of beginning freshmen from Fall 2007.

1. Sumter 67
2. Gwinnett 60
3. Cobb 35
4. Houston 29
5. Fulton 26
5. Dekalb 26
7. Henry 24
8. Fayette 22
8. Muscogee 22
8. Dougherty 22
Wheatley Administration Building receives award from Georgia Historic Trust

The Wheatley Administration Building at Georgia Southwestern State University, received an award for Excellence in Rehabilitation from The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation at its Annual Meeting April 5 in Columbus.

Built in 1918 on the Third District Agricultural and Mechanical School campus, now the Georgia Southwestern campus, the Wheatley Administration Building was designed by Crawford Wheatley. The structure was named for the designer’s son, Charles Huntington Wheatley. The Wheatley Administration Building’s T-shaped floor plan allows for an auditorium in the longer extension of the T-shape with the remainder of the building used as office and conference room space for GSW’s Admissions Office, Human Resources, Academic Affairs, University Relations and the President’s Office. The building’s rear addition was constructed in the second quarter of the 20th century.

The complete rehabilitation of the original 1918 building and its subsequent additions followed a preservation plan produced in 2005 by OJP/Architect, Inc. The plan’s first phase of work focused on the exterior with work including masonry repainting, a front porch restoration, window restoration, a new historically appropriate roof, sensitive ADA access improvements, and the replacement of all mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. To provide a more historically accurate exterior, three previously bricked-in arches in the rear of the building were uncovered and restored. Additionally, the historic view of the exterior has been restored by placing the HVAC chiller in an underground vault.

Interior rehabilitation included recapturing lost features, most notably the building’s rotunda. After the building’s original monumental staircase was removed in the 1940’s, the rotunda was enclosed to provide additional office space in 1963. Rehabilitation work restored both the lost rotunda and staircase, returning the Wheatley Administration Building to its original elegant appearance.

Excellence in Rehabilitation awards recognize projects that make compatible use of a building through repair, alterations or additions while preserving features of the property that convey its historic value. This year the Trust presented eight Excellence in Rehabilitation awards.

GSW adopts multi-modal communication service, outdoor notification siren

To better protect and inform the Georgia Southwestern student body, faculty and staff in case of emergency, the University has instituted a multimodal communication system and an outdoor notification system. Connect-ED allows University officials to notify the campus by phone, email or text. In addition, two outdoor sirens can broadcast emergency voice announcements to campus.
31 years later: Local alum remembers her days at GSW

It’s difficult to believe it’s been 31 years since I graduated from Georgia Southwestern. In 1977, it was still a college. After having completed all my course work in March, I had to wait until June to graduate. My father told me I had a choice: either go to graduate school which he would finance, or get a job. I chose the latter option.

But over the years of my journalistic career I have returned to campus again and again. I've had the honor of becoming personally acquainted with three former presidents: Henry King Stanford, Bill Capitan and the late William B. King. I’ve seen so many of my former professors retire, move away. With others, I have forged lasting friendships.

But I always feel a melancholy longing when I visit the GSW campus. It seems strange, however, since the campus itself has changed so drastically since I was a student. The Storm Dome has been added, as have the Education Building, the two new residential complexes, baseball fields, soccer fields, the rappelling tower, among other physical changes.

But what remains the same is the feeling of community. It’s true that people do speak to one another, even strangers/visitors, while walking on campus. When the late Iris Argo, my advisor and favorite person on campus, came up with the idea of the “Hello Walk,” she was a visionary.

I can recall the day my parents moved me into Complex III as a freshman. I had never been away from home much except to camp and even though I was rooming with a high school friend, I was so very homesick. That first night, there was a special banquet for incoming freshmen and each table included a faculty or staff member and three students. I don’t recall who the students were, but I will never forget that Mildred Tietjen sat with us. She was beautiful, sweet and very kind. Somehow she must have felt our awkwardness and managed to involve us in conversation that made us forget our worries. That was unselfish and caring, and she still is today.

I recall that many big names came on campus to speak during that era: Morley Safer and Roger Mudd, among others; and some pretty big-name bands also played in concert on campus.

Being a first-year nursing student, I was not into extracurricular activities; there was simply too much studying to do. There were lots of nursing students on my dorm floor. Not all of those freshmen nursing students applied

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GSW recognized by state of Georgia as environmental leader

Recently accepted into the Pollution Prevention Assistance Division’s (P²AD) Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia at the silver level, Georgia Southwestern joined 143 other organizations that have already committed to environmental leadership via the program.

“Georgia Southwestern State University is leading the way in implementing sound environmental practices,” said Suzanne Burnes, Assistant Director of P²AD and Manager of the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia. “We are proud to recognize GSW as the first university accepted in the upper levels of the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia.”

GSW successfully moved up to the Silver level after being a Bronze Partner since 2005. The Partnership offers four levels of participation for organizations throughout the state: Champion, Bronze, Silver and the highest achievement level, Gold. The entry level for each business or organization is based on initiatives already in place as well as those slated for completion during the term of Partnership.

P²AD is a non-regulatory division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Since 1993, P²AD has provided free, confidential environmental technical assistance in the areas of water conservation, waste reduction, energy conservation, by-product reuse, and recycling.
“We must grow,” President Kendall Blanchard said earlier this year. “We have decided that one of the means by which we grow is by becoming a place recognized for its ability to serve the needs of transfer students.”

In this regard, Georgia Southwestern State University and its leader have taken many steps. Over the last nine months, Blanchard has signed eight Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG) while authorizing five new cooperative degrees and instituting an entry program with two-year colleges in the University System of Georgia (USG).

You may be asking yourself, “What is a TAG?” This particular agreement will allow students attending a TAG school who maintain a certain grade point average (in most cases, a 2.0) and earn an associate’s degree, or who complete 60 transferable credits (30 of which must be earned at the TAG institution), to be automatically admitted to Georgia Southwestern, thus creating a seamless transfer. For transfer students, this makes the college decision process much easier.

“Transfer students hope to complete their degrees in a timely manner with as little red tape as possible,” said GSW Dean of Students Admissions Services Gaye Hayes. “They have already had the experience of going away to college and getting their feet wet in the higher education environment. When they come to us, they seem more focused than a first time entering freshman.”

Pending the success of TAG agreements coupled with further two-year college initiatives, the Georgia Southwestern campus will be packed with focused students in semesters to come.

“We think that these agreements are the beginnings of long and profitable relationships,” said Blanchard. “These agreements are simply the way we formally open the door to what we believe will be long term partnerships that are of mutual benefit to both Georgia Southwestern and the two-year schools and most importantly to those students who attend these schools and get an associate’s degree and who want to pursue a four-year degree or graduate degree at some point.”

From northeast Georgia to the furthest corner of southwest Georgia, GSW has signed eight TAG agreements with USG institutions so far: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), Atlanta Metropolitan College, Bainbridge College, Gainesville State College, Georgia Perimeter College, Gordon College, South Georgia College and Waycross College.

“The Transfer Admission Guarantees are truly a win-win-win situation.”

By Stephen Snyder
situation,” said Hayes. “The students benefit because we are making the process much easier for them, the two-year school benefits because they are able to ensure more of their students are successful, and Southwestern benefits because we welcome serious students to our campus.”

Hayes added, “As we grow our enrollment, the transfer population will be an important component in our overall plan.”

Transfer Admission Guarantees make for an easy transition from a two-year to a four-year school, but there is still another way for transfer students to earn a baccalaureate degree from Georgia Southwestern. With the 2 + 2 program, students need only complete an associate’s degree the first two years. In the second two, they earn a bachelor’s degree. Meanwhile, they are not required to say goodbye to their first college campus.

Georgia Southwestern currently has 2 + 2 programs in place at five USG institutions: ABAC, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) with majors in resource management (business) and early childhood education beginning Fall 2008; Bainbridge College, BBA and computer science, beginning Fall 2008; Darton College, BBA and computer science; Middle Georgia College, BBA; South Georgia College, BBA; and Waycross College, BBA.

While Blanchard has made considerable strides at branding Georgia Southwestern as the comprehensive four-year university in Georgia that understands the needs of transfer students, he says the credit for the inspiration belongs to a GSW colleague.

“The whole idea of partnering with two year schools across the state as a way of kick starting our enrollment growth…basically, the credit belongs to Randolph,” said Blanchard.

The Randolph he is speaking of is Georgia Southwestern’s athletic director, Randolph Barksdale. Barksdale put Blanchard in touch with several key officials at two-year schools around the state. Taking advantage of those contacts, Blanchard and Barksdale traveled to a number of two-year schools around Georgia checking receptiveness.

The responses were overwhelmingly positive. In one instance, something rather inventive came about.

Georgia Southwestern will play host to South Georgia College students this fall. At its March 2008 Board meeting the Board of Regents approved the request of Blanchard and SGC Interim President Virginia Carson to establish the South Georgia College Entry Program (SGCEP). The program will be housed on the GSW campus in Americus and administered by South Georgia College. Students (transient) enrolled in the program will take courses preparing them for transfer admission to Georgia Southwestern, meanwhile, having full access to GSW activities.

“Georgia Southwestern takes seriously its commitment to the people of this area,” said Blanchard. “This new program reflects this commitment by increasing the range of opportunities available to students in this region.”

From left to right: Dr. Blanchard signs agreements with Atlanta Metropolitan College; South Georgia College, Douglas; Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur; and Gordon College, Barnesville.
Georgia Southwestern State University recently announced that Keith Michlig, former General Manager of the South Georgia Peanuts, will be the Hurricane’s first full-time Sports Information Director (SID). Michlig’s hire serves as the culmination of a nationwide search to fill a position that will focus on maintaining ‘Canes sports information and promoting GSW athletics.

“This is a really exciting opportunity,” said Michlig. “The importance of the University’s move to NCAA Division II cannot be underestimated, and I’m glad that I can contribute to the success of this transition. I am thrilled to be a part of the Hurricane family.”

“Keith was part of a very talented pool of applicants,” said GSW Associate Athletic Director Jaclyn Kaylor. “We look forward to adding his skill set in sports information, marketing and promotions to the athletic department.”

With Michlig comes an extensive background in professional and collegiate sports management, marketing and sports information. Most recently, he was the general manager for the South Georgia Peanuts. Located in Albany, the Peanuts are a member of the South Coast League of Professional Baseball. As general manager, Michlig secured and serviced over 50 corporate sponsors, generating roughly $100,000 in new revenue.

Prior to his tenure in Albany, Michlig served as the director of marketing and community affairs for the National Alliance for Youth Sports in West Palm Beach, FL from 2003 to 2005. From 2002 to 2003, he worked as marketing manager for the Palm Beach County Sports Commission, also in West Palm Beach.

Michlig moved to Georgia in 2000 to serve as director of marketing and promotions for Mercer University Athletics. In a two year span with Mercer, he increased corporate sponsorship revenue by 92% and increased fall sports attendance by 73%. Prior to that, Michlig served as general manager of the Wisconsin Woodchuck Collegiate Baseball Club in Wausau, WI, and he was a sales executive at two other professional baseball clubs in Wisconsin.

A native of Wausau, WI, Keith earned a Bachelor of Arts in business from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire and a Master’s of Business Administration from Mercer University. Keith and his wife, Angela, have two boys, Brayden and Brantley.

The Georgia Southwestern State University athletic department, in conjunction with PrestoSports, has unveiled a new version of the school’s official athletic site at www.gswcanes.com. The site combines official athletic department content with the latest in digital technology and design.
Sargent makes first team All-Conference

Georgia Southwestern guard Anthony Sargent has been named to the Peach Belt Conference 2007-08 men’s basketball All-Conference team.

The junior guard from Indianapolis, Indiana, finishing second in the PBC in scoring averaging 22.0 points per game. He led the conference in 3-point field goals made with 88 and finished second in steals averaging 1.88 per game.

Sargent was tabbed the PBC Player of the Week on February 25th. His best offensive performance came against nationally ranked Augusta State on January 26th when he scored 38 points and drained a league-high 10 three-pointers.

The Hurricanes finished the season 8-19 overall and 5-15 in the PBC.

New Athletic Scholarships

Evan Bozof Athletic Scholarship
A pitcher on the GSW baseball team from 1996-1998, Evan Bozof passed away from meningococcal disease April 20, 1998. An athletic scholarship was endowed in Evan’s name as of March 2008.

For more information or to help this scholarship fund grow, call (229) 931-2037 or mail a gift with the insert from this magazine and designate the “Evan Bozof Scholarship.”

William “Willy” Mathis Athletic Scholarship
A GSW basketball and track star from 1969-1973, Willy Mathis was inducted into the Georgia Southwestern State University Athletics Hall of Fame in October of 2007. Shortly thereafter, Mathis passed away from a long battle with cancer. A general athletic scholarship was established in honor of Mathis in December of 2007. The scholarship fund is not yet fully endowed.

For more information or to give, call (229) 931-2037 or mail a gift with the insert from this magazine and designate the “Willy Mathis Scholarship.”
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: The Honorable Griffin B. Bell

Bell selected for Regents’ Hall of Fame Alumni Award

The University System of Georgia Foundation, Inc. recently announced that Georgia Southwestern State University alumnus Judge Griffin B. Bell was be awarded the Regents’ Hall of Fame Award for the State University Sector at the fourth annual Regents’ Awards for Excellence in Education Gala March 29, in Atlanta.

The purpose of the Award is to acknowledge the dedication and accomplishment of alumni from institutions within the University System. Bell was nominated for the award by GSW President Kendall A. Blanchard and selected by the Regents from a list of 13 nominees: one from each institution within Georgia’s State University Sector.

“Judge Bell is one of Georgia Southwestern’s most accomplished alumni,” said Blanchard. “At the same time, he remains one of the institution’s strongest supporters. We are genuinely pleased by the Regents’ choice for this award and are proud that Griffin Bell is not only one of our graduates, but also a life-long friend of the University.”

Bell personifies the word accomplishment. He graduated from Georgia Southwestern in 1936 and later graduated cum laude from Mercer University Law School in 1948. Following graduation, Bell practiced law in Savannah and Rome, Ga., and in 1953, he joined the noted law firm King and Spalding as a partner.

Judge Bell was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to serve as a United States Circuit Judge on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1961. He served that post for 15 years until 1976 when he returned to King and Spalding. One year later, Bell was appointed as the 72nd Attorney General of the United States where he served until 1979.

In 1980, he headed the American delegation to the conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held in Madrid. From 1985-1987, Bell served on the Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on South Africa. He was also appointed Vice Chairman of President Bush’s Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform in 1989, and he was counsel to President Bush during the Iran Contra Investigation.

In addition to Bell’s successful law career and many accolades, he has remained a committed supporter to his Alma Mater. Made possible by a gift from Bell, Georgia Southwestern hosts the Judge Griffin B. Bell Lecture series. The Lecture Series is held each February, and brings to campus men and women who have lead successful careers and allows them to share their experiences with students, faculty, staff and the community.

Judge Bell and his wife, Nancy, reside in Americus.
Singing into the night—The Tams performed at GSW’s first annual Big Fat Greek Reunion.

Dreaming big—Author and entrepreneur Debbie Griffiths (’79) was the featured speaker at the Homecoming 2008 luncheon. Pictured with Nursing School Dean Sandra Daniel (’74, 76), Griffiths is the founder of Pine Cone Management Company and recently authored the book “Little Lady, BIG DREAM.”

Dancing the night away—GSW Greek alumni demonstrate dancing techniques with the Tams.

Leading by example—Americus Mayor Barry Blount (’78) is presented with the Aeolian Award by Alumni Association Past-President Pate Bridges (’59), recognizing Blount’s outstanding service to the Americus community following the March 1, 2007 tornado.

King and Queen ’Cane—Robyn Jones (’08), center, and Alex Smith, right, are crowned Homecoming Queen and King standing with Queen 2007 Ashley Houseworth (’07).

Syrian Studies

Christopher Horton-Cook (’07) finished studying Arabic at Georgia State University in early May and left for Damascus, Syria May 21. Looking to broaden his knowledge of the language, Cook plans to study at least one year in the Middle East. He will be attending the Arab European University, the first private university in Syria studying two hours of speaking practice with a tutor and a total of 4.5 hours a day of class.

Following his studies of Arabic and upon returning to the US, Cook plans to attend either George Washington or Georgetown for an international politics degree.

While a student at Georgia Southwestern, Horton-Cook excelled. Having graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Sociology, the LaGrange native and member of the ’Cane tennis team was named the 2006-07 male Outstanding Student-Athlete of the Year in the NCAA Division II Peach Belt Conference (PBC).
Compiled by Pat Embleton and Kimberly Comer

Elizabeth Wicker Anderson, class of 1935, lives in Martinez, GA and is retired.

Dr. Pearl C. Hojnacaki, class of 1941, lives in Tampa, FL and is a school principal.

Kathryn Ransbotham, class of 1941, lives in Stone Mountain, GA and was a nursing instructor and director of School of Nursing and retired in 1981.

Howard H. Rainey, class of 1947, lives in Cordele, GA and was a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1961 - 1989.

Ms. Lillian Clark, class of 1949, Lives in Americus with husband William Clark. They own the Brickyard Plantation Golf Course.

Joan Russ Belflower, class of 1958, lives in Valdosta and is a staff nurse at Valdosta State University.

William A. Anderson, Jr., class of 1969, lives in Martinez, GA

Lawrence D. Sechler, class of 1969, lives in Waverly, GA and is retired from United Airlines as a captain.

Linda Kay Seal Harper, class of 1972, lives in St. Simons Island, GA and is a registered nurse.

Outgoing GSW Foundation Board Chairman Sam R. Hunter, Jr., class of 1973, presents Randy Jones, Jr. with a gift for taking life status as a Foundation Board Trustee.

Caron Smith Peavy, class of 1975, lives in Dalton, GA and is gift shop manager at Hamilton Medical Center.

Margaret A. Adams, class of 1975, lives in Orlando, FL and is retired. She is now active in the ministry.

Cindy Wilson Schaeffner, class of 1975 & 1996, lives in Americus, GA and is a retired teacher. She is currently working in the English Language Institute at GSW.

James C. “Bubber” Birdsong, class of 1977, lives in Baconton, GA with his wife, Vicki, and daughter, Bayley. He is the head baseball coach at Baconton Charter School.

Jo Ann King, class of 1978, lives in Columbus, GA and worked for AFLAC for 22 years.

Benjamin C. Andrews, class of 1980, lives in Americus and has been with the Emergency Department at Sumter Regional Hospital since 1989. He is married to Michelle Gatian, class of 1984. They have two children.

Ralph & Patricia Bryant-Goethe, class of 1981, live in Lyons, GA. Ralph is a regional leadership champion with Wal-Mart University. Patricia is an elementary school teacher and works in the Vidalia City School System.

Kelly Weems Pennington, class of 1982, lives in Eatonton, GA and is associate vice president for Academic Affairs at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, GA.

Michelle Gatian Andrews, class of 1984, lives in Americus, and is married to Ben Andrews, class of 1980. They have two children.

Irvin Jeryl Pinnell, Jr., class of 1988, lives in Americus, GA.

Emily Story Spikes, class of 1990 and 1995, and husband Kenny, class of 1989, live in Lawrenceville, GA with their four children. Emily teaches gifted math in the Gwinnett

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County Schools and recently completed her doctorate in education.

Carlus D. Gay, Jr., class of 1990, lives in Americus, GA and is the owner of Volvo Rents.

Bobby L. Phillips, class of 1992, lives in Knoxville, TN and is a maintenance supervisor.

Tim Cross, class of 1993, is currently serving as an Army Chaplain at Fort Hood, TX.

Pamela E. Ranew, class of 1994, lives in Crawfordville, FL and is in accounting.

Angela Robinson Clemons, class of 1994 and 1998, lives in Andersonville, GA and teaches in the Sumter County School System.

Mike Banks, class of 1997, lives in Fayetteville, GA and has a landscaping business.

Sally D. Bowman, class of 2000, is news editor at the Thomasville Times-Enterprise.

William James Peterson, IV, class of 2000 & 2003, and Brooke Peterson, class of 2003, live in Americus, GA. Will is HR director at Pheobe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, GA. Brooke teaches at Kindergarten at Southland Academy in Americus.

Cherona Jackson Quick, class of 2003, lives in Columbus and is part owner of DreamMakers of America in Columbus, GA.

Brian Lee Campbell, class of 2004 and 2006, lives in Americus, GA and is a solutions and systems architect with U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center.

Glenda Richards, class of 2006, lives in Albany and teaches 2nd grade at Lincoln Elementary Magnet School.

Bradley T. Davis, class of 2007, lives in Ellaville, GA and is married to the former Laura Johnson. They have two children.

In Memoriam

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Mr. Foy Evans, Class of 1938
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themselves that first quarter and by the beginning of the following quarter, about one-quarter of them flunked out of the program. Others, unlike myself who resigned from the nursing program mid-second quarter, went on to graduate and return to earn their bachelor degree in nursing right here at GSW.

Those were innocent times in many ways. The freshmen girls in my dorm had to sign in and out if they left campus for the weekend. Their dates had to go to the front desk where someone would call via intercom to inform the girl that her date had arrived. We had a midnight curfew, which was not broken under threat of expulsion. If you lived on campus, you were mandated to purchase a meal ticket and take your meals in the cafeteria. I didn't care much for that idea. I guess that's why I lost 10 lbs. that first year, rather than gaining the traditional "freshman 15." The food's changed drastically since that time.

Our professors had our best interests at heart and would assign extra work for extra credit if approached. No one gave a second thought to walking across campus at night alone. We felt safe.

Perhaps it's that as the world changes, so does Georgia Southwestern State University. The addition of President Kendall Blanchard has resulted in a wonderful marriage of ideology with South Georgia Technical College. Enrollment is growing. New housing has been constructed on GSW’s campus and there's more of a "college-town" feel locally. New restaurants and off-campus housing are sprouting that will hopefully be a draw for more students. Partnerships have been forged with other colleges and universities in an effort to grow enrollment.

The future looks bright for GSW and the community at large. We all need to continue to support this fine institution and appreciate its impact on the community: economically, socially and culturally. GSW is a major component in what sets Americus and Sumter County apart from other communities. Its roots lie deep in the history of the community itself. Let's not ever forget that.

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GSW students Will Hayes, left, and Arthur Lin both of Americus, Ga. spend the day before final exams having fun during Student Appreciation Day.