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A touch of greatness

Former NFL head coach Dan Reeves to steer football exploration

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The tone of the conversation about a football program at Georgia State struck a very serious chord April 12 when it was announced that former NFL head coach Dan Reeves would be hired as a consultant for the university as it examines the addition of football.

Athletic Director Mary McElroy said she hopes to capitalize on the wide football knowledge and connections of the nine-time Super Bowl participant.

“We are turning to a real football expert to be our quarterback,” she said. “We hope to ease the skepticism and show we’re very serious about this.”

Reeves, a former player for the Dallas Cowboys and head coach for the Atlanta Falcons, Denver Broncos and New York Giants, is a Georgia native and Atlanta resident with extensive ties to football circles in the state.

“When someone mentions starting a football program in the state of Georgia and asks ‘Am I interested?’ You bet,” he said.

Reeves’ hiring comes on the heels of two April 10 Town Hall meetings at the Sports Arena where it was announced that if a team were added, it would most likely play in the Georgia Dome.

Georgia State would participate at the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision level – formerly Division I-AA – and would compete in the Colonial Athletic Association as the eighth football team in the conference.

McElroy said the addition of Reeves does not mean the school is starting a football program, but said “we are aggressively looking for the answers to see if the financial support will meet the emotional support in order to do that.” She added that if the university did decide to add football, it would still be three to four years before a team would take the field.

Reeves noted that if football at Georgia State wasn’t likely, he probably wouldn’t have taken the job.

“If I didn’t think there was a good chance this would move forward, I wouldn’t be as excited,” he said.

According to the football feasibility study conducted last fall, costs to maintain a football program would range around \$6 million annually with an estimated startup cost of \$7.8 million.

“This project is a gargantuan task,” McElroy said.

But Reeves, a former quarterback for the Americus, Ga., Panthers, is ready for the challenge. “I started out as a Panther, and I’m going to end up a Panther, I guess,” he said.

5 minutes with:

Rod Barnes
Head Men’s Basketball Coach

How are things coming along? Are you close to assembling a staff?

With the Final Four here I was able to interview a lot of guys, and we’re close. We just hired Chad Dollar and Eugene Harris as assistants. Coach Dollar is an excellent recruiter, and we’re excited to bring him back to his hometown. It was important to me to find someone with strong Atlanta recruiting connections. Coach Harris is known as one of the best recruiters in the Southeast. I know he has recruited not only good college players, but players who have gone on to play extensively in the NBA.

Your Ole Miss teams were tough and defensive-minded. Are you going to bring that style of play to Georgia State?

We want to be a great defensive team. I think that’s something you can be on a consistent basis night-in and night-out. I’m one of those guys who thinks it’s a privilege to play this game and represent this university, so you can expect our guys to be playing hard every night, especially on the defensive end. It’s going to be something that will be a trademark for us. On the offensive end, we’re going to try to play a little faster and get the ball down the floor.

What are your expectations?

I think this program is one that can get to another level, and I’ve come here with expectations of taking this program to another level. The reason I came here is because I want to build a program. I don’t want to win just this year or put together a winning season here and there; I want to win year-in and year-out. But it comes down to the most fundamental thing: you’ve got to recruit great players and coach them up.

Can we expect some big nonconference games on our schedule?

I want to play high-major teams; I want to play good teams. We’re not going to run from anyone. I think it’s a good gauge for us to play the high-majors. If we can compete against Florida State, Georgia, Alabama, Georgia Tech then that lets us know we’re getting there.



Former NFL head coach Dan Reeves brings a wealth of experience and notoriety to Georgia State’s deliberations over starting a football program. Atlanta media attended the news conference April 12, and hundreds of media hits resulted across the country.

Donor pledges \$5 million for new auditorium

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The entire Georgia State community was abuzz last November when President Carl Patton announced the proposed Georgia State University Professional Center. The center, located on a parcel of land the Georgia State University Foundation is in the process of purchasing from SunTrust Bank, will have new facilities for the College of Business and the College of Law, a classroom building and an auditorium.

Carl R. Zwerner, entrepreneur and graduate of Georgia State’s J. Mack Robinson College of Business, has pledged \$5 million to be used for the construction of the auditorium.

There was always a great camaraderie between students and professors [at Georgia State], Zwerner said. My hope is that this new auditorium will not only provide a state-of-the-art resource for students, faculty and visitors, but that it will also enhance the spirit that has made Georgia State University so vibrant and so special as it continues to grow in the future.

After attending the Robinson College part-time and receiving his B.B.A. degree in 1955, Zwerner founded Glass Inc. After a merger with Russell Aluminum and a subsequent purchase by Anaconda, Zwerner bought back the glass division of the company and ran it for the next 17 years.

Zwerner’s previous contributions to Georgia State are substantial. In 1987, he endowed the Carl R. Zwerner Chair in Family-Owned Business, which was the largest gift given by an individual to Georgia State at that time.

Carl Zwerner is one of Georgia State’s most loyal alumni, Patton said. His commitment to the university and the business school has spanned half a century, and his pledge in support of the new auditorium shows his commitment to creating a learning environment that will benefit the entire university community.



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Summer reading list

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Chris Rosenbloom, Ph.D., is a nutrition professor and associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Her columns appear regularly in Villager courtesy of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Here are my top 8 books from 2006 that promote healthy eating:

- **What to Eat by Marion Nestle** (North Point Press, \$30). Nestle is one of my favorite nutrition gurus. Her science-based approach coupled with sensitivity to the environment put her book at the top of my list. It is organized around grocery store aisles or departments, and she will help you make sense of the supermarket maze.

- **10 Habits That Mess Up a Woman's Diet by Elizabeth Somer** (McGraw-Hill, \$16.95). The title says it all: We have some bad habits that mess us up. Somer covers issues like mindless eating, putting others' needs ahead of your own and the all-or-nothing approach to dieting. Sound familiar? If so, this is the book for you.

- **The Healthy Lunchbox by Marie McClendon and Cristy Shauck** (Small Steps Press, \$12.95). This handy little book contains healthy nuggets of nutrition information to help parents prepare lunches that are good for their kids and that kids will eat. Recipes are included, and icons identify recipes that are gluten-free or dairy-free.

- **California Squisine by Malcolm Kushner** (Robert D. Reed Publishers, \$11.95). This children's cookbook contains recipes that are fun and healthy. The premise is that kids will eat healthy food if they can squeeze a sauce over vegetables or yogurt over cereal or fruit. It's a clever book with easy recipes that kids will love.

- **Diabetes Meal Planning Made Easy by Hope S. Warshaw** (American Diabetes Association, \$14.95). This book is a must for anyone who is newly diagnosed with diabetes or for those who need a refresher course. Lifestyle is the cornerstone of diabetes management, and this book will answer all your nutrition questions on how to manage it.

- **Dr. Buynak's 1-2-3 Diabetes Diet by Robert J. Buynak** (American Diabetes Association, \$14.95). This little no-nonsense book will help people with diabetes who need to lose weight. As the subtitle says, it's "weight loss without gimmicks or risks."

- **Betty Crocker Win at Weight Loss Cookbook by James Hill and Susan J. Crockett** (Wiley, \$24.95). Yes, Betty Crocker has gotten into the weight-loss business with this cookbook. However, this is more than a cookbook; it is full of nutrition tips from experts and sprinkled with notes from nutritionists. If you buy only one healthy cookbook this year, consider this one.

- **The Best Light Recipe by Cook's Illustrated** (America's Test Kitchen, \$35). I love the recipes in this cookbook; they are more complex than in most cookbooks, but they're worth the extra effort. The book contains plenty of helpful cooking tips and guidance on selecting the best ingredients.

New graduation requirement for students

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As part of its Quality Enhancement Plan, the Georgia State University Senate approved a Critical Thinking through Writing (CTW) requirement April 19 for all students entering bachelor degree programs beginning in fall 2009. The goal of this new requirement is to use writing assignments and activities to improve discipline-appropriate critical thinking skills of undergraduate students.

"This requirement is an important step to help students acquire the skills they need to succeed both at Georgia State and after they graduate," said George Rainbolt, chair of the Georgia State Senate Admissions and Standards Committee and chair of the philosophy department.

Students will have to pass two CTW courses in their declared undergraduate major, which will contain writing assignments and activities that address critical thinking within the discipline. Academic departments will propose the three-credit-hour courses pursuant to the approval of the General Education Subcommittee of the Committee on Academic Programs.

Faculty, graduate students, and academic professionals who are teaching in CTW courses will be prepared through universitywide workshops or alternative means of preparation approved by the General Education Subcommittee.

"Preparing instructors to imbed assessment of student learning in the area of critical thinking will be an important component of the workshops," said criminal justice professor Mary Finn, who will become associate provost for institutional effectiveness later this month.

University to issue new Panther Cards

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New Panther cards will be issued this fall as part of a major overhaul of the university's identification system. The redesigned cards will facilitate a universitywide plan to phase out the use of Social Security numbers, which are currently encoded in the cards' magnetic stripes.

We hear stories often in the news of personal information being compromised, so we wanted to move away from systems at the university that use Social Security numbers in order to reduce the risk of identity threats, said Russell Chiles, director of information systems and Panther cards.

Along with the new card, the university will provide a Panther card number to each student as well as faculty and staff members. In September, the Panther number will become the way campus members are identified in systems, applications and databases, such as Banner, GoSOLAR and the Human Resources system.

Each department on campus must comply with the new system by updating all departmental policies, procedures and forms by Sept. 1 to reflect the use of the Panther number instead of the SSN.

Faculty, staff and students will be able to pick up their Panther cards in the fall in Auxiliary Services in the University Center. There will be no charge for the new card when the existing card is exchanged for the new card. Existing Panther cards will continue to be accepted on campus through spring semester 2008.

COLLEGE NEWS

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES Nonprofit Studies receives UPS Foundation grant

The UPS Foundation recently presented a grant of \$100,000 to the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Nonprofit Studies Program.

The UPS Foundation, under the direction of longtime AYSPS board member **Evern Cooper Epps**, has been a steadfast supporter of the mission of the Nonprofit Studies Program. The grant boosts the program's ability to expand its knowledge development and service work on behalf of the nonprofit sector.

We are naturally thrilled to be the recipients of this support, said **Dennis Young**, director of the Nonprofit Studies Program and the Ramsey Professor of Private Enterprise, and we treasure our longstanding relationship with The UPS Foundation.

The mission of the Nonprofit Studies Program is to educate the next generation of nonprofit leaders, to foster research on

nonprofit leadership and policy, and to bridge theory and practice in the creation and dissemination of knowledge about nonprofit organizations.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Lawhorn, Edwards win staff awards

The College of Arts and Sciences recently recognized two of its staff members for their outstanding service to their departments and to the university community. **April Lawhorn**, academic specialist for the Honors Program, won the Senior Staff Leadership Award and **Genevieve Edwards**, program manager for the Bio-Bus program, won the Outstanding Junior Staff Award.

Lawhorn, who has worked in the Arts and Sciences Honors Program for more than seven years, interviews students before they even arrive on campus and advises them from the time they choose their first classes to graduation.

Edwards works with students across the state of Georgia as she runs the day-

to-day operations of the Bio-Bus program. The program sends a mobile science teaching lab to schools around the state for lessons that are designed to spark students' interest in science.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION After-School All-Stars awarded \$1 million grant

Georgia State's Atlanta After-School All-Stars program has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the Marcus Foundation. The grant will allow 400 new students from two Atlanta middle schools to join the After-School All-Stars, a national project that provides after-school programs for at-risk youth.

Sustained funding like this enables us to provide meaningful after-school programs to an additional 400 kids who would otherwise not have this opportunity, and for this we're very grateful. Because of the generosity of Bernie Marcus and his foundation board, After-School All-Stars will be able to add two new inner-city middle schools to its growing program for

the next three years, said **Walt Thompson**, professor of exercise physiology and executive director of the program, which is housed in the College of Education.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES Friedmann named endowed public safety chair

The College of Health and Human Sciences has established the Distinguished Chair of Public Safety Partnerships in the Department of Criminal Justice. **Robert R. Friedmann**, professor of criminal justice, has been named the first faculty member to hold the position.

The Distinguished Chair of Public Safety Partnerships promotes efforts toward a better understanding of international terror threats and the challenges they pose. In addition, the chair will work to increase international cooperation in homeland security and promote shared experiences of best practices.

The chair was established to help

Commencement speakers announced

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Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, retired UPS executive William Balzer, and Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Dean Roy Bahl will be the keynote speakers before 2,865 graduates at Georgia State University's commencement ceremonies May 12.

Balzer, who will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony for graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences, graduated from Georgia State in 1998 with a bachelor of interdisciplinary studies. He serves on the Georgia State University Foundation Board of Trustees and is board president of Theatrical Outfit, the former resident theater company of the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts.

Balzer's leadership helped secure the Theatrical Outfit's new space in the renovated Herren's restaurant in downtown Atlanta.

Cagle will speak at the 2 p.m. ceremony for graduates of the J. Mack Robinson College of Business and master's candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Cagle, who was elected to the state's second-highest office in November 2006, previously served in the state Senate for more than a decade. His most recent public service initiatives include creating a task force to resolve the funding crisis of the PeachCare for Kids program, which provides health insurance to uninsured low-income children in Georgia.

Bahl, who is retiring June 30, will speak at the 6 p.m. ceremony for graduates of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, College of Education, College of Law and College of Health and Human Sciences.

Under his 11-year tenure as dean, Bahl has pioneered the growth of the Andrew Young School, which is now ranked 26th among more than 250 schools of public affairs in the country. Bahl has consulted with more than 30 countries on issues of public finance and economic development, and he's advised the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the United Nations.

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When: May 12

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College Ceremonies:

10 a.m. **College of Arts and Sciences:**
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Speaker: William Balzer

2 p.m. **College of Arts and Sciences:**
Master's Degree Candidates
J. Mack Robinson College of Business:
Graduate and Undergraduate Degree Candidates
Speaker: Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle

6 p.m. **Andrew Young School of Policy Studies**
College of Education
College of Health and Human Sciences
College of Law
Speaker: Roy Bahl

Sports Arena doors will open 90 minutes before each ceremony, and the student processional will begin 30 minutes before commencement.

ensure the provision of better public safety in an era of international terrorism and to support the efforts of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) and the International Law Enforcement Exchange (ILEE).

Friedmann is the founder and director of GILEE/ILEE. He has been a Georgia State faculty member since 1988.

COLLEGE OF LAW Distinguished Atlanta attorney earns public service nod

The College of Law presented the Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award to attorney **John T. Marshall**, a 45-year member of Powell Goldstein LLP, in April.

The honor is presented annually to a Georgia lawyer whose life and career reflect the tradition of selfless public service that the College of Law's founding dean, **Ben F. Johnson Jr.**, exemplified during his career.

Marshall serves as chairman of the College of Law's Board of Visitors, helped launch the College of Law's mentorship

program for students and has taught litigation to Georgia State law students as an adjunct professor.

John has not only been an exemplary lawyer and litigator, but he has also been a role model, mentor and teacher to countless lawyers and students. That is the heart of his public service, said Dean **Steve Kaminshine**.

Marshall is the former chair of the litigation department at Powell Goldstein, served as special counsel to the Ethics Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, and has appeared in the role of Presidential Counsel on the public television series *The Advocates*.

J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Four to be inducted into Business Hall of Fame

The J. Mack Robinson College will induct into its Business Hall of Fame **Sandra E. Bergeron**, chairman of the board for TraceSecurity Inc.; **Richard Lenny**, chairman, president and CEO of

The Hershey Co.; **Parker H. "Pete" Petit**, chairman and CEO of Matria Healthcare Inc.; and **Alexis Scott**, publisher of the *Atlanta Daily World*.

The induction ceremony is at 6 p.m. May 9 at Atlanta's Intercontinental Hotel in Buckhead. The Business Hall of Fame is the highest recognition given by the college to business leaders for their efforts in advancing the principles of the free market system while serving Atlanta's national and international business communities.

This year, for the first time in the history of the Hall of Fame, we recognize four esteemed individuals including three Robinson alumni. Each has distinguished themselves not only for the successes they have achieved in business but also for their contributions to the communities they serve, said J. Mack Robinson College of Business Dean **H. Fenwick Huss**.

For more information, visit <http://robinson.gsu.edu/corporate/hof/2007/index.html>.

New partnership to strengthen ties among ethics experts

The J. Mack Robinson College of Business and the College of Law have formed a partnership with the Atlanta Compliance and Ethics Roundtable to increase its affiliation with members of the business community who are ethics and compliance professionals.

ACE board members from Georgia State include **Jane Mutchler**, associate dean for academic planning and programs; **Joan Gabel**, associate professor and interim chair of the Institute for International Business; and **Marjorie Knowles**, professor of law.

Georgia State's partnership with ACE will allow private and public professionals to share their best practices and address common issues and challenges. Robinson College is a particularly advantageous partner for ACE as it is home to the Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics.

Make that two Governor's Cups

► Georgia State University was awarded the Governor's Cup in March for the second year in a row. The honor is given to the school that raises the most money for charity in the State Charitable Contributions Program.

Current and retired Georgia State faculty and staff helped raise more than \$138,000 this year during the program that allows state employees to give to more than 1,200 charitable organizations through a one-time gift of at least \$1 or a yearlong payroll deduction of as little as \$5 per month. Georgia's State and University System employees contributed more than \$2.6 million to statewide, local and international charities.

New College of Education dean announced

► Following a national search, Georgia State University Provost **Ron Henry** has recommended that **Randy W. Kamphaus** be named dean of the College of Education effective Aug. 1. The appointment is pending approval by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

Kamphaus is a distinguished research professor and head of the Department of Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology at the University of Georgia.

According to Henry, Kamphaus is an innovative and thoughtful educator who is the right choice to lead the College of Education to further growth and prominence in urban education and research.

Kamphaus has been a member of the faculty at the University of Georgia since 1986 and served as a department head since 2001. His research focuses on child mental health screening, models of learning disability diagnosis, and developing classification typologies of child behavior and adjustment.

Two more info sessions for new phone system

► If you missed the first IP telephony information session, Georgia State's new telephones will be on display again at two additional sessions at 10 a.m. May 17 and 1 p.m. June 7 in the Student Center Auditorium. The entire campus is encouraged to ask questions of telecommunications technical staff at the meeting and view a demonstration of the new system's capabilities.

Additional information can be found at www.gsu.edu/~wwwipt.

Souped-up supercomputer

► The pride and joy of Georgia State's advanced computing center, the IBM System p5 supercomputer, was powered up in January and has been modeling molecules, predicting energy properties and analyzing protein structures nearly every day since.

In less than half a year, the IBM has churned out the equivalent of decades of number crunching to support biologists, chemists, physicists and even insurance actuarial services. With 128 processors, the IBM is large in scale, but its focus has primarily been with the smallest of things.

Chemistry professor **David Wilson** and graduate student **Maryam Rahimian** were among the first to use the supercomputer in January. Their work involves millions of calculations that would have taken up to six days on older computers. Now their calculations only take a little more than a day.

University officials want to make the new IBM even better, says ACS director **Art Vandenberg**. He says plans are in the works to add two more nodes to give the system a total of 160 processors. They also are preparing to put the IBM on the Southeastern Universities Research Association grid of supercomputers.

Parent's Association elects first executive board

► Georgia State University's Parent's Association recently elected its first executive board. The board's mission is to serve as a leadership team to guide the organization through expected years of growth and development.

The Parent's Association, which currently includes 118 families and more than 200 members, was created to provide parents of Georgia State students with a special connection to the university and help them continue to share in the lives of their students. The executive board includes:

Presidents-elect: **Robin and Calvin Daniels**

Treasurer: **Shelia Trentini**

Secretary: **Lourdes Abreu**

Member-at-Large: **Dave Bledsoe**

Member-at-Large: **Donna Buckner**

Member-at-Large: **Shannon Hodges**

Associate Adviser: **Matthew K. Robison**

New appointments for two faculty members

► **Dana Fox**, associate professor of middle secondary and instructional technology, will succeed **Mary Finn** as the senior faculty associate for the Advancement of Women.

Associate professor of African-American studies **Cora Presley** is succeeding **John Peterson** as the senior faculty associate for underrepresented faculty.

Provost **Ron Henry** announced the appointments April 5. Both appointments will become effective May 14.

Acclaimed film director gives screening at Rialto

► **Francis Ford Coppola**, the celebrated director of films such as *Apocalypse Now* and *The Godfather* trilogy, will screen a documentary that explores the inspirations and obstacles of his filmmaking career on campus.

The documentary, titled *CODA: Thirty Years Later*, will be screened at 7:30

p.m. May 10 at the Rialto Center for the Arts. In addition to sharing Coppola's thoughts about filmmaking and creativity, the hour-long documentary takes viewers behind the scenes of his latest film, *Youth without Youth*, which will be released this fall.

Please arrive no later than 7:15 p.m. The screening will be followed by a Q&A session. Admission is free, but tickets are required and can be obtained at the Rialto box office or the Department of Communication (10th floor, One Park Place South).

Instructional effectiveness winners celebrate

► The Georgia State University Center for Teaching and Learning and the Provost's Office sponsored the annual Celebration of Learning April 4.

The event provided a forum for Georgia State faculty to present their teaching and its impact on students to the university community. The 2007 Instructional Effectiveness Award went to the team of **Milind Shrikhande**, associate professor in the Department of Finance, and **Casey Long**, business liaison librarian, who presented *Improving Information Seeking Behavior among Business Majors*. **Chris Fenn**, an instructor in the School of Accountancy, also was honored for his presentation on the Suzuki Method for Instructing Principles of Taxation.

Joe Kerr, a doctoral student in communications, was the first graduate student to receive the Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education designation at the event.

Learn to swim

► Georgia State's Recreation Center is offering mini-memberships in May for faculty, staff and students who want to learn to swim.

Registration for the Learn to Swim mini-membership ends May 14 and costs \$35, which includes swim sessions and full use of the center's facilities and services. Discounted registration is \$15 for current members and \$10 for students. Classes must have a minimum of four people to avoid cancellation. Notification of cancellation will be given by 5 p.m. May 16.

For more information, contact **Nigel Harris** at (404) 463-1529.

New online community launched for alumni

► The Georgia State Alumni Association recently revamped its Web site and launched a new online community called Georgia State Circle. The online community is a secure social and networking community available only to Georgia State alumni.

It's a place where alumni can update their personal information, and alumni clubs and groups can network and post events, resumes, jobs, photo albums and more, said **Susan Toohey**, executive director of alumni relations.

Visit the new site or sign up for the online community at www.gastatealumni.net. If you have feedback about the site or Georgia State Circle, please send an e-mail to alumni@gsu.edu.

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Sparks Award winners honored

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The 10 winners of this year's George M. Sparks Awards, which recognize the unsung heroes among the university's faculty, staff and students, are experts at going the extra mile.

The Sparks Awards is a special time to recognize staff, faculty and students that go above and beyond their day-to-day responsibilities to make the university a better place, and we want to congratulate all of the Sparks recipients, said Renee Bazemore, associate director of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association first presented the Sparks Awards, which are named after the university's first president (1928-57), in 1985. The awards were designed to recognize those who exemplify a willingness to go the extra mile with the good humor and perseverance that were characteristic of Sparks.

The Alumni Association honored the Sparks Award winners May 1 in the Student Center Speakers Auditorium. The following are the 2007 recipients:

- ¥**Natasha Barrett**, psychology graduate student
- ¥**Carolyn Codamo**, Office of Undergraduate Studies
- ¥**Susan Coleman**, Department of Applied Linguistics and ESL, College of Arts and Sciences
- ¥**Tonya Cook**, Office of Student Life and Leadership, Intercultural Relations
- ¥**Peter Farina**, Office of Research Integrity
- ¥**Elsa Gebremedhin**, Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
- ¥**Ellen Posey**, Office of Associate Provost, Institutional Effectiveness
- ¥**Susan Roman**, Division of Nutrition, College of Health and Human Sciences
- ¥**Debbie Rupp**, Department of Recreational Services, Division of Student Affairs
- ¥**Derrick Williams**, Facilities Management Services Division



The 2007 Sparks Award recipients (from left): Elsa Gebremedhin, Tonya Cook, Peter Farina, Susan Coleman, Derrick Williams, Debbie Rupp, Susan Roman, Carolyn Codamo and Ellen Posey. (Not pictured: Natasha Barrett)



Hello! IPT Calling...

Beginning July 1, 2007, Georgia State University will engage in the future of telephony: IPT!

Last summer, the University began a process to update the current phone system used by the campus. The goal was to add new user benefits while increasing efficiency and service responsiveness. The solution is IPT, or Internet Protocol Telephony, (sometimes called VoIP). This new system will give Georgia State the ability to adapt to future communication requirements as well as improve the customer support that the University is receiving today.

When do we start?

Delivery of the new phones has already begun. These new phones will be part of the rollout process and will be active for you to start using and getting used to. While you can use the phones to make and receive calls using your new number, do not use the new phones to make 911 calls until July 1st. We'll still be running some tests on the system that may occasionally interfere with the phone's operation.

Questions?

How will I be notified of my new number? How is my phone connected to the network? If the network goes out, will my phone stop working? What about new business cards???

We know you've got a lot of questions. And we've got the answers. We've created a website dedicated to all things IPT.

There, you'll find a wealth of information regarding the IP Telephony project and how it affects you. The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) list is updated regularly as new questions come in, so you're sure to find all the info you're looking for.

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Center for Behavioral Neuroscience Director **Elliott Albers** was named Mentor of the Year by the Center for Biomedical and Behavioral Research at Spelman College.

Microbiology professor **Deborah Baro** recently published "Arthropod D2 Receptors Positively Couple with cAMP through the Gi/o Protein Family" in the journal *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*. The article examines the effects of drug abuse on the neurotransmitter dopamine.

Nutrition professor **Dan Benardot** was selected chairman of the nutrition committee for the Performance Enhancement Team of USA Figure Skating.

Computer Science professor **Raheem Beyah** was named a demo co-chair for the third International Conference on Testbeds and Research Infrastructures for the Development of Networks and Communities Conference scheduled for later this month in Orlando, Fla.

Catharina Chang, associate professor in counseling and psychological services, received the American Counseling Association Counselor Educator Advocacy Award at the ACA annual convention March 21-25 in Detroit. The award recognizes a counselor educator for work in fostering an awareness of and expertise in advocacy among counseling students.

Patrick K. Freer, assistant professor and head of the music education division, recently returned from representing Georgia State University with his second consecutive appearance on a national convention program of the American Choral Directors Association in Miami.

In a ceremony at the Georgia Capitol, the Georgia legislature commended the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE), a program directed by criminal justice professor **Robert Friedmann**, for its contributions to the law enforcement community in Georgia.

Oliver Greene Jr., assistant professor of world music/ethnomusicology, recently completed an educational documentary film titled *Play, Jankunu Play: Garifuna Christmas Rituals in Belize*. The Jankunu ritual, which is still practiced in several locations in the Caribbean, is a unique blend of African, European and Amerindian art traditions in which social and cultural identity are expressed through music, dance, and costume.

John Kesner, associate professor in the Department of Early Childhood Education, recently had an article published titled "Self-Reports of Child Maltreatment in the U.S.: A Key Social Indicator" in the journal *Social Indicators Research*. He also represented the College of Education as an exchange coordinator at the European Teacher Education Network Conference in Porto, Portugal, last month.

Kathryn A. Kozaitis, associate professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology, published the third edition of *On Being Different: Diversity and Multiculturalism in the North American Mainstream* with McGraw Hill Inc.

Yi Pan, director of the computer sciences department, has received a \$30,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for a project called "Transmembrane Protein Segment Prediction and Understanding Based on Machine Learning Methods." Computer science professor **Robert Harrison** and biology department chair **P.C. Tai** are co-principal investigators on the grant, which runs through August.

Georgia State President **Carl Patton** and Vice President for External Affairs **Tom Lewis** were named to the list of the Most Influential Georgians of the Year in Education in a special issue of *James Magazine*. Patton was recognized for transforming the university into a major presence in downtown Atlanta, and Lewis was hailed for helping mold the university's national image.

Christine Thomas, associate chair of the mathematics and science division in the Department of Middle-Secondary Education and Instructional Technology, was recently appointed to a three-year term on the editorial panel for *The Mathematics Teacher*, a monthly journal dedicated to teachers of high school mathematics around the world.

Robert S. Thompson, professor of composition and technology in the School of Music, and **Jon Lukens**, School of Art and Design assistant professor, were awarded a CENCIA (Center for Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Arts) grant from the College of Arts and Sciences for their project concerning sound and video synthesis. Thompson also was awarded an Institut International de Musique Electroacoustique de Bourges (IMEB) Commande Commission, which will take him to France on an academic leave next fall. Thompson is one of only 15 Americans who have been commissioned by the group in the last 33 years.

Teresa Ward, research associate in institutional research, has been selected as a fellow for the 2007 National Summer Data Policy Institute for Education Statistics and National Science Foundation databases. The Association for Institutional Research awards this international fellowship to institutional researchers, faculty and educators affiliated with post-secondary institutions or governance agencies.

Sociology professor and Gerontology Institute Director **Frank Whittington** was elected president of the Southern Gerontological Society and appointed to the editorial board of *The Gerontologist*. Whittington and **Leslie Taylor**, associate professor and director of physical therapy, recently co-authored a paper with other academicians and scholars about psychotropic drug prescribing in a nursing home in the *Journal of Aging and Pharmacotherapy*.



Department of Recreational Services

5th Annual Golf Tournament

June 13

Canongate I Golf Club

Registration 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Tee Time: 8:45 a.m. Shotgun Start

Format: 4 Person Scramble

Students \$45

Faculty/Staff/Alumni \$75

Entry fee includes: Green fees, cart, range balls, goodie bag, special awards lunch and prizes. Lunch provided by Canongate I.

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