2005 Homecoming Takes Cues From 1940s Glamour
Organizers Cast a Wide Net With an Array of Community Events

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A diverse slate of activities—from pep rallies and step shows to a decorating contest and parade—will be part of this year’s Homecoming from Feb. 7-13.

Themed “An Affair to Remember,” this year’s celebration salutes the 1940s jazz era with a parade of events geared around the decade’s style and music. An evening of jazz and cocktails will kick off the week at 6 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts lobby, while a special “1940s Day” Feb. 10 will take the theme further by asking faculty, staff and students to adorn clothing from the period. A swing dance performance and lesson also will be held at 4 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center as part of the daylong event.

A wide variety of events are being offered this year to encourage broader participation, said Pamela Anthony, assistant director of annual giving and the Georgia State cheerleaders—will take place at noon that day in Library Plaza.

Faculty and staff also will have several opportunities to engage in the events. A pep rally featuring members of the Georgia State community are asked to wear university colors in a display of school spirit. A Pep rally featuring members of the men’s and women’s basketball teams—as well as an appearance by President and the Georgia State cheerleaders—will take place at noon that day in Library Plaza.

The week ends with a day-long slate of events, beginning with the second annual golf cart parade at noon Feb. 13 in the roads surrounding Georgia State. The event will feature student organizations, campus departments, a local marching band and other attractions. A Pep rally will kick off the day-long event with the Georgia State University Alumni Association will formally dedicate a bronze Panther sculpture in the Student Center’s Lobby immediate the game, followed by an alumni reception and dance featuring the Swingin’ Medallions in the Student Center. For ticket information, contact the Alumni Association at Ext. 21290.

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What do you do at Georgia State?
I run the gallery for the school of art and design. I do programming and exhibitions, three curated shows a year and a multitude of student projects.

What kind of background do you bring to the gallery?
When I moved to Atlanta, I was an art critic. While writing criticism, I developed an eye for what a good show looked like. From there, I started organizing exhibitions. I was the guest curator at Agnes Scott College for three years. During that time, I was a freelance curator, critic, and travel and art writer—I was totally out there all the time. Then this opportunity came up in 2000. I just thought it might be great to have a venue that I could grow and develop with over time.

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ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
Economics note: New research funding

The National Science Foundation recently ranked Georgia State’s Department of Economics 10th nationally for total research funding.

“[This ranking] continues the department’s excellent record on external funding and is further evidence of the strong performance of our faculty,” said James Alm, professor and chair of economics.

Other schools in the top 10 include, in ranked order: the University of Michigan (all campuses), the University of California-Berkeley, the University of Georgia, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Minnesota (all campuses), Michigan State University and the University of California-Davis.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Student sculpture imitates life

A Georgia State art student will soon become familiar to Atlantans who pass through the intersection of Gilmer Street and Peachtree Center Avenue.

Justin Bishop’s public-art project, “Smother,” was selected for installation in the 2005 Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design’s Student Sculpture Garden Project. The sculpture features a life-size cast of his smiling face and neck as he appears to emerge from a hardened column of concrete.

“The smile on the face of the figure is meant to represent an acceptance of his predication as well as knowledge of it being self-induced,” said Bishop, a first-year graduate student in the sculpture department. “Although it was born from an emotion caused by schoolwork, people everywhere feel smothered — from business people to the homeless — everyone can relate to this sculpture, and hopefully they will feel a little lighter after viewing it,” Bishop said.

According to the 2004 National Communication Association Doctoral Reputational Study, Georgia State University is the nation’s 16th most doctorate program for the study of rhetoric studies. The survey results were based on responses from more than 1,000 graduate faculty members from 105 doctoral programs nationwide who participated in the study.

The rankings asked three questions, focusing on the scholarly quality of the program faculty, the program effectiveness of educating researchers, and the change in quality over the past five years.

Georgia State ranked as the third most improved program nationwide over the past five years.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Prof studies habits of Latinas

Mary Arai, of the Department of Middle-Secondary Education and Instructional Technology, and Colleen Faubanks, a researcher at the University of Texas at Austin, are collaborating on a seven-year longitudi- nal study of adolescent identity and literacy development that involves interviews with six working-class Latina girls. “Stances and Dances: Girls’ Negotiations of Subjectivities,” will study the girls until their scheduled graduation from high school in 2006.

The project has yielded significant ins- ights; most notably, illuminating the various dispositions and resources that each of the girls has brought with them to school and constituted the stances from which they filter and negotiate their educational experiences.

For more information, visit http://education.gsu.edu/ceo/content/news/newCon- struction.htm.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES
Student nabs award for academic excellence

President C. Paul Patton presented criminal justice student Phillip M. Bratton with the President’s Award for Academic Excel- lence during the December commence- ment ceremony, to honor her outstanding scholarly achievement.

The award, named in memory of William S. Kelly, is presented to the student with the highest undergraduate scholastic average in all course work at Georgia State Uni- versity with no transfer credits.

Bratton previously received the James L. Maddex Jr. scholarship, which is presented to an outstanding criminal justice student based on his or her stated academic goals and scholastic merit.

COLLEGE OF LAW
Auction to fund student fellowships

The Public Interest Law Association will hold its 13th annual Fellowship Auction at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Loudermilk Center on Edgewood Avenue.

Proceeds from the auction, which in- cludes dinner and entertainment, are used to award fellowships to Georgia State stu- dents who work in public-interest positions during the summer. PILA has supported students working at the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless, the DeKalb County Pub- lic Defender’s Office, the Trauancy Interven- tion Project, the Georgia Justice Project and the Latin American Association.

Tickets are $10 for students and $15 for general admission. To purchase items, contact Keith Muse at 404/719-0589 or amun19@student.gsu.edu.

J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
M.B.A. books college’s merits

The J. Mack Robinson College of Busi- ness was recently profiled in “Elite M.B.A. Programs at Public Universities: How a Dozen Innovative Schools Are Redefining Business Education” (Praeger Publishers, 2004), a new book by Mimi Wolverton and Larry Edward Penley.

According to the authors, business schools such as Harvard University, Stanford University, Northwestern University and the University of Pennsylvania are the most recognizable names in higher edu- cation with elite graduate-level business schools. But the authors point out that some of the country’s most highly ranked business schools and programs are actually housed at public universities.

Search committees formed to fill athletics posts

Two separate committees have been formed to select the new athletics director; Greg Manning, a former student-athlete and chair of the Georgia State athletics board, is co-chairing the search committee for a new athletics director.

An additional director is likely to be in place by the time the university moves into the 12-member Colonial Athletic Association in July.

Tom Lewis, a university assistant for external af- fairs and athletic operations, and Jim Stark, chair of the Georgia State athletics board, are co-chairing the search committee for a new athletics director.

Last month, the committee announced the appointment of interim athletic director, a position he previously held from 1985-1990.

Mayor presents prizes to Torch of Peace winners

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin was the featured speaker at the 22nd annual Martin Luther King Jr. convocation, held Jan. 20 in Georgia State’s Student’s Auditorium. Atlanta’s first female mayor spoke on this year’s theme, “Building a Bridge Toward Humanity.”

Activities included recognition of the Torch of Peace Award recipients: Charles Gallagher, associate professor of sociology (Faculty Award); Doris Derby, director of the Office of African-American Student Services and Programs (Staff Award); Agnetta Crunk, recent graduate (Alumni Award); Toussaint, student (Student Award); and Tighter Grip: An African-American Male Initiative (Student Organization Award).

The awards are presented annually to students, faculty, staff and alumni who demonstrate leadership and service in the promotion of intercultural relations.

University announces faculty, staff appointments

Georgia State announced the following recent appointments and title changes:

• Amy Lederberg, associate vice president for research
• William Fritz, associate provost for academic programs
• Charlene Hurt, dean of the libraries
• DeAnna Hines, assistant vice president for university relations

Before you pay for research, check the library

The University Library has created a Web page to help users determine whether articles, documents or titles listed in Google Scholar — a new tool for conducting preliminary research — are available in the school’s collections and services.

Before you pay for an article or order a book using Google Scholar, follow the steps listed at www.ciclt.com/gsu/ googlec scler to determine if the library already has the material or can order it for you.

Georgia State Legislative Update

Want to know what’s going on under the Gold Dome?

Get the latest information by visiting www.ciclt.com/gsu/ and clicking under “Current News.”

Questions?
Call Ext. 1-2031.
Employee Benefits: Bill Usery, chairman of Georgia State’s Usery Center for the Workplace, presented a certificate last month to Dixie Elmore, business manager for the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, good for two round-trip business-class tickets on AirTran Airways. Elmore’s name was selected from more than 700 entries in a random drawing sponsored by the center at the university’s Employee Benefits and Information Fair in October.

PROJECT HEALTHY GRANDPARENTS

Project Healthy Grandparents would like to thank the faculty and staff at Georgia State University who contributed to the holiday sponsorship of grandparent families. Through your generosity, the lives and hearts of the children and the grandparents have been touched in a very special way.

In a thank-you note, one of this year’s grandparents wrote:

“Tears still well up in my eyes each time I…think about…what you have done for these two fragile lives and the happiness you have provided. You have put eternal smiles …on the faces.…of these two young… children…and a reassurance of goodness in me.”

May the spirit of your giving last throughout 2005.

The faculty and staff of Project Healthy Grandparents

Georgia State University
Office of Student Life and Leadership
Intercultural Relations

In collaboration with the NAACP (Georgia State Chapter)

Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels

Tuesday, February 15, 2005 12:00pm - 8:00pm
and
Wednesday, February 16, 2005 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Student Center House/Senate Salons

Join us for a fascinating tour of African-American artifacts dating from 1860 to the present.

• Giveaways • Light Refreshments •
Brief discussions regarding exhibit with founder and curator
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Office of African-American Student Services and Programs and Affiliated Student Organizations
Atlanta-Based Learning, Office of Undergraduate Studies
Women’s Studies Institute
Rachel’s Daughters
Office of Community Service
Office of Opportunity Development/Diversity Education Planning

For more information call: 404-463-9031
• Through Friday, Feb. 25
10 a.m. – “Gas, Food and Lodging: Imagining Escape.” Featuring the work of Georgia State’s Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design faculty. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design Gallery. Free. 404/651-9489.

• Through Friday, March 11
10:45 a.m. (every Friday) – Yoga and Meditation Class. Sponsored by Faculty and Staff Assistance. Location to be announced. Individual classes, $10; eight-week program, 864/405-4741.

• Tuesday, Jan. 25
9 a.m. – Workshop: “The Internal Complaintal.” Includes a mock internal investigation. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to identify behavior that is discriminatory, know the steps to follow as a complainant, and know what to do if they are unable to resolve the issue. APS Building, Room 750, Smart Seminar Room. Free; registration required. Sponsored by the Office of Opportunity Development. 404/651-0979.

• Wednesday, Jan. 26
Noon – Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Luncheon, College of Law Dean’s Faculty Conference Room, Urban Life Building, 4th floor. By invitation only; reservations are required. 404/651-4360 or vdy@gsu.edu.

• Thursday, Jan. 27
6 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Panthers vs. Troy State. Sports Arena. Georgia State students, free with ID; faculty/staff, $5; with ID: adults, $8; children (6-12), $3; children under 6, free. 404/651-3166.

6 p.m. – Women's Basketball. Lady Panthers vs. Campbell. Sports Arena. Georgia State students, free with ID; general admission, $5; children (6-12), $3; children under 6, free. 404/651-3166.

• Friday, Jan. 28
10 a.m. – Lecture: “Signals and Sensing in a Vibrio-Squid Light Or- gan Symbiosis.” Eric Stabb, University of Georgia. Presented as part of the Biology Seminar Series. 300 General Classroom Building. Free. 404/651-2259.

8 p.m. – Urban Bush Women. Dancing, music and storytelling with African-American spiritual traditions, the award-winning performance troupe celebrates its 20th anniversary. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. 404/651-4727 or www.rialtocenter.org.

• Wednesday, Feb. 9
6 p.m. – Reception and Book Signing with the Tuskegee Airmen. The airmen will share the story of the African-American aviators and support personnel first trained during World War II. Sponsored by the Georgia State University Alumni Association in celebration of Black History Month. Student Center, Sinclair Suite. Free. 404/651-2190.