H. Spencer Banzhaf, associate professor of economics, was named a 2007 Julian Simon fellow at the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC). The Julian Simon Fellowship is one of the nation’s most prestigious opportunities for scholars to develop policy-oriented research on natural resources and environmental conservation.

Janet Burns, clinical associate professor in middle-secondary education and instructional technology, was elected as a trustee in the National Association of Industrial and Technical Teacher Educators. She was installed during the annual meeting held in conjunction with the Association of Career and Technical Education Conference in Atlanta.

Alison Calhoun-Brown, associate professor in the Department of Political Science, has been awarded a $40,000 grant from the Religious Institutions Grant Program of the Louisville Institute to further her research on the public influence of African-American churches, specifically in suburban areas.

Democracy Restored: A History of the Georgia State Capitol, a new book by professor of history Tim Crimmins and Georgia Capitol historian Anne Farisee, will be released on June 15 by the University of Georgia Press.

Stuart Gerber, assistant professor and percussion coordinator for the School of Music, was awarded an Arts Encouragement Award by the Charles Loridans Foundation. Gerber received the award, which recognizes individual Atlanta artists across a number of disciplines, for his work with public school students in Atlanta.

Computer science professor Sushil Prasad is serving as program co-chair for the first IEEE International Workshop on Service-Oriented Technologies for Biological Databases and Tools July 13 in Salt Lake City. The workshop is being held as part of the IEEE International Conference on Services Computing.

Susan Swarn, assistant professor in early childhood education; Lynn Hart, professor in early childhood education; and Stephanie Smith, assistant professor in early childhood education, received the 2006 Distinguished Research in Teacher Education Award for their project, “The Impact of a Developmental Teacher Preparation Program on Elementary Preservice Teachers’ Mathematics Beliefs and Knowledge,” from the Georgia Association of Teacher Educators.

Assistant professor of communication Nik Vollmer’s film, Reading the Water: Lectures on Home Video Ecology from the Gulf of Maine, tied for first place in the professional documentary category at the 2007 Southern Fried Plicks Film Festival.

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A new coach, a new era

By William Inman • winman@gsu.edu

Georgia State picked former University of Mississippi head coach and 2001 Naismith National Coach of the Year award winner Rod Barnes to usher in what Athletic Director Mary McElroy called a “new era of men’s basketball at Georgia State.”

Barnes, 41, who led the Ole Miss Rebels to four NCAA bids and the Sweet 16 in 2001, becomes Georgia State’s 12th head coach. He boasts an impressive resume as an Ole Miss player and coach. He’s the only person in Southeastern Conference history to be All-SEC as both.

“We want to see our men’s basketball program develop into one of the top teams in the [Colonial Athletic Association] and successfully compete for postseason opportunities,” McElroy said.

From 1998 to 2006, Barnes posted a 141-109 record as his alma mater with four postseason tournament trips in his first four years. Last year, he was an assist-
tant to former Virginia Commonwealth head coach Jeff Capel at the University of Oklahoma.

“I came here to win basketball games,” Barnes said. “If I didn’t think we could win and win immediately, I wouldn’t have taken this job.

Barnes didn’t set a timetable on building a perennial contender out of a team that were just 11-20 and 5-13 in conference last season, but did say he expects a winning season in 2007-08.

“We feel we have the potential to build this program into one of the best in college basketball,” he said. “The day of the so-called mid-major is gone. Look at the CAA schools and others around the country, and you can see teams are all on the same ground.”

Barnes also said he will stress academics and well-roundedness in his players, as well as a winning culture on the court.

“I consider it very important to be a life coach, to make productive young men of our students-athletes,” he said.

President’s Award winners announced

By Leah Horin • meich@gsu.edu

Kheli Faulkner has made a commitment to serving the youth in Atlanta. From summer camps to mentoring programs, the 23-year-old Georgia State student has helped hundreds of youngsters through the Youth Enrichment Program, which was established at Georgia State in 2003.

Faulkner is just one of five recipients who will be honored April 19 when Georgia State President Carl Patton and the Office of Community Service honor the winners of the 2007 President’s Awards at 10 a.m. in the Student Center Speaker’s Auditorium.

The awards were established to honor faculty, staff student and community groups making a significant, positive impact in the community and demonstrating an outstanding commitment to service and social action. The university community is invited to attend the event, where Mark O’Connell, president and CEO of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, will be the keynote speaker.

We are pleased to be able to recognize the contributions of our winners to the greater Atlanta community, said Lovell Lomax, director of Georgia State’s Office of Community Service.

The President’s Awards are an excellent way for the university to recognize members of our community who have achieved outstanding levels of service and who have gone above and beyond in serving the community.

President’s Award winners

• Outstanding Community Impact: Kheli Faulkner
• Outstanding Campus Impact: American Medical Students Association
• Outstanding Faculty Member: Marshall Kreutzer, professor of public health
• Outstanding Community Partner: Georgia Justice Project
• Outstanding University Program: The Bio-Bus Program

How did you begin working with crew at Georgia State?

I rowed at Vanderbilt University when I was in college. I don’t know how [the Georgia State rowers] found out, but I was approached in 1992 to become the faculty adviser of crew at Georgia State, which you can call either crew or the rowing team. I was later asked to go out and row with the team one weekend, and that started me becoming more involved with the team. As assistant coach for coxswains [or those who steer the boat], which snowballed to now with me being head coach.

How do you manage being both a professor and a crew coach? What is a typical day like?

[Coaching] is just a different form of teaching. Our classroom is the river and the rowers are a different type of student. We have 40 very dedicated students at Georgia State that get up at 4 a.m. five days a week to [practice] at the Atlanta Rowing Club Boathouse in Roswell, Ga., until 6:30 a.m., and then get back for class. It is a time management strategy and teamwork. We have two seasons: headrace season in the fall and sprint season in the spring. We also have four Saturday practices and five Saturday regattas each season.

What type of accomplishments has the team achieved?

Last season we did extremely well. We won bronze, silver or gold medals in 32 out of 40 races. This year we’ve already started our sprint season at the University of Georgia where we entered seven boats. Five went to finals and three were awarded medals — one gold and two silver. We are off to a pretty good start. In the history of our team, we have only won one medal from Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Championship. Regatta, and our goal this year is to match or exceed that. We have the talent on the team to pull out a medal, and our goal overall is to look for as many new firsts as we possibly can.
A library transformed
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Middle East Institute welcomes former President Jimmy Carter

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Carter, the 39th president and former Georgia governor and state senator, is the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Since 1982, he has worked for peace, human rights and international development through the Carter Center, his Atlanta-based nonprofit organization. Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid questions how Israeli sovereignty and security can coexist permanently and peacefully with Palestinian nationhood.

The event is free and open to the public.

Info session focuses on new telephone system

Georgia State’s new phones will be on display as part of the first IP Telephony Information Session at 10 a.m. April 16 in the Student Center Auditorium. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions of telecommunications technical staff at the meeting and experience a demonstration of the new system’s capabilities.

The entire campus community is invited to learn more about the new phone system, which will use Avaya’s voice over IP (VoIP) technology, an Internet-based system that will provide better functionality for faculty and staff and improve communication between the university and customers. The university plans to move to the new phone system and consolidate all campus telephone numbers to the prefix 404-413 this summer.

Subsequent information meetings will be held in May and June. Dates will be announced at the April 16 meeting. Additional information can be found at www.gsu.edu/~wwwipt.

Family Day of Service to be held April 28

Participants in the Georgia State University Leadership Academy for Women in collaboration with the Office of Community Service are seeking volunteers to assist with the university’s first Family Day of Service. The Family Day of Service mission is to promote a spirit of social responsibility and camaraderie among faculty, staff and their families by uniting to serve in community service projects.

The event will be held this year at 9 a.m. April 28 at the March of Dimes WalkAmerica at Centennial Olympic Park. The March of Dimes strives to save children from premature births and other serious threats to infant health.

Registered volunteers may be asked to assist with various tasks, including welcoming walkers upon registration, packing team incentive prizes or passing out water at various stop stations. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their families; children must be at least 9 years old. Volunteer opportunities will begin at 6:30 a.m.

To volunteer, please contact Leah Harris at lh@gsu.edu or Janaia Moore at jmoore@gsu.edu.

CHARA lends star power to Natural History Museum

Visitors to the American Museum of Natural History in New York are getting an earful about Georgia State University as curators there tout the university’s CHARA facility in California as one of astronomy’s cutting-edge observatories.

CHARA, which stands for the Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy is featured in the museum’s newest space exploration exhibit, Exoplanets and the Search for Life. The exhibit features a presentation about CHARA’s optical/interferometric array of six telescopes, which are among the most powerful in the world.

Located on Mount Wilson, CHARA’s telescopes are so powerful they could detect the surface detail of a nickel from 10,000 miles. CHARA also houses the administrative office of the Mount Wilson Institute, which operates Mount Wilson Observatory under an agreement with the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The National History Museum included CHARA in its Exoplanets exhibit to show the direction astronomy is headed as scientists search the universe for star systems with planets that might have conditions similar to Earth. CHARA is among only a few facilities with the necessary technology to conduct the planetary search.

Georgia State launches new online applications

Georgia State will begin accepting applications using a new online tracking system in June. The Staff Recruitment and Retention Office is seeking a name for the tracking system that is catchy and reflects the spirit of Georgia State. Suggestions will be compiled and voted on by various campus representatives. The winner will receive a special prize, and the chosen name will be used campuswide.

Names should be submitted to swestern-stephens@gsu.edu by May 11.

Spring luncheon series kicks off

The Office of Faculty and Staff Assistance launched the 2007 Spring Brown Bag Workshop Series in March. Two sessions remain in the series.

Our Future Selves: Aging in the 21st Century will be presented by Frank Whittington, director of the Gerontology Institute, and Mary Ball, research director of the Institute, at noon April 17. "Preparing for Tenure: A Source of Faculty Stress" will be held at noon April 24. Valerie Fennell, faculty ombudsperson, is the guest speaker.

Participants should bring a lunch for the free events. Locations will be confirmed at time of registration. For more information or to register, call (404) 651-4741.

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