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Panthers basketball to show defense, athleticism in second CAA season

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Don't expect a wide-open offense or a score-first mentality from the Georgia State Panthers' men's basketball team when they hit the hardwood for their first regular season game against the College of Charleston Nov. 11.



Mike Perry and Lea Henry, head coaches for the men's and women's basketball teams, respectively, laid out their plans to improve on last season at the Oct. 13 Panther Talk at ESPN Zone.

against Florida State, Clemson and Iowa. And they'll meet cross-town rival Georgia Tech in just the second game of the season. But Perry hopes for big things from his returning core of sophomore guard Rashad Chase, junior center Deven Dickerson, junior forward Justin Billingslea, sophomore guard Leonard Mendez and senior guard/forward Lance Perique.

With her version of the triple threat back and better than ever, women's head basketball coach Lea Henry is downright giddy about the Lady Panthers' second season in the CAA. Senior guard and leading scorer Kelsey Roegiers-Jensen, sophomore guard Brittany Hollins – a conference all-rookie team selection last season – and sophomore center/forward Marcquitta Head all return from stellar campaigns.

Henry also can count on having sophomore forward Brittany Hudson back this season after returning from a medical redshirt. And with a solid recruiting class that added six new players to the roster, Henry says that the youthfulness of her newcomers mixed with veteran leadership provide for an awesome mix.

"You take those two qualities and combine them, and I think it makes for a very exciting team," she says. "...I think because of our athleticism, we're going to need to let them run. But our focus is always on our defense."

The Lady Panthers jump right into a non-conference schedule traveling to play Atlantic Coast Conference foes Miami and Georgia Tech their first two games. Henry hopes those two road games will steel her team for the always-tough conference play in the CAA.

"Our conference is very competitive," she says. "You've got to be prepared every second you're on the court."

"We're going to be a scrappy, feisty, defensive-minded group," says head coach Mike Perry.

As the Panthers get set for their second sojourn through the Colonial Athletic Association, which ranked eighth among the 32 Division I conferences and sent George Mason to the Final Four last year, Perry says the Panthers gritty approach is essential to compete in their new league.

"We have to look at doing things a little differently. In the [Atlantic Sun Conference], we looked to take the game to our opponents, dictate the tempo and open up the floor," he said. "The league we played in last year, that wasn't always the case."

The Panthers face a brutal non-conference schedule with games

5 minutes with:

Nancy P. Kropf

Director of the School of Social Work

You joined Georgia State in July. How are you settling in so far?

I came to Georgia State from the University of Georgia, and it seems like I'm already becoming part of the campus just by getting to know my colleagues and the staff. But what's been great – the best thing, really – has been getting to know the students. Learning about them and what they're interested in doing, that's keeping me pretty excited.

What's unique about the social work program?

I think what sets the social work program here apart from so many others is the community-based theory we use that keeps social workers connected to neighborhoods and people. So many other programs focus on social work intervention at the level of a single person.

Do most people understand what social work is?

Ours is a field that's represented by so many stereotypes. Social work is about creating healthy communities and healthy people. It's about promoting social justice. So how do you promote well-being? Are there good ways to keep people engaged in society? Finding answers to those questions is what social work is.

What are some of your priorities going to be as director?

I want us to understand exactly why we've been so successful. We're attracting students from across the country. Part of that is our ability to work closely with other departments within the university. Social work touches on the law. It reaches into public health. My priorities are to capitalize on those relationships with other departments to unify how social work connects with other areas of study.



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Parker "Pete" Petit, Gov. Sonny Perdue and nursing student Lauren Best

Science lab sparks another era of growth

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A new era of scientific expansion and public service dawned at Georgia State as university officials and local leaders broke ground on a \$200 million science complex at the heart of the university's campus, said Georgia State President Carl Patton earlier this month.

Patton, joined by Gov. Sonny Perdue and Atlanta philanthropist and Matria Healthcare Chief Executive Parker H. "Pete" Petit, kicked off work to build a cutting-

Thanking Perdue, Patton said, "The \$37.5 million you included in this year's state budget for the Science Teaching Laboratory brought us to this groundbreaking ceremony today. Your continuing support is helping Georgia State move ahead and better serve our students."

The four-building complex starts with construction of the Parker H. Petit Science Teaching Laboratory and a neighboring research lab, and plans for the site include a business incubator and center for advanced collaboration. Petit, who holds an M.B.A. from Georgia State, contributed \$5 million for the project.

The complex will be the home of Georgia State's biology, chemistry, computer science, geosciences, nursing, nutrition, physical and respiratory therapies, physics and astronomy, and psychology departments and the Institute of Public Health. More than 6,000 students are enrolled in those programs.

The complex is being financed by federal, state and private funds, as well as contributions by Georgia State faculty and staff. Workers will start on the new labs in the spring. Construction is expected to wrap up in summer 2009.

edge science park at Piedmont Avenue and Decatur Street along with a crowd of Georgia State faculty, staff, students and friends.

Boosting vital nutrients

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It was a blow to us salad lovers when bagged spinach was found to be contaminated by a virulent strain of E. coli and questions were raised about the safety of other lettuces as well.

Nevertheless, do not give up healthy eating. Creative substitutions can help you keep nutrient intakes high and risk of illness low.

In the September issue of the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, a study of more than 9,000 women and 8,000 men found that those who eat salads, salad dressing and raw vegetables have higher intakes and better blood levels of vitamins A and C, folate and the phytochemicals or plant nutrients called carotenoids. These nutrients are tied to reduced risk of heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes.

Salad alternatives

- Chinese cabbage tossed with broccoli and artichoke hearts and drizzled with safflower oil and vinegar
- Steamed and chilled cauliflower, celery and carrots. Toss with canola oil, vinegar and sunflower seeds.
- Honeydew, cantaloupe and banana salad
- Strawberries and yellow and red bell peppers tossed with sunflower oil, a splash of balsamic vinegar and almonds

Food safety tips

Washing fruits and vegetables is always a good idea, but you cannot wash away E. coli. Only heat will destroy the bacteria (160 degrees for 15 minutes). But washing fruits and vegetables can remove dirt that hides in the creases of plants.

- Buy produce in small quantities, only the amount you will use within a week.
- Inspect produce and don't buy anything with mold, cuts or bruises.
- Fresh produce that is cut or peeled should be refrigerated within two hours of preparation.
- Wash all fruits and vegetables under cool tap water before eating.
- Scrub the outside peel of melons and cucumbers before cutting; the knife could pass through dirt on the rind and transfer it to the flesh of the fruit or vegetable.
- Discard the outer leaves of vegetables.
- Substitute frozen spinach for fresh spinach. Frozen spinach is high in nutrients and a safe alternative to fresh spinach. Defrost spinach in the refrigerator and squeeze out the excess moisture before adding it to your dish.

For more tips, visit www.foodsafety.gov.

Recital Hall renovations celebrated with music

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After wrapping up the first phase of a \$2.3 million renovation to the Florence Kopleff Recital Hall, the School of Music at Georgia State is ready to hear an encore.

To celebrate the completion of the first half of the project – aptly called the Encore Project – and get set for phase two, the School of Music is presenting a special concert Oct. 26. “The concert, celebrating the completion of a beautiful new stage area with an elevated pit lift, will feature a variety of talented students and faculty,” said John Haberlen, director of the School of Music. “John Holloway, renowned international artist, will also perform at this event, debuting his new solo CD of Bach sonatas.”

The main elements of the first phase include the installation of two HVAC systems, cherry veneer stage panels, a maple wood stage floor, a new double entryway at the front of the hall, lobby restroom renovation and the new stage pit orchestral lift.

“We’re thrilled to have finished the stage area and look forward to renovating the seating area, lobby and green room during the summer of 2007,” Haberlen said. “A number of Georgia music schools have new halls; it’s especially important for us to provide a quality hall for Georgia State students to give music performances.”

Built in 1970, the hall hosts more than 200 events a year and is the heart and soul of the school’s educational program consisting of student and faculty recitals, lectures and master classes. In May 2004, the interior performing space was renamed in honor of Artist-in-Residence and Professor Emerita Florence Kopleff.

The second phase will begin in May and includes the construction of a new canopy entrance to the lobby, surround-sound system and lighting system, as well as an aisle expansion and a restoration of the hall’s interior seats.

COLLEGE NEWS

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES GHPC expands work in Mississippi Delta

The AYSPS Georgia Health Policy Center is expanding its assistance to meet the rural health needs of residents of the Mississippi Delta thanks to an amendment to a contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Office of Rural Health Policy.

The \$75,000 amendment builds on an existing \$1 million contract for the Delta Health Initiative Cooperative Agreement Program, which was established to provide funding to an alliance of groups that address longstanding unmet rural health needs such as access to health care, health education, research, job training and capital improvements in the Mississippi Delta region.

The GHPC provides technical assistance and network development support to more than 140 grantees in more than 40 states. The center works in partnership with communities to develop and sustain innovative partnerships and programs that positively influence health status.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Renowned authors to give readings at Troy Moore Library

Authors Heidi Julavits and Don Bogen

will lead a panel on literary publishing at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Troy Moore Library during the New South’s Writing Workshop’s Conference on Literary Publishing hosted by the English department. Both authors will give readings at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

Julavits is the author of *The Uses of Enchantment*, *The Mineral Palace* and *The Effect of Living Backwards*. She is a founding editor of *The Believer*, and her writings have appeared in *Esquire*, *Time*, *The New York Times* and *McSweeney’s*.

Bogen is a poet, critic and translator whose awards include the Poetry Society of America Award and the Writer/Emily Dickinson Award. Bogen is professor of English at the University of Cincinnati and is the author of *Luster*, *The Known World* and *After the Splendid Display*. For more information, visit http://workshop.gsu.edu/visiting_writers.html.

Konner to speak during anthropology colloquium

As part of anthropology awareness month, well-known anthropologist Melvin Konner will discuss his latest work *Thirty Years and Three Days: A Brief Return to Nisa and the !Kung San Bushmen of Botswana* from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 26 at the University Center, Room 465. Konner will discuss the !Kung way of life, how it has changed, and how his visit in 2005 unfolded.

The Department of Anthropology recently became autonomous after 10 years of being a program in the former Department of Anthropology and Geography and it has celebrated anthropology awareness month in October with a colloquium series of outside speakers, receptions, an ethnographic film festival, and social events.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION After-School All-Stars program expands

Nearly 200 students joined the After-School All-Stars program when Georgia State expanded to Atlanta’s Parks Middle School in September. Parks Middle School joins King Middle School, Walden Middle School and Brown Middle School in the program, which is housed at Georgia State’s College of Education.

After-School All-Stars is a national project that provides after school programs for at-risk youth. It serves 35,000 youth annually in 15 cities across the country. Today, 800 children living in the inner city have a safe place to spend their afternoons through the program, which inspires young people to do well in school and to participate in positive community programs.

Counseling and psychology ranked in publications

Communication Disorders Quarterly

recognized the College of Education’s Department of Counseling and Psychological Services for its large number of publications on multicultural populations and vocational issues. Georgia State ranked 11th in the publication’s ranking of schools. This is the third time in a year that the department has been ranked in publications in top counseling and school psychology journals. *CDQ* is the official journal of the Division for Communicative Disabilities and Deafness of the Council for Exceptional Children.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Taking on public health in Africa

Two Institute of Public Health faculty members worked in Africa this year through separate programs to improve environmental and children’s health.

Assistant professor Karen Giesecker is participating in a two-year research project in Tanzania to evaluate the goals of a reproductive health program operated by CARE International and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The program was set up to increase access to maternal-child health services to reduce infant mortality rates. Giesecker’s research is sponsored by the CDC and Georgia State.

Assistant professor Derek Shendell is working with the University of Ibadan in

Ludacris Foundation makes a big donation to the Rialto

► A foundation piloted by one of Atlanta's most recognized hip hop artists recently made a \$20,000 donation to the Rialto Center for the Arts in support of children's programming. The Ludacris Foundation, which was started by the rapper and former Georgia State student Ludacris to work with young people in the community, made the sizable donation after his foundation held a film event at the Rialto.

Ludacris, whose real name is Chris Bridges, attended the May 11 showing of the film *Heart of the Game*, which was set up as part of an after-school program sponsored by the foundation. Ludacris' mother and foundation director Roberta Shields praised the event and asked about the center's programming for young people.

"I described the Jazz for Kids outreach into the public schools and our partnership bringing in urban youth for cultural experiences," said Rialto director Leslie Gordon. A few days later Gordon received a letter from the Ludacris Foundation and the donation.

Open enrollment dates changed

► Faculty and staff can make changes to health care coverage benefits during the university's open enrollment period Nov. 13 to Dec. 1. During open enrollment, employees can switch providers, make changes to existing benefits or enroll for new benefits.

An individual benefits summary, including highlights of benefit plans and premium changes, will be sent to each employee's home by Nov. 13. The Benefits Office will conduct informational meetings in November to highlight any premium or benefit plan changes occurring within plan year 2007. Employees who miss the deadline will have to wait until next year's open enrollment period to make changes. For more information, contact the Office of Benefit Services at (404) 651-3324.

Adopt a grandparent-led family for the holidays

► Since 1997, Georgia State faculty and staff have contributed generously to the annual holiday celebration that supports grandparent-headed families participating in the Georgia State-sponsored Project Healthy Grandparents program. The program facilitators are seeking departments, colleges, units or individuals to do the same this year and adopt families during the upcoming holiday season. For more information, contact **Jewett Mukenge** at (404) 651-0382 or jmukenge@gsu.edu.

Faculty help needed to attract student inceptors

► The Office of New Student Programs is seeking faculty help in attracting students to Georgia State's 2007 Incept Team. Inceptors have an understanding of orientation, student life and the mission of Georgia State, and they can articulate this to new students and their guests. Faculty and staff can help by promoting the position in their classrooms, departments and offices. Interested students can attend informational sessions at 12:15 p.m. Oct. 24, Oct. 26, Oct. 27 and Oct. 30 in the Student Center Capital Suite.

Inceptors are the primary support for new students and serve as mentors and guides to groups during orientation conferences and universitywide events, such as Freshman Convocation, Panther Welcome Week, Panther Preview, Alumni Association and Welcome Center events and graduation. For more information, call New Student Programs at (404) 463-9065.

Nigeria to improve environmental and occupational health in that country. He helps train Nigerian health care workers in areas such as outdoor air quality and pollution. Shendell's work is funded by Georgia State's International Strategic Initiatives Program through the National Institutes of Health.

COLLEGE OF LAW Lecture focuses on sprawl and wetlands

"Wetlands Conservation and Metropolitan Growth," will be the subject of a public lecture hosted by the College of Law's Center for Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth at noon Nov. 16 in Room 170 of the Urban Life building. University of Florida law professor **Alyson C. Flournoy** will give the topical presentation as part of the "Environmentally Speaking..." series, which focuses on the global environment and land use issues. The lectures are open to the public at no charge. For more information, please visit <http://law.gsu.edu/metrogrowth/>.

J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Conference explores economy, trade
Economists and scholars will discuss "Finding Diamonds in the Economic Rough" during the College of Business Economic

Forecasting Center's quarterly conference. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Nov. 15 in the Student Center Speaker's Auditorium. Lecture topics include New Orleans' post-Katrina economic outlook, the U.S. manufacturing outlook and the trade relationship between the United States and Canada.

Economic Forecasting Center director **Rajeev Dhawan** will deliver his forecast for the nation, Georgia and the metro Atlanta region. For more information and to register, visit http://robinson.gsu.edu/efc/conferences/upcoming_conference.html.

Board adds six and gets new chair

Thomas D. Body III, chairman of Wirefree Partners LLC, was named chair of the board of advisors for the J. Mack Robinson College of Business. The board also welcomed six Georgia State University alumni: **Ed Baker**, publisher of *Atlanta Business Chronicle*; **Rene Diaz**, president and CEO of Diaz Wholesale; **Michael D. Easterly**, co-founder and chairman of Legacy Securities Corp.; **Gerald W. Hudgins**, president of Hudgins Construction Co.; **Kevin E. Lofton**, president and CEO of Catholic Health Initiatives; and **Parker H. (Pete) Petit**, chairman and CEO of Matria Healthcare.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL of MUSIC

UPCOMING EVENTS

Recital Hall "Encore" Celebration

Thursday, October 26 - 7:30 PM

A special concert in celebration of the completion of Phase I of the Recital Hall "Encore" renovation project, featuring performances by the Georgia State University Singers, Percussion Ensemble, faculty members and a surprise international guest artist.

Kopleff Recital Hall - FREE



neoPhonia New Music Ensemble

Tuesday, October 31 - 7:30 PM

Nickitas J. Demos, artistic director

"Tunes for Tricks & Treats" -

featuring the premiere of *Dark Stories for A Sunny Day* by Jen Mitchell as well as other surprises! Come in costume, take in the concert and stay after for treats sponsored by the Georgia State University Student Chapter of the Society of Composers, Inc.

Kopleff Recital Hall - FREE



Wind Orchestra

Thursday, November 2 - 7:30 PM

Robert J. Ambrose, conductor; Joanne Brandes, guest conductor
Corey Francis, assistant conductor; Tim Redmon, trombone

Featuring works by Holst, Latham, Larsson, Ticheli, Ianaconne, Whitacre and Grainger.

Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE

University Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, November 5 - 3:00 PM

Michael Palmer, conductor

Joseph Robinson, oboe

Featuring Vaughn Williams' Oboe Concerto in A Minor and Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 in F Major. Reception to follow.

Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE



Faculty Recital:

John Huston, classical guitar

Monday, November 6 - 7:30 PM

Duo Lunaire: with Danijela Zezelj, violin

Featuring Paganini's Sonata Concertata, Piazzolla's *The History of Tango* and Bloch's Sonata for violin and guitar.

Kopleff Recital Hall - FREE



Percussion Ensemble

Tuesday, November 7 - 7:30 PM

Stuart Gerber, artistic director

Featuring works by Jonathan McNair and Maurice O'Hara, and a traditional Balinese monkey chant.

Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE



Faculty Recital: Robert Henry, piano

Wednesday, November 8 - 7:30 PM

Special Guest: Brad Ritchie, cello

Featuring Beethoven's Sonata in G Minor; Bach's Gamba Sonata in D Major; Vaughan Williams' *Six Studies in English Folksong*; Ginastera's *Pampeana* and selected songs by Fauré.

Kopleff Recital Hall - FREE



Jazz Band

Thursday, November 9 - 7:30 PM

Gordon Vernick, director

Mike Holoher, composer/pianist

Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE



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Jane Hannaway, Ph.D.,
Director, Education Policy Center at
The Urban Institute in Washington,
D.C. is an organizational sociologist
whose work focuses on the study of
educational organizations.

Julie Ancis, associate professor of counseling and psychological services, and **Barbara Gormley**, assistant professor of counseling and psychological services, presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in New Orleans. Ancis presented "Expressive Women in the Conservative Academy," while Gormley presented "Emotional Regulatory Effects of Feedback on Perfectionists."

Marva Griffin Carter, associate professor of music history and literature, was a delegate to the International Conference on Human Values in Bangalore, India. While there, she took an advanced course in the cultural practices of India from Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. She also served as the piano accompanist for the Harry T. Burleigh Sing-Along at the joint meeting of the Society for American Music and Black Music Research Conference in Chicago.

James C. Cox and **Stephen C. Hayne** of Colorado State University published "Barking up the Right Tree: Are Small Groups Rational Agents?" in *Experimental Economics* (Vol. 9, No. 3, September 2006). Cox is the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, and director of the Andrew Young School of Public Policy Studies Experimental Economics Center.

Donald Edwards, director of the Brains and Behavior program, was appointed Regents' Professor in the department of biology. Edwards has been teaching at Georgia State since 1981. He is the first neurobiologist hired by the university and has helped guide the growth of its behavioral studies.

Pam Scholder Ellen, associate professor of marketing at the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, has been elected president of the American Marketing Association's Academic Division.

Carol Hansen, public administration and urban studies associate professor, will be the new leader of the European Union Center's annual study abroad program to Strasbourg, France (including Frankfurt, Germany, Brussels, Belgium, and Paris).

David Pitts, assistant professor of public administration and urban studies, recently published "Modeling the Impact of Diversity Management," in the *Review of Public Personnel Administration* (Vol. 26, Issue 3, pp. 245-268).

Gregory Streib, chair and professor of public administration and urban studies, and doctoral student **Ignacio Navarro** published "Citizen Demand for Interactive E-Government: The Case of Georgia Consumer Services" in the *American Review of Public Administration*.



Dave Martin, Regents' Professor Emeritus, donated his extensive collection of Olympic memorabilia and research data to the Atlanta History Center's Olympic Museum. Here, he and Susan Kelley, dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences, pause for the camera as they take in the exhibit.

Freaky Fitness Fright Fest

Monday, October 30
Tour Oakland Cemetery



will walk to the cemetery and back (about 3 miles). Learn some fascinating Atlanta history and maybe see a ghost or two...be afraid!

Tuesday, October 31
Visit the Haunted Rec

Noon-1 p.m. Prizes and surprises for those who dare to enjoy a scare!

Dive in Freak Show

7-9 p.m. Dive into a scary movie in the SRC pool! Treats after the show!

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