President's Investiture set for Oct. 19

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T he Georgia State University community is invited to attend the investiture of Mark P. Becker as the institution's seventh president at 2 p.m. Oct. 19 in the Sports Arena. The theme of the day-long celebration is “Envisioning Our Second Century,” a nod to Georgia State’s 100th birthday in 2013. The ceremony will include plenty of music, greetings from local and state officials and an investiture address by Becker. Erroll B. Davis Jr., chancellor of the University System of Georgia, will officially install Becker.

Delegates from other universities and professional organizations as well as Georgia State faculty members will participate. Nearly 300 in person and 200 by video conference are anticipated.

“This is a special day for President Becker and his family, but also in the life of this institution,” T. obrert said. “We will honor Georgia State’s rich, 96-year history while focusing on the next 100 years.”

Go to Case y Eagle is e xpected t o bring gr eetings fr om the state. A slanta Ma yor Shirley Y Fr anklin also is e xpected t o speak. Representatives fr om alumni, t aculty, st aff and students also ar e planning to address the audience.

Paul Albert o, Regents’ Pr ofessor of Education and head of the faculty senate, will represent GSU faculty.

“Since his arrival in January, Dr. Becker has p roven t o be an enthusiastic member of the Georgia State community,” Alberto said. “Faculty who have had a chance to interact with him are appreciate of his collegiality and his energy on behalf of the university. We look forward to joining with him in his investiture and the beginning of the University’s second century.”

David Caudill, chairman of Staff Council, will represent GSU staff.

“One behalf of the thousands of st aff members at Georgia State, I am honor ed to participate in this historic event in the life of Georgia State University,” said Caudill, who is facilitator/organizer f or the College of Health and Human Sciences. “Staff members have been very impressed with Dr. Becker’s leadership and renewed sense of direction for this fine institution.”

Becker, 50, succeeded Carl Patton, who served as Georgia State’s president for 16 years. In his first nine months in office, Becker has named a new athletics director, Cheryl Levick, as well as a new senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, Rosa Palm.

For more information on the investiture, visit www.gsu.edu/investiture. To volunteer, contact Eric Blacknall at 404-413-1500 or eblacknall@gsu.edu.

5 minutes with:

Chester Phillips

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As many as we can get. Those interested can e-mail me directly at chesterphilipps@gsu.edu and I will gladly get in touch.

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### Fighting Swine Flu

**By Mike Raderstorf • mraderstorf@gsu.edu**

We are several weeks into the fall semester, and I’m sure most of you have followed with interest the latest developments of the H1N1 virus at home and around the country. This is no ordinary flu season; we are already seeing a substantial rise in sick students, faculty and staff with H1N1 influenza at GSU. According to the latest figures from the CDC, Georgia is one of about 11 states nationwide that have reported widespread influenza-like illnesses. That number will continue to grow as we get deeper into the flu season, but you can limit that number by being as proactive as possible.

Our Pandemic Task Force at GSU has been monitoring the situation. Keeping track of reports from faculty and students, students and faculty are asked to report any flu-like symptoms to their community. The GSU Community is a large and dynamic group, with many students living on campus and many more living off-campus. The H1N1 virus can spread rapidly, especially in close quarters such as dorm rooms or Greek housing. We are working closely with our local health department to ensure that we have the resources to handle any potential outbreaks.

According to the latest U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data, the H1N1 virus has been detected in 43 states and the District of Columbia. The virus is more common in young people, but it can affect anyone. The symptoms of H1N1 flu are similar to those of regular flu, including fever, cough, sore throat, and muscle aches. But H1N1 can be more severe in some people, especially those under 20, pregnant women, and those with underlying health conditions.

Schools across the country are taking steps to prevent the spread of H1N1 flu. Many schools are offering flu vaccines to students, faculty, and staff. However, getting vaccinated is not a guarantee against the virus. The CDC recommends that everyone who is eligible get a flu shot, and the flu shot is especially important for those at high risk of developing serious complications from flu, such as children, pregnant women, and people with certain chronic medical conditions.

### Modeling new cures

**GSU assistant professor and alumnus seeks to understand biological processes through computing**

**By Jeremy Craig • jcraig@gsu.edu**

Donald Hamelberg is working on understanding how proteins interact with the molecular and atomic levels in biology, and how they affect their biological activity. Hamelberg is an assistant professor of chemistry and a Geogia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, who uses computational chemistry to model complex biological systems involving nucleic acids and protein structures. His research is focused on understanding how proteins interact with the molecular and atomic levels to perform their biological functions.

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A promising area of his research examines biochemical pathways, as he examines how enzymes might be inhibited. For example, by inhibiting enzymatic processes, scientists may be able to stop the transmission of RNA needed to produce proteins in bacteria in effect, killing them.

The way you inhibit some of their actions is to look at how they bind with some of their natural substrates," Hamelberg said. "If you can modify some of these substrates, you may be able to develop a new drug that will allow you to inhibit these processes.

Hamelberg was recently named the American Chemical Society's Hewlett-Packard Outstanding Junior Faculty Award winner. He received the award for his research on enzymes involved in cancer, such as the Plk-1 enzyme, which can have a role in the disease. Hamelberg is a native of Sierra Leone who has served as an assistant professor at Georgia State for about a year, graduated with both his P.S. in 1997 and his Ph.D. in 2001 from GSU.

"Though it's changed quite a bit here, there's still some familiarity," he said. "It's like coming home."

### GSU in the news

A lot of people who hold elected office at the local level are just advanced volunteers.

**John Clayton Thomas, professor of public management and policy, the AJC on candidates qualifications for city elections.**

The fallout (from the recession) is far from over when viewed through the prism of job loss rates and income growth.

**Rajeev Dhawan, director of the Economic Forecasting Center, to the Atlanta Business Chronicle on Georgia's economic recovery in 2011.**

Before this show, a lot of people across the country probably had no idea that there were so many successful African-Americans here.

**Marketing professor Cortis Tornstein, to the AJC on how the television program "Real Housewives of Atlanta" gives the rest of the country a rare glimpse into the lives of well-to-do African-Americans in Atlanta.**
Lunch series focuses on environmental responsibility

- Greening Georgia State, a group of faculty and staff members working to advance environmental issues at the university, is sponsoring a lunchtime speaker series focusing on environmental issues.

The lunch series will be from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 6 and Nov. 3 at the Commerce Building, 34 Broad St. N.W., in Room 1103.

At the Oct. 6 meeting, Matt Hoots of the Hoots Group will speak on weatherization, insulation, clean energy and government programs to help pay for installation. On Nov. 3, Holly Emson, director of the Green Foodservice Alliance, will speak about environmental challenges and available solutions in the food service industry.

Chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society to speak at Haverty Lecture

Otis W. Brawley, chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, will speak at the 2009 J. Rhodes Haverty Lecture, sponsored by the College of Health and Human Sciences.

The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Student Center Speaker’s Auditorium. Brawley, a keynote speaker in the societys work to eliminate disparities in access to quality cancer care, is professor of hematology, oncology, medicine and epidemiology at Emory University.

Prior to joining the American Cancer Society, Brawley was medical director of the Georgia Cancer Coalition Scholar, was medical director of the Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady Memorial Hospital, and deputy director for cancer control at the Winship Cancer Institute at Emory.

The Haverty Lecture was established in 2003 to honor the career of Dr. J. Rhodes Haverty, the founding dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences.

First CENCIA exhibit focuses on women artists

- The Center for Collaborative and International Arts (CENCIA) at Georgia State University will kick off the academic year with “Losing Yourself in the 21st Century,” an exhibition of performative media by U.S.-based female artists exploring issues of identity and subjectivity in the contemporary age. The exhibition, displayed in the Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design Gallery, will run Oct. 1 through Nov. 19.

Diverse in both expression and medium, the exhibition features the work of 12 women artists chosen through a competitive online curatorial process.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Free evening event parking is available at the United Way Garage, located at the corner of Auburn and Courtland avenues.

An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 6 and feature a talk by artist Saya Woolfalk about her work, “Ethnography of No Place.” From 6 to 8 p.m., on Nov. 13, an event, Ali Prosch, will present a perfomance piece in conjunction with the closing reception.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Free evening event parking is available at the University Way Garage, located at the corner of Auburn and Courtland avenues. CENCIA brings together creative writers, visual arts, composers, musicians, actors, playwrights, filmmakers and scholars engaged in arts-related research at GSU. For more information, visit www.arts.gsu.edu, www.gsu.edu/artgallery or www.losingyourself.com.

Hispanic Heritage Month events at the Rialto

- In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State will host several upcoming events celebrating Hispanic culture.

The first features Paco Pena, a guitarist, composer, dramatist, producer and artistic mentor, who will perform at 8 p.m. Oct. 10. Pena embodies both the authenticity and innovation in flamenco and has his own style of the traditional Spanish art form. Tickets are on sale now for $35-$50.

The Mexican Day of the Dead will be celebrated at 8 p.m. Oct. 31 with the music of Los Cenzontles, an eight-member Mexican music ensemble that weaves together centuries-old musical traditions with contemporary sounds of the world stage. Directed by Grammy-nominated producer Eugene Rodriguez, the group has pioneered the revival of Mexican roots music for almost 50 years. Tickets are on sale now for $29-$55.

For tickets and more information, call 404-413-9TIX or visit www.rialtocenter.org.

College of Law Miller Lecture scheduled for Oct. 15


Stone is the Edward H. Levi Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago and is currently a visiting professor at New York University School of Law. Please RSVP to Vickie Dy e@gsu.edu or 404-413-9024 by Oct. 1. Business attire is required and special meal requests must be made at the time of RSVP.

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Pounce gets a makeover

Georgia State’s new look mascot is a fearsome tooth- and claws-baring Panther. The athletic department recently launched a new br and, including the make-over for the Panther logo and new “Georgia State” and “GSU” word marks.

The new looks w ere unveiled as part of Georgia State’s Countdown to Touchdown celebration on Sept. 2 – exactly one year before the Panthers historic inaugural first football game, which will be played against Shorter College Sept. 2, 2010.

The new Pounce logos are a more fierce, dynamic and fierce image of a panther, while the “GSU” logo features white lettering and a red underscore on a blue background, all outlined in white. This logo will adorn the Panthers’ blue football helmets.

“With the exposure that football is generating, this was the perfect time to update our marks and create a dynamic, viral identity for Georgia State Athletics,” said Director of Athletics Cheryl Lee. “We think our students, alumni and fans will be really proud to show off these new looks.”

The football team also released its first-tier-ever football schedule: a 10-game slate that includes six home dates at the Georgia Dome and concludes with a Nov. 20 trip to Alabama.

After debuting against Shorter Sept. 2, the Panthers will play on the Jacksonville State at the dome Saturday, Sept. 18. Other home dates include Mississippi Valley State (Oct. 2), Appalachian State (Oct. 9), North Carolina Central (Oct. 16) and Lanham High School (Oct. 31). Apparel featuring the new logos is currently available at the Georgia State Bookstore and online at GeorgiaStateSports.com.

Lea. Flowers, assist pr ofessor of counseling and psychologi cal services, has r ecently nw. articles published in her field. Her article, “Cultu r e,” will be in the Encyclopedia of Counseling , and her article, “Com for t,” in the Encyclopedia of Stress .

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