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## Graduation time

President Carl Patton to preside over commencement one last time

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Georgia State University will come together to celebrate the accomplishments of 2,849 graduates at the spring commencement 2 p.m. May 10 in the Georgia Dome.

The guest speaker will be Andrew Young, former Atlanta mayor, U.S. congressman and U.N. Ambassador, who will offer career advice and inspirational words to Georgia State graduates.



The May 10 commencement will be the second ever held at the Georgia Dome and the last under the watch of President Carl Patton, who is scheduled to retire June 30.

"I think every graduating class faces a world full of challenges," Young said in anticipation of his address. "But that's what our university is for — not to give you answers, but to give you the confidence, the observation and research skills, the vision and the courage, to take on the challenges in whatever field you happen to find yourself."

The spring ceremony is the university's second commencement in the Georgia Dome.

The university last year decided to move commencement from the Sports Arena because of larger graduating classes and the desire to allow graduates to invite as many guests as they want.

The spring ceremony is also significant because it is the last one in which Carl Patton will participate as Georgia State

president. Patton is retiring June 30 after 16 years at the helm of the university.

Also at the commencement, John C. Portman — architect, developer, business entrepreneur and civic leader — will receive an honorary degree.

Both Portman and Young helped transform Atlanta into the city it is today. Portman developed Peachtree Center, the Marriott Marquis Hotel, the SunTrust Plaza and several other Atlanta landmarks.

Young is an ordained minister, international businessman, civil rights activist, published author and former public servant. He was elected to three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 5th Congressional District of Georgia. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter named him the first African-American ambassador to the United Nations. He served two terms as mayor of Atlanta and was co-chairman of the Centennial Olympic Games in 1996.

Young is currently the chairman of Atlanta-based Good Works International, a specialty consulting group that provides strategic services to corporations and governments operating in the global economy. Young also serves as a public affairs professor of policy studies at Georgia State's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

## 5 minutes with:

### Andrew Young

Former U.N. Ambassador, former Atlanta mayor, and civil rights activist for whom the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies was named.

*As a former mayor and someone who's helped shape the city of Atlanta, what do you think outgoing Georgia State University President Carl Patton's legacy will be?*

Dr. Patton came in with a different vision, and he celebrated the notion that this is a downtown university. To me, it started when he moved into the Muse's building and had a downtown residence. Of course he was basically a city planner — his training was in city planning — and he saw this as the kind of educational environment that would allow students to study, experience and work with the challenges of urban life.



*How is the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies having an impact on the city, the region and the world?*

What I've been pleasantly surprised at is that we have projects going in 61 different countries and those are everything from helping people to define tax policy, policy for the disadvantaged, the handicapped, health policy, environmental policy, and many kinds of government and investment issues. We've worked with everybody from Russia to Indonesia, from India to South Africa to Jamaica.

*As someone who stood by Dr. King's side in the Civil Rights movement, how much progress has been made in the last 40 or 50 years?*

Well, I think we have made enormous progress. And I think we succeeded in breaking down those legal barriers. I think there are still some reactionary forces that are resistant to the changes that are occurring but it's not primarily about race, it's the threat of change. The thing about the Civil Rights movement is, we're dealing effectively with social problems, with religious problems and with educational problems, but we have not found a way to put an end to poverty. Dr. King's dream was really to redeem the soul of America from the triple evils of racism, war and poverty.

## Georgia State improves higher education in West Africa

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As in other African countries, public universities in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) are crumbling from neglect, crammed with students and suffering from declining quality.

But a promising response to this crisis has emerged through a partnership between Georgia State and the nation of Côte d'Ivoire. The two parties are developing the International University of Grand-Bassam (IUGB), a regional institution based on the American model of higher education.

"The country and region needs technically and professionally trained experts to staff public and private sector organizations," said John Hicks, Georgia State associate provost of international affairs. "It is a joint effort, aimed at building the institutional capacity to produce the human capital critically needed for economic growth and development."

Georgia State began working with

Côte d'Ivoire officials in 1994, but until recently, political instability in the nation delayed progress.

Classes began at IUGB in January 2005. The university now has 76 students enrolled in its pre-undergraduate program for intensive English and its freshman — and sophomore — level core courses. African students then travel to Georgia State to take upper level classes and complete their degrees. Five IUGB students are currently on campus.

"We want to train the future leaders through the American higher education model so we can develop our region," said Fidel A. Blay-Mockey, an IUGB dean, one of four IUGB administrators who visited Georgia State in April.

Georgia State faculty and administrators are helping IUGB shape its curriculum and establish university operations such as admissions, class registration, technology and more.



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# Good fat versus bad fat outlined in Omega-3 diet book

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Each year hundreds of diet, nutrition, and cookbooks are released but how do you know if they are good buys or you should just say goodbye?

From time to time, I'll review books based on these questions: Is it easy to read and understand? Is it accurate and based on strong science? Are the "extras" such as menu plans, recipes, and tables useful?

One of the most frequently asked questions by readers is on fat — good fats, bad fats, trans fats. Readers want a guide to sort out the healthy fats from the not so healthy fats and are especially interested in omega-3-fats or "fish oils" that seem to offer all kinds of health benefits — from reduction of heart disease to cancer prevention with their anti-inflammatory properties.

Therefore, I was intrigued by registered dietitian Evelyn Tribble's book, "The Ultimate Omega-3 Diet" (McGraw Hill \$23.95) that claims to "supercharge health, battle inflammation, and keep your mind sharp."

**Readability:** Tribble has a great way of taking complex chemistry and making it understandable. In the opening pages she lays out the problem for most Americans: We eat too much of wrong kinds of fats and too little of the good fats. We should be concerned about improving the ratio of fats in our diets — not just adding salmon or flaxseed to our diets, but changing the proportions of fat. She goes on to describe how to do it in a step-by-step fashion.

**Scientific evidence:** This book is thoroughly researched and distills hundreds of studies on the benefits of an omega-3 rich diet, from pregnancy to improved brain function. Each chapter ends with a summary so if you don't want to read the whole chapter the summary is a quick recap of the key points.

**Extras:** Want to know the amounts of various types of fats in your favorite foods or learn about omega-3 supplements? This book is filled with useful tables to arm you with the details to make over your diet. The book concludes with meal

makeovers and recipes to help you convert your diet to one that provides more good fats and less bad fats.

**Top tip:** Fresh basil is a good source of omega-3 fats, so grow it in your garden for a ready source of this herb.

**Conclusion:** This book is a good buy.

## PAW PRINT



Ernest G. Welch, still going strong at 102 years, recently judged a student photography contest at the Rialto Center for the Arts. The Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design was named for Welch, a photographer himself.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES

#### PPM group to hold seminars

The Public Performance and Management Group at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies will continue its 2008 seminar series with two sessions on May 19.

The first session, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., will cover "Critical Thinking Skills in the Public Sector." The seminar will include tips on putting critical thinking skills into practice and discuss common obstacles to effective critical thinking.

The second session, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., will focus on "Building High Achieving Organizations." Discussion will focus on research in the area and templates for performance.

Both sessions will be held in room 750 of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. For more information, contact **Elnora Kelly** at (404) 413-0172 or [ekelly10@gsu.edu](mailto:ekelly10@gsu.edu).

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Middle East Institute wins federal grant to develop new courses

The Middle East Institute has received a grant from the federal Department of Education to develop new courses. The institute hopes the new courses will eventually form the basis of a Bachelor of Arts program, said **Dona Stewart**, the institute's director.

The grant is part of the Department of Education's Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language program and will support two main initiatives. First, it will fund 11 smaller grants for individual professors who wish to develop or revise courses with content in the field.

Also, the grant will fund a series of faculty development seminars on two subjects: teaching about the Middle East in a

globalized world, and the Middle East in the context of world history.

"One of the goals is to infuse Middle East Studies into the core curriculum," Stewart said.

The Middle East Institute already offers a Bachelor of Independent Studies degree for interested students. Stewart says she hopes to submit a proposal for a B.A. program later this year.

Georgia State was one of only 22 universities nationwide to receive an Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language grant this year.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

#### Professional Development School conference set for May 15

Georgia State's College of Education will celebrate four years of its Professional Development School (PDS) program and plan for the future at a conference 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 15.

Educators and administrators from the program's 20 participating schools, as well as the Georgia State faculty members who collaborate with them, are expected to attend the conference at Villa Christina in Dunwoody.

The conference will include sessions and roundtable discussions on grant writing tips, Georgia State courses offered at school sites, the teacher-intern-professional model (TIP), new ideas for professional learning communities and other topics.

The PDS program, also known as Partnerships Deliver Success, places Georgia State faculty members and pre-service teachers in urban schools to help increase student achievement, meet strategic school goals, and recruit and retain high quality teachers.

The program also establishes cross-career learning communities for new and experienced teachers to mentor and

support one another as they seek to improve instruction for all children. PDS interventions and learning communities have increased teacher retention rates by 20 percent in some schools.

For more information, e-mail **Dee Taylor**, PDS project director, at [dtaylor29@gsu.edu](mailto:dtaylor29@gsu.edu) or call (404) 413-8434.

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

#### Students survey campus accessibility for those with special needs

Over the past year, three physical therapy students surveyed the three dozen buildings making up the Georgia State campus to create a detailed map of accessibility. Their research will be loaded into an online map on the university's Web site in the coming months, enabling those with special needs to plan their routes through campus.

The doctor of physical therapy students — **Beth Bryan**, **Julie Grosso** and **Nicole Park** — were given an internal grant from Provost **Ron Henry** to complete the survey and compare Georgia State's accessibility with that of other urban universities. The students also interviewed faculty and students with special needs to determine barriers.

**Leslie Taylor**, an associate professor and head of the Division of Physical Therapy, assisted the students in their research. "I'm so pleased that our students have the chance to make such an important impact for easing accessibility right here on our campus," Taylor said.

### COLLEGE OF LAW

#### Hot Topics luncheon to feature IP chief

The Georgia State Intellectual Property Advisory Board will host **Steve Metalitz**, president of the Intellectual Property Constituency at the Internet Corporation

for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), during its May Hot Topics Luncheon.

The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today (May 6) in the Senate Salon of the Student Center. Metalitz will discuss "ICANN at the Crossroads: How is the 'Great Experiment' in Internet Governance Working for Intellectual Property Rights?"

ICANN oversees the assignment of domain names, Internet protocol addresses and other unique Web identifiers.

For more information, contact **Vickie Dye** at [vdye@gsu.edu](mailto:vdye@gsu.edu).

### J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

#### May Economic Forecasting Conference to address opportunities

The Georgia State University Economic Forecasting Center's May conference will address trends in the United States' manufacturing sector and how economic uncertainties and high fuel prices are affecting the lodging industry.

The conference, from 8 to 11:45 a.m. May 21 in the Speaker's Auditorium of the Student Center, will also feature a report on the Atlanta area's real estate market recovery as well as Economic Forecasting Center Director Rajeev Dhawan's outlook for the region, the state and the nation.

Guest speakers will include **William Strauss**, senior economist and economic advisor for the research department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; **Mark Woodworth**, president of PKF Hospitality Research; and **Frank Norton**, president of The Norton Agency, a real estate firm.

For more information, visit [http://robinson.gsu.edu/efc/conferences/upcoming\\_conference.html](http://robinson.gsu.edu/efc/conferences/upcoming_conference.html) or call (404) 413-7260.

## Georgia State names new dean of libraries

► Following a national search, Provost **Ron Henry** has named **Nancy H. Seamans** as Georgia State's dean of libraries, effective Aug. 4.

Seamans, currently an associate university librarian and director of research and instructional services at the University of Iowa, will succeed **Charlene Hurt**, who is retiring after nearly 11 years as dean. Hurt oversaw the \$23 million library transformation and reorganized the library's administration to be more focused on serving its 3 million annual visitors.

The search committee felt Seamans will build on Hurt's advancements and take the library into the future, the provost said in an announcement April 21.

Seamans has worked in academic, health sciences, corporate and public libraries during her 30 year career. She came to the University of Iowa in March 2005 from Virginia Tech, where she served as the director of instruction, reference and outreach for the libraries.

Seamans earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Virginia Tech, master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina and doctorate in instructional technology from Virginia Tech. Seamans has published numerous journal articles and is a member of several national professional organizations. Her research interests include information literacy, electronic theses and dissertations and assessment of library teaching.

For more information, contact **Natalie Blake**, associate director of library development and external affairs, at (404) 413-2707.

## Counseling Center, Student Health Promotion Office to move

► Both the Counseling and Testing Center and the Student Health Promotion Office will be moving May 19 to the Citizen's Trust Building, located next to the University Commons, at 75 Piedmont Ave.

The Counseling and Testing Center will be housed in suite 200A, and the Student Health Promotion Office will be located in suite 240. All phone and fax numbers will remain the same.

During the week of May 19, emergency counseling services will be available at the new location, but the Counseling Center will not offer initial assessments during this week.

All Student Health Promotion and Counseling Center services are scheduled to begin again May 27 in the new location, except for testing services, which will resume June 2.

For more information on the move, call counseling services at (404) 413-1640, testing services at (404) 413-1740 and Student Health Promotion at (404) 413-1578.

## Mail Services says prepare for stamp increase

► The price for a 1 oz. first-class stamp will increase from 41 to 42 cents May 12, and Georgia State's Mail Services is available during this period to assist customers in planning for the impact of these increases.

To help adjust to the proposed postal rates and rules, Mail Services suggests following four steps: Plan the mail piece, pay attention to its shape, capitalize on discounts and clean up addresses.

Prices for other mailing services, such as standard mail, periodicals, package services — including single-piece parcel post — and special services, also will change. Contact Mail Services with questions at (404) 413-9653.

## University Senate approves new executive committee members

► Six members were elected to the 2008-2009 University Senate's executive committee during the Senate meeting in April.

**Paul Alberto**, Regents' Professor of educational psychology, will chair the committee. Other members include **Elizabeth Beck**, associate professor of social work; **Dabney Dixon**, chemistry professor; **Siva Nathan**, associate professor of accounting; **Donald Reitzes**, chair of the sociology department; and **Jeffrey Rupp**, associate professor of kinesiology and health. The university president and provost also sit on the committee.

The executive committee will advise the provost and the president and will be charged with setting the agenda for senate meetings. The next meeting of the 2008-2009 University Senate is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 23 in Veterans Memorial Hall.

## Recreation Center hosts Memorial Day party

► Students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to bring friends and family to celebrate the summer season opening of the Indian Creek pool. The event is free and will feature free food, badminton, volleyball and fun for all.

The pool will open at 11 a.m. May 26. Festivities will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information on the Memorial Day Bash, contact **Nigel Harris** at (404) 413-1775, or [nharris4@gsu.edu](mailto:nharris4@gsu.edu).

The Memorial Day Bash starts the season at the Indian Creek pool, which will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays through Labor Day. For general information on pool membership, entry rates, guest fees and policies, visit <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwrec/facilities/icra.html>.

## New Hotline helps faculty and staff report workplace concerns

► Georgia State University recognizes that an ethical, efficient and effective work environment is essential to our success, and reporting problems helps sustain that success.

A new option for faculty and staff to report workplace concerns is the university's recently installed Hotline. This service, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, allows callers to voice concerns. They may remain anonymous if preferred. Access to the Hotline is readily available on the Georgia State Web site or directly at this link: <http://www.tnwinc.com/GASTATE/>.

"The Hotline is intended to get problems addressed quickly," said **Sterling Roth**, chief audit officer and director for University Auditing and Advisory Services. "Anonymous, unsigned letters of a nonspecific nature generally are not effective. They are frustrating for the sender as well as the administration. When it is unclear what actions need to be taken, the problem cannot be fixed."

For more information about the Hotline, contact Roth at [sroth@gsu.edu](mailto:sroth@gsu.edu) or (404) 413-1310.



A student bounds skyward during the Spotlight Spring Fling street fair April 17. The fair was part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the Student Center.

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## New Neuroscience Institute strengthens brain research

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While a student at the University of Michigan, Walt Wilczynski wanted to study neuroscience, but the field was so new that no such program existed.

Now a psychology professor at Georgia State, Wilczynski has the chance to design his own neuroscience program. He recently was named director of the new Neuroscience Institute, an interdisciplinary home for brain research and education.

The institute builds off the success of the Brains and Behavior Program, which brought together brain researchers from departments across the university.

"Brains and Behavior has been very successful with getting seed grants, bringing in researchers for lectures and doing community outreach," said Wilczynski. "It's their vision that the institute emerges out of."

All of those efforts will continue under the new institute, Wilczynski said, but the institute will streamline such projects and will enable the creation of undergraduate, graduate and doctorate degree programs in neuroscience.

"If we look at all the universities that have started neuroscience Ph.D. programs, they've had great applicant pools of students," Wilczynski said. "It also

helps recruit outstanding faculty."

Wilczynski now will begin to select core faculty for the institute. Associate faculty members will join the institute while retaining a primary appointment in an outside department. The institute will be a part of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"We already have an extraordinary group of world-class neuroscientists at Georgia State," said Lauren Adamson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "The new institute is the logical next step, providing the administrative support we need to offer new graduate and undergraduate degree programs and continue to provide leadership in this fast-growing field."



Psychology professor Walt Wilczynski is busy building a new, interdisciplinary home for brain research and education at Georgia State as director of the Neuroscience Institute.

## APPLAUSE

Several staff members from IS&T recently earned certification in a number of specialty areas: Lead Network Operations Center Technician **Adesina Adeyemi** and Intermediate Network Technician **Lisa Jacobs** received the CISCO Certified Network Associate Certification. Intermediate Analyst Programmer **Gregory Moore** earned the ORACLE Advanced PL/SQL Certification. Help Desk Manager **Darlene Ward-Wright** received the Help Desk Manager Certification.

Associate professor **Catharina Chang** and assistant professors **Scott Decker** and **Brian Dew** from the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services presented at the 2008 American Counseling Association Conference in Honolulu, March 26-30.

**Barry Chung**, associate professor of counseling and psychological services, has been appointed to serve as

executive editor of the American Psychological Association Division 44 Book Series for the 2008-2012 term. Chung also was elected to fellow status in the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues, Division 45 of the American Psychological Association.

Physics faculty members **Steven Manson**, a Regents' Professor, and **Mark Stockman**, a professor, were selected as outstanding referees by the American Physical Society, which publishes several physics journals. The award goes to those who have been exceptionally helpful in assessing manuscripts for publication.

**Lou Matthews**, assistant professor of secondary education, attended the inaugural "Equity Summit" for mathematics education leaders, hosted by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Reston, Va., Feb. 21-23. In addition, Matthews was selected to be a featured speaker at the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching July 15-17 in Houston.

**Mona Matthews**, associate professor of early childhood education, has been appointed chair of the Studies and Research: Grants Subcommittee for the International Reading Association (IRA). Matthews also was appointed to serve on the 2008-2009 Studies and Research Steering Committee for the 2009 IRA Annual Conference in Phoenix.

**Daphne Orr**, student services coordinator for the Intensive English Program, was named the recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences' Outstanding Junior Staff Award.

Professor **Brenda Pitts**, assistant professor **Beth Cianfrone** and student **Mark Howard** in the College of Education's Department of Kinesiology and Health made a presentation at the Association for Collegiate Marketing Educators conference in Houston.

**Niklas Vollmer**, assistant professor of communication, was awarded the Original Vision Award at the International Documentary Challenge

for his film "Unfettering the Falcons." The film was also screened at the Atlanta Film Festival April 17.

**Shelly-Ann Williams**, manager of the College of Arts and Sciences' Office of Graduate and Scheduling Services, was named the recipient of the college's Senior Staff Leadership Award.

**Dennis Young**, director of the Nonprofit Studies Program, gave the keynote speech at a symposium on "Love and Money: The What, Why and How of the Social Entrepreneur" at the University of Baltimore's Merrick School of Business' Entrepreneurial Opportunity Center.

**Heying Jenny Zhan**, an associate professor of sociology, has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar for the upcoming academic year. Zhan, who will spend the fall 2008 semester in China, is the sociology department's first Fulbright Scholar.

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