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## Georgia State up for re-accreditation Quality Enhancement Plan is new part of review

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To ensure the quality of the institution and to foster its continued improvement, Georgia State University is currently seeking re-accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Representatives from SACS, one of six regional educational accrediting associations in the United States, will be on campus March 18-20 to evaluate how Georgia State is meeting core standards.

Georgia State undergoes this examination every 10 years. But, new this time, SACS is requiring universities to adopt a Quality Enhancement Plan, transforming an area that directly impacts student learning.

For its plan, Georgia State developed Critical Thinking Through Writing (CTW), an initiative approved by the University Senate in April 2007. The goal of the plan is to help undergraduates develop critical thinking and analytical reasoning skills expressed through writing, that could apply to real-world settings.

By fall 2009, all Georgia State students entering bachelor degree programs will be required to pass two CTW courses in their major in order to graduate.

A handful of Georgia State instructors are currently piloting Critical Thinking Through Writing. For example, in business instructor Kay Bunch's class, students are required to analyze and write explanations about actual legal situations that may arise in their future roles as managers.

"In the real world, you have to be able to see the big picture, think on your feet and justify your answer," Bunch said. "With these real-world exercises, [students] learn to see three to four steps down the road."

The re-accreditation process is critical to the success of the university. Without accreditation, a university is ineligible for state and federal funding, its academic degrees are less valued and the school's overall reputation is diminished, said Mary Finn, associate provost for institutional effectiveness.

"Accreditation gives us the opportunity to look at ourselves, assess where we are and figure out what we need to do to make the learning environment for students even better," Finn said.

In preparation for the visit, Georgia State officials have been assessing the university's functions, procedures, plans and mission to ensure compliance with SACS standards. "We are in good shape going in," Finn said.



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## Georgia State presidential search committee named

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The Board of Regents has announced the appointment of the committee that will conduct a national search for a new Georgia State University president. Susan Herbst, University System of Georgia executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer, made the announcement Feb. 5.

Members of the Board of Regents, representatives from Georgia State and community leaders make up the 20-member committee. Over the coming months, they will look for a replacement for Georgia State President Carl V. Patton, who announced in November his plans to retire at the end of June.

During a meeting on campus, Herbst announced the membership of the search committee and outlined its duties, responsibilities and role in the search.

The committee will begin by developing a position description, placing announcements in appropriate national media and conducting interviews with the candidates. Parker Executive Search, a firm based in Atlanta, will assist the committee in the search and recruitment process.

The committee will forward the credentials of five unranked candidates to Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr., who will make a recommendation to the full board.

### MEMBERS OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

- Regent William Cleveland**, chair
- Regent Kenneth Bernard, Jr.**, Sherrod & Bernard
- Regent Robert Hatcher**, MidCountry Financial Corp.
- Regent Elridge McMillan**, Atlanta Metropolitan College
- Regent Willis Potts, Jr.**
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- Robin Morris**, vice president for research
- Tiffani Brown**, president, Student Government Association
- Cathy Henson**, chair, Georgia State University Foundation Board
- Paul Mendel**, president, Georgia State University Alumni Association Board
- Helen Aderhold**, Georgia State alumna and community leader
- James Stark**, chair, Georgia State Athletic Association Board of Trustees
- Dexter Warrrior**, executive director with Morgan Stanley



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## 5 minutes with: Mike Raderstorf

Director of Emergency Management

### What is the Office of Emergency Management, and what does your job entail?

It is a brand-new position and brand-new program that the university is developing. We are establishing a framework by which we can mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergency events – both natural and man-made disasters. It could be anything from inclement weather to terrorism to chemical spills, or something that happens off campus that impacts us.

### Why do we need an emergency management plan?

Right now, a lot of our colleges and departments have their own individual plans. But what the university doesn't have is collective response procedures and really how to manage

emergencies that go outside an individual college or department level. In the past, if there was a significant emergency, there wasn't really a means to get out the communication, so everybody understood what was going on and how to respond. We're developing several programs that will assist with the communication, not only to university leadership but to faculty, staff and students as well.

### What's coming in the future?

My office will soon be asking faculty, students and staff for their e-mail addresses and phone numbers, so we'll be able to contact them in case of an emergency situation, either universitywide or location specific. Another component will be on the Georgia State Web site. If there is an emergency, an alert message will be posted online with a map showing the location of the emergency and the details of the situation. We're also drafting a policy that develops a framework and allows each college or department to appoint an emergency coordinator. And, we will



be conducting new employee and student orientation of the university's emergency management plan.

### Why is it important to be prepared?

One of the things that garnered a lot of attention was the unfortunate event that occurred at Virginia Tech. I think that event culminated in the decision to say, "Look, we need to develop a process and have more functional programs, so we can manage emergencies across the full spectrum."

# Products with 'good' bacteria catching on

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One of the hottest trends of last year is gearing up for an even bigger 2008 — probiotics. Sales of Dannon's Activia yogurt surpassed \$100 million dollars in its first year of sales, indicating that consumers are looking for foods that confer medical as well as nutritional benefits.

Probiotic means "pro-life" and humans have been consuming good-for-you bacteria since we first walked the planet. We tend to think of bacteria as bad bugs, but these tiny organisms are also used for good, living in our gut to help us digest food and confer other benefits, including enhanced immunity.

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine ([www.nccam.nih.gov](http://www.nccam.nih.gov)) notes there is encouraging evidence that probiotics are useful in treating diarrhea, irritable bowel syndrome, urinary tract infections and eczema in children. A scan of the grocery store shelves reveals probiotics are appearing in foods from yogurt to cheese to cereal. There is even a probiotic chocolate bar.

With so many products, how do you know if you should invest the time (you need to use these products daily if they are to confer any health benefits) and

money (these products are more expensive than non-fortified foods)?

I asked Mary Ellen Sanders, a scientist and business consultant who is past president of the International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics, how consumers can choose products that best meet their needs.

"Consumers who are healthy might want to incorporate probiotic foods into their diets for possible immune and digestive health benefits," she said. "For consumers who have specific health concerns, I encourage them to call the manufacturer or visit their Web sites. Ask if the probiotic it is selling has been tested for what you are interested in treating and if it is in a dose that has shown to impart the benefit."

Many of these products promise improved digestive health, and some even offer a "gut check" on their Web sites. But how do you really know if you need to improve digestion? If you eat adequate fruits and vegetables and get plenty of dietary fiber, you might not need to improve digestion.

Sanders encourages consumers to look for additional benefits when choosing a probiotic.

"We know many teens and women lack calcium in their diets, so looking at the nutritional profile of the food and choosing one that provides essential nutrients is an important consideration," she said.

## Library North coffee shop now open

Before hitting the books, get your caffeine on at Saxbys Coffee, now open in Library North, 100 Decatur St.

Saxbys Coffee, which was founded in Atlanta, will offer a variety of brewed coffees, espressos, teas and frozen drinks, such as their "Frolatees," to keep you caffeinated, along with pastries, desserts and other snacks.

The opening of the coffee shop is the final phase of the \$23 million library renovation project.

Saxbys Coffee will be open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 8 a.m. to midnight Sunday. For more information, contact Saxbys Coffee at Georgia State Library North at (404) 524-2232.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

### ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES Usery lecture to feature MIT economics professor

The 2008 WJ. Usery Distinguished Lecture will be presented by MIT associate economics professor **David Autor**, whose work is focused on technological changes in the job market and earnings inequalities.

The lecture, "Inequality and Specialization: The Growth of Low-Skill Service Jobs in the United States," will be at 2 p.m. March 24 in the 7th-floor seminar room of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. It is open to faculty, staff and students, but seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Autor is a faculty research fellow for the National Bureau of Economic Research's Programs on Labor Studies and Education and a recipient of the National Science Foundation CAREER Award.

The Usery lecture series, which aims to highlight issues in the American workplace, is now in its fourth year.

For more information, visit [http://aysps.gsu.edu/Usery\\_Lecture.html](http://aysps.gsu.edu/Usery_Lecture.html).

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES 'Reconstructing Atlanta' lecture focuses on saving the built environment

Recognized artist and activist **Rick Lowe** will speak on the topic of "Sculpting the Built Environment" at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Georgia State Speaker's Auditorium in the Student Center. Lowe's visit is part of "Reconstructing Atlanta," a city-wide continuum of exhibitions and lectures focused on art, architecture and urban design curated by Cathy Byrd, director of the Welch School Gallery.

Lowe is well known for founding the Project Row Houses in the Third Ward of Houston, where he works to preserve the neighborhood's cultural legacy and slow

down the process of gentrification. The event is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences Visiting Artists and Scholars program and the Welch School Gallery.

"Urban Intervention," the exhibition at the Welch School Gallery centering on the evolving Beltline transportation initiative held in conjunction with the "Reconstructing Atlanta" project, ends March 6.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Professors receive almost \$3M for literacy research

Associate professors **David Houchins** and **Kristine Jolivette** of the College of Education's Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education, were recently awarded a four-year \$2.94 million grant to study the effectiveness of literacy instruction with incarcerated youth.

The grant, provided by the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences, is titled "Project LIBERATE (Literacy Instruction Based on Evidence through Research for Adjudicated Teens to Excel)."

Houchins, Jolivette and their team will conduct research at the Bill E. Ireland Youth Development Campus in Milledgeville, Ga., where they will train teachers in three different instructional methods to see which is most effective in improving the reading, writing and spelling of incarcerated youth. The researchers will also consider how the interaction between students and teachers affects academic performance.

Project LIBERATE, the most comprehensive research project of its kind, will include 600 students, ages 12 to 15, about 45 percent of whom have disabilities. At the end of the study in July 2012, Houchins and Jolivette aim to identify the most effective literacy instruction for this population and share it with other state juvenile detention facilities in Georgia and across the nation.

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES Community Forum comes to campus

The deadline is approaching to register for Community Forum 2008, a gathering of community leaders designed to create better programs to aid communities in need. The School of Social Work is organizing the event, which will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 12 in the State Ballroom of the Student Center.

Events will include presentations from professors and professionals who focus on improving communities and workshops to foster partnership between attendees. **Nancy Kropf**, director of the school, said the goal of the event is to bring community activists together so they will find new ways to work in tandem to improve the quality of life in Atlanta and the surrounding area.

### COLLEGE OF LAW Law Review symposium set for today

The Georgia State University *Law Review* will present a symposium on understanding the complex network that is the legal system. "Dynamical Jurisprudence: Law as a Complex System," will be presented from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today (Feb. 19) in the Senate Salon of the University Center.

The symposium will explore thinking about the legal system not as a set of cause-and-effect relationships, but as a complex system where one action might have many, sometimes unpredictable effects, said conference chair **Gregory Todd Jones**, faculty research fellow at the College of Law and director of research at the Interuniversity Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.

Within the theory of complex systems, "the relationship between cause and effect is a highly non-linear one," Jones said. He likened

the theory to the shift from the belief that flocking behavior among birds and schooling among fish was led by a single dominant leader, to new thinking that the behavior results from more complex interactions and relationships — that no single animal plays a dominant leadership role.

Scheduled presenters will highlight the complexity at work in a number of legal realms, from social networks to regulatory policy to conflict resolution. University system faculty and students may attend free of charge. Register online at <http://law.gsu.edu>.

### J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Ethics Center welcomes new chair

The Cola-Cola Company's chief ethics and compliance officer has been tapped as the new chair of the Board of Governors of the Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility.

**Mark Snyderman** takes over from outgoing chair **Tammy Driggers**, president of First Horizon Bank. Driggers will remain on the Board of Governors.

"As chair, I will encourage our board members to continue to bring their diverse perspectives and to press the center to even greater achievements," Snyderman said. "I hope that as the center broadens the scope of its activities and influence, we can enlist additional board members representing an increasingly international perspective."

Two new members also have joined the board: **Tom Butz**, senior vice president of Compliance and Ethics at Georgia-Pacific LLC; and **Paul Shlanta**, executive vice president, general counsel and chief ethics and compliance officer at AGL Resources.

Board members **Dick Hodges** and **Lee Burge** have been named governors emeriti in recognition of their 15 years with the center.

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On March 18, the SACS review team will meet with Georgia State President Carl Patton and other campus leaders for an overview of the university's strategic goals and objectives. The reviewers will then talk with faculty or administrators in any areas where they might have outstanding issues or questions. SACS representatives will spend March 19 learning about the Critical Thinking Through Writing plan from faculty, students and staff. On March 20, the team will debrief campus leaders on their findings before departing.

SACS representatives will prepare a final report based on their visit, and Georgia State officials will learn by December if the university is re-accredited.

"I am confident that the SACS accreditation visit will be a positive and valuable exercise with the goal of making Georgia State an even better institution," Patton said.

For more information, visit [www.gsu.edu/ctw](http://www.gsu.edu/ctw).

## university briefs

### Groundbreaking for new student housing

► Georgia State is breaking ground on two new housing projects this month that will bring the university's goal of having 20 percent of students living on campus by 2015 closer to reality.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the corner of Edgewood and Piedmont avenues.

The housing projects are expected to be complete by fall 2009. One complex will be a freshmen hall able to accommodate 325 to 350 students in two-bedroom units with a shared bathroom. There won't be any kitchens in the units because a traditional dining hall will be located on the first floor of the hall. Also, across from the University Lofts, three-story town houses for Greek organizations will be built.

Representatives from the Greek organizations, the Freshman Learning Communities, the Division of Student Affairs as well as members of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, Central Atlanta Progress and the Atlanta City Council are expected to attend.

### Employee performance evaluations due in March

► It's that time of year when managers formally evaluate and provide feedback to their employees.

The Department of Human Resources is offering a course for managers on how to conduct performance evaluations from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Feb. 21 in the basement conference room in One Park Place. Also, training on the use of this form can be scheduled by calling the Office of Employee Relations at (404) 413-3287.

In addition, the Department of Human Resources will host classes on performance management with tips for managers on supervising employees from 9 a.m. to noon April 2, 3 and 9 in the same location.

The mandatory performance evaluation form is online at [www2.gsu.edu/~www/hrel/forms/index.htm](http://www2.gsu.edu/~www/hrel/forms/index.htm).

Performance evaluations are due no later than 5:15 p.m. March 31 and should be submitted to **Tineke Battle**, human resources coordinator. Please hand deliver the forms to the Department of Human Resources on the third floor of One Park Place, or send by interoffice mail to P.O. Box 3982.

For more information, contact Human Resources at (404) 413-3308.

### Nominations sought for 2008 Sparks Awards

► The Georgia State University Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2008 Sparks Awards.

The Sparks Awards are designed to recognize Georgia State's unsung heroes: faculty, staff and students who exemplify a willingness to "go the extra mile" with good humor and perseverance. The Sparks Awards were first presented by the Alumni Association in 1985 and were named after George McIntosh Sparks, the university's president from 1928 to 1957.

Pick up a nomination form at 133 Alumni Hall or online at [www.gastatealumni.net](http://www.gastatealumni.net). Attach a one- to two-page typed statement explaining why the nominee should receive a Sparks Award, including specific examples of how the nominee has gone beyond the duties and responsibilities of his or her job description.

All nominees must be associated with Georgia State for at least two years. Students should be juniors, seniors or graduate students enrolled in the spring semester. Individuals who hold titles of dean or vice president, including associates and assistants, are not eligible for the awards.

The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. March 3. The awards will be presented at a reception at 2 p.m. April 22 in the Student Center Speakers Auditorium.

For more information, contact the Alumni Association at (404) 413-2190.

### Staff Council elections 2008

► With all the coverage of the U.S. presidential race, don't forget about an important election going on here at Georgia State: Staff Council elections. Have a voice in the university's policies and procedures, and vote for your representative.

All Georgia State staff members are eligible to vote in the election, which began Feb. 18 and runs through Feb. 29.

A few Staff Council districts will not have representatives running for office because representatives from those districts were newly elected in 2007 and will continue their service through February 2009.

Staff Council is the staff representation in the University Senate, which also has student and faculty representation. The Staff Council's mission is to foster effective communication within the university community.

For more information, contact **Randall Alberts**, Staff Council elections chair, at (404) 413-4303.

# Now Open. IS&T's Customer Service Walk-up Window

The IS&T Walk-up Window provides assistance with wireless connectivity and will answer general questions about technology services on campus.

## 109 Library South

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## GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL of MUSIC

In the College of Arts and Sciences

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### neoPhonia New Music Ensemble

Wednesday, February 20 - 7:30 PM  
Saturday, February 23 - 8:00 PM

Presented in conjunction with the 2008 National Conference of the Society of Composers, Inc. (SCI)  
Featuring works by leading composers from around the United States including special guest composer for the conference, George Tsontakis.  
Receptions to follow.  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

#### Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Thursday, February 21 - 7:30 PM  
Robert J. Ambrose, conductor  
Featuring works by Mackey, Newman, McLoskey, Bulow and Arrell.  
Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE

#### University Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, February 24 - 3:00 PM  
Michael Palmer, conductor  
Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE

#### Faculty Recital - Lara Dahl, oboe

Monday, February 25 - 7:30 PM  
Sarah Ambrose, flute  
Kyung-mi Kim, piano  
"An Evening of English Music" - featuring works by Hamilton Harty, Benjamin Britten, Madeleine Dring and Eugene Goossens.  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

#### University Singers

Tuesday, February 26 - 7:30 PM  
Randall Hooper, conductor  
Featuring works by Gibbons, Fink, Bruckner, Barber and Brahms.  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

#### Men's Chorus & Women's Chorus

Thursday, February 28 - 7:30 PM  
Randall Hooper, Jack Loudon & Elizabeth Wilson, conductors  
Featuring works by Alice Parker, Brahms, Holst, Stroepe, Verdi, Gawthrop and others, as well as selections from the musicals *Big River*, *South Pacific* and *West Side Story*.  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

#### Student Concert Series

Friday, February 29 - 12:00 PM  
Monday, March 17 - 12:00 PM  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

#### Honors Recital

Saturday, March 29 - 7:30 PM  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

#### Symphonic Wind Ensemble with Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony

Monday, March 31 - 7:30 PM  
Robert J. Ambrose, conductor  
Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE

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## Payroll to change frequency in July

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Think of it as an opportunity to review your spending habits and learn the craft of budgeting.

Starting in July, instead of receiving a paycheck twice a month, Georgia State exempt employees will be paid monthly.

"We understand that this may be a challenge for some employees, but to become more efficient and customer-focused, we need to do this," said Beth Jones, associate vice president of Georgia State's Division of Finance and Administration.

Exempt employees will be paid on the last business day of the month, beginning July 31. Health care deductions and other contributions will be doubled and withheld on a monthly basis.

Non-exempt employees, who fill out time sheets, also will be affected. On July 18, their pay frequency will go from bi-monthly to bi-weekly for a total of 26 pay dates per year, instead of 24. Deductions for hourly employees will continue to be taken twice per month.

Every employee's annual pay will remain the same — it will just be divided differently. Tax brackets will be unchanged as well.

Deductions for flexible spending accounts will remain bi-monthly for all employees until July, when the deductions will occur monthly for exempt employees and bi-weekly for non-exempt employees.

Financial advisers suggest employees use the next six months to prepare for the payroll change. Attend a



budgeting class offered by the Georgia State University Federal Credit Union. Talk to billing companies about moving payment dates to the end of the month. Set up a savings account and automatically transfer a portion of the paycheck into it.

Exempt employees especially are urged to save for the transition because they will be paid June 30 and not collect a paycheck again until July 31.

Each employee will receive a letter at home notifying them about the payroll modification along with an example of their monthly pay check. The letters were mailed Feb. 15.

With the change, the payroll department will have more time to answer calls and e-mails from employees with questions or problems, Jones said. Georgia State's pay cycle also will be consistent with other institutions in the University System of Georgia.

For questions or problems, please contact the payroll office at (404) 413-3300 or [payroll@gsu.edu](mailto:payroll@gsu.edu).

### PAY DATES FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

July 31  
August 29  
Sept. 30  
Oct. 31  
Nov. 28  
Dec. 31

### PAY DATES FOR NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

July 18  
August 1, 15, 29  
Sept. 12, 26  
Oct. 10, 24  
Nov. 7, 21  
Dec. 5, 19

## APPLAUSE

**After-School All-Stars Atlanta**, a program run by Georgia State's College of Education serving 1,500 at-risk students in eight Atlanta middle schools, was recently honored with the "Regional Excellence Award" by the Civic League for Regional Atlanta. It is one of four civic leadership awards given by the non-profit to individuals, organizations or initiatives that demonstrate extraordinary commitment to creating a better Atlanta region.

**Emily Brock**, associate professor of history, has been awarded the Sterling Senior Research Fellowship in Pacific Northwest History. Brock's research focuses on the interactions between forest science, the lumber industry and environmental politics in the Pacific Northwest, particularly in areas that have already been logged.

Associate professor **Catharina Chang**, assistant professor **Scott Decker** and recent doctoral alumnae **Danica Hays** from the College of Education's Department of Counseling and

Psychological Services won the American Counseling Association Research Award. The award was for their article, "Initial Development and Psychometric Data for the Privilege and Oppression Inventory," which describes a measure that assesses counselors' awareness of privilege and oppression along dimensions of race, sexual orientation, religion and gender.

**Katie Heimburger**, kinesiology doctoral student, was awarded funding from the Gatorade Sports Science Institute's student grant program for her research proposal titled, "The effect of lipid peroxidation on glucose transport signaling in patients with spinal cord injury at rest and after NMES-induced resistance exercise."

**Amy Lederberg**, professor of educational policy studies, was appointed to the editorial board of *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*.

**Ewa McGrail**, assistant professor of middle-secondary education, was invited to chair an assembly of the

National Council of Teachers of English, an organization of language arts teachers and teacher educators dedicated to technology integration into English instruction.

Music professor **David Myers** received this year's Distinguished Career Award from the Georgia Music Educators' Association. The GMEA is a statewide organization of music teachers; Myers' award is the highest honor it bestows on its members. Myers is the founding director of the Center for Educational Partnerships in Music. He has served as a panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts in the area of music, opera and arts education.

**Lee Orr**, a professor in the School of Music, has been invited by the managing editor of the *New Grove Dictionary of American Music* to be senior editor of the organ materials for the dictionary. He has also been invited to contribute a chapter to a Festschrift in honor of John Graziano, to be published by Harmonie Park Press in the series *Detroit Monographs in Musicology/Studies in Music*.

**Joseph Rabianski**, the Richard Bowers and Company Professor of Real Estate, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Appraisal Institute for valuable service, dedication and commitment to the development of the institute's 2008 approved real property appraiser qualifying education curriculum.

**Ruth Saxton**, assistant professor of early childhood education, completed a project as writing consultant for two publications from the Georgia Department of Early Care Learning's "Bright from the Start" program. The publications will be distributed to child care centers throughout the state.

"Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System: Data Overview" by economics professor **Paula Stephan** was listed on the Social Science Research Network's list of top ten downloads for Entrepreneur Research & Policy Network conferences and meetings.

## BIGGEST LOSER CONTEST

March 10 - April 18  
Applications due by February 19



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Includes: Team T-shirt, Starter Paws Nutrition Counseling Package, Info Packet  
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