Canes Camp equips incoming freshman for success in first year

The “Canes Camp” bridge program is designed to ‘bridge’ the gap between high school and college by specifically addressing college readiness and related barriers to college completion. Funded by a grant from the Mattie H. Marshall Foundation and the Wells Fargo Foundation, Canes Camp is a comprehensive plan of action aligned with Georgia Southwestern’s strategic plan to improve retention, progression and graduation rates for this underserved population. The program is designed to assist and mentor local public school students, provide high school counselor awareness and continue GSW’s Sumter County mentoring partnership.

Canes Camp took place the week before the fall semester began and included 17 students from around the state. They were introduced to the financial aid process, experienced life in the residence halls, sampled college classes, and explored academic and financial resources.

Canes Camp is also a component of Southwestern’s Complete College Georgia initiative, and GSW’s regional “East Meets West” collaboration on college readiness with East Georgia State College.
Biology student’s presentation places 2nd at Microbiology Conference

Nathan Gilchrist, a senior biology major who will be graduating this year, placed second for his undergraduate oral presentation at the American Society for Microbiology Southeastern Branch in Jacksonville, Fla. last month. Gilchrist's presentation was titled “Bacterial Counts in Tea from Fast Food Restaurants.”

His research was performed in Dr. Anh-Hue Tu’s lab and his travel funding was made possible by the Cofer Fund, a grant at GSW that supports student research. Gilchrist, an Albany native, plans to pursue a career in medicine after graduating from GSW.

GSW Herbarium highlighted in ‘The Vasculum,’ participated in NSG grant

The GSW Herbarium was mentioned as a participant in the Georgia Herbarium Alliance meeting in Vasculum, Vo. 9, Number 2. July 2014. The Herbarium was also a participant in a funded NSF SERNEC ADBC Grant. Though not a principle investigator for the grant, some of the grant funds will specifically be used to help digitize the GSW Herbarium.

The GSW Herbarium has a collection of over 13,000 cataloged specimen. The majority of the specimen are non-local flora with most being from California and Utah. The bulk of the collection was donated to GSW by Dr. Robert A. Norris and is referred to as the Norris Collection.

Dr. Sarah Speir: Director of International Programing

With the advent of Georgia Southwestern's Quality Enhancement Plan, “Windows to the World,” efforts to nurture a global campus culture are now a priority. Some of those efforts include globalized classroom curricula, expanding education abroad opportunities, developing international student and scholar support services, and ultimately, the creation of a new position responsible for all international programs. Dr. Sarah Speir filled the role as the new director of International Programs over the summer.

Previously, she served as director of International Outreach at Appalachian State from 2007 to 2013. There, she led programming initiatives to promote intercultural competency through co-curricular programs, trainings and workshops.

From 2003-2007, Speir was director of International Student and Scholar Services at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn., within the Center for International Studies. In this role, she worked with a staff of three with responsibility for serving 900 international (non-immigrant student visa) students.

Under Speir’s leadership, International Education at Georgia Southwestern is primed to make a positive impact.

“I believe that the Office of International Programs can serve as an interdisciplinary and intercultural center that provides curricular resources, administrative management, support services, and intercultural training and programming for the entire campus community,” Speir added. “The Office of International Programs supports the modern university as a comprehensive unit to promote the integration of global learning across both Academic and Student Affairs.”
**Announcements**

**Dr. Stephanie Harvey** was promoted to full professor and was made chair of the Biology Department.

**Pauline C. Gillis**, senior administrative assistant and compass records coordinator, celebrated her 20th work anniversary at Georgia Southwestern on August 1, 2014.

**New Hires**

- Jill Hohnecker, Residence Life
- Carol Bishop, School of Business
- Michelle Dykes, School of Nursing
- Nat Milledge, public Safety
- Sarah Speir, International programs
- Cori Crews, School of Business
- Michelle McKie, School of Education
- Patrick Langan, School of Business
- Myeisha Biggins, Public safety
- Derek Ettensohn, English & ML
- Dreena Hoffman, School of Nursing
- James Lamb, OIIT
- Cole LeCroy, Physical Plant
- Krystal Yernye, Athletics
- Kleesbatner Loembet-Makaya, Athletics
- Kaitlyn Collins, Admissions

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**Grissett presents at APA national convention**

Dr. Judy Orton Grissett, assistant professor of psychology, traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 10 to participate in the 2014 Annual American Psychological Association Convention. Grissett presented her research as part of a poster symposium titled “Psychological Impacts of Experiences in Nature” with researchers from Georgia State University and Fielding Graduate University. The title of her presentation was “Relationship Between Informal Experiences with Nature and Ecological Reasoning among Adolescents.”

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**GSW receives Affordable Learning Georgia grant**

Dr. Judy Orton Grissett, assistant professor of psychology at GSW, and Dr. Charles M. Huffman, professor of psychology and department chair at GSW, have received a $10,800 Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grant from the University System of Georgia. The grant focuses on transforming the use of textbooks and other learning materials into lower cost options. The project will measure the impact on student success by using alternatives to traditional textbooks. The project will be conducted in the spring semester of 2015.

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**Faculty and Staff Fund Drive**

The Faculty and Staff Fund Drive will take place from early October to early November. Look for your packets in interoffice mail. With the theme “Give a Little, Get a Latte” again this year, everyone who makes a contribution will receive a free latte (or similar drink) from Java City. Whether your contribution is direct or through payroll deduction, it is combined with others to support GSW and our students. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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**Book Signing**

Oct. 6 @ 6:00pm

GSW Library

Why Ducks Waddle and Geese Don’t

Chuck Wachob, Author
Upcoming Events

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President’s Note

As I face the reality of retirement I am amused by the many interpretations that Americans bring to the concept. For some, retirement is the ultimate goal of a career; they work to retire. Subsequently, they fish, they golf, and they travel. Even more frequently they regale their working friends with wondrous tales of life without weekends. For others, retirement is this point at which one drops off into oblivion; when a life once defined by work ceases to have meaning.

Monday morning of the first retirement week finds them wandering around in their pajamas waiting for an epiphany, a sign that will lead them in a direction other than that of going back to bed. As they struggle to come up with a plan for their day they put on their shoes, shine their gold watch, and sit by the telephone waiting for a call. Eventually, out of exasperation, they check themselves into a home and begin making plans for their own memorial service.

Most of us fall somewhere in between, having reasons to be both excited and yet anxious about life after work. I like to think of my retirement as just that; a “re-tirement.” In other words, it is a time when I put on a new set of tires. The ones I am driving on now are old and worn thin. They’ve had a few flats, had some ungainly bulges, and been re-aligned several times. Clearly, I am ready for a change.

But what will my new tires be? They will certainly not be racing tires. I have not raced since my last half-marathon, which unfortunately was followed by three days on life support. They will not be heavy-tread work tires. I gave those up after my last stint as a fulltime classroom teacher. What I want are cruising tires. Cruising suggests you are just moseying down the road, enjoying the scenery, but not going anywhere in particular. However, if as you are tooling along you spy something interesting off to the side of the road, you can pull over and check it out. When you have milked that side trip of its excitement you simply get back into the car and cruise on to your next adventure. Sounds like a great life to me. No longer will I be a prisoner to the payroll; a toady of the time-clock; or a slave to the schedule. It’s called being “ungainfully unemployed,” and I’m looking forward to it. How much sweeter can it get? By the way, has anyone seen where I left my walker?