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Piece of the Pie, a European bakery located in Carrollton's Adamson Square, is one of several local eateries available for those who are growing tired of the fast food grind. The establishment is one of many downtown restaurants hungry Homecoming participants can visit during Wolves Capture the Square on Friday, Oct. 1. The event is sponsored by Carrollton Main Street.

MAKING THE CONNECTION

Admissions staffers taking new approach, new message to prospective students

By Stephanie Urich

When it comes to reaching prospective students, admissions professionals at UWG are avoiding the same-old, same-old approach.

“The Department of Admissions is attempting to produce a new and fresh perception of the university,” said Justin Barlow, associate director of admissions. “It is our goal to reeducate the public and let them know what types of services and opportunities we provide.”

These updated methods include face-to-face interaction and, of course, a strong online presence.

Instead of deriving interest from students exclusively from traditional recruiting fairs and information pamphlets, UWG now has a platform on popular online social media Web sites like Facebook.

There are also profiles on Zinch, a student-based site geared solely for college and university recruitment.

These tactics are combined with older, time-tested approaches and still produce results, said Barlow.

College fairs and visits to high schools continue, as UWG seeks to educate potential students about the university.

“Our staff travels to hundreds of schools each year, so we can

spread the word about the opportunities West Georgia provides,” Barlow said.

In conjunction with the university’s marketing department, admissions plans to distribute a new magazine advertising the campus and providing information about key majors to high schools.

Information provided to students does not stop after they are admitted. UWG uses methods employed by businesses, such as customer-relationship management tools, a call center and automated information flow, in order to connect with students.

“These services provide specific messages geared toward students’ specific interests,” he said.

Currently, West Georgia predominantly draws students who are interested in a career in business, education, psychology or nursing. However, the university is becoming an attractive option for students with other interests, such as pre-engineering and engineering transfer programs.

Scholarships the university provides are also big incentives to prospective students. UWG has specialty scholarships for students interested in visual arts, music and theater, as well as merit-based awards.



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Jerome Thompson*

Justin Barlow devotes most of his time in the Office of Admissions to finding methods to alter students’ perceptions of UWG in fresh, unique ways.



BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SUCCESS

University puts priority on graduating more students

UWG's growth in enrollment and facilities over the past few years has been impressive. The spring 2010 commencement produced two key milestones: The highest number of graduates ever (1,007) and the first time the university has exceeded 1,000 graduates in any term.

But West Georgia is not resting on its laurels. The university is undertaking an aggressive effort to increase the graduation and retention rates of its students. UWG is making graduating its students its top priority, one in which faculty and administration will be deeply involved. It is crafting a thoughtful, comprehensive plan for boosting graduation and retention. UWG wants the entire campus to feel confident about the plan, advocate for it and work on it.

Some elements of the plan are listed below:

EARLY INTERVENTION

UWG has implemented the First Year for Everyone Program, in which 97 percent of all first year students are enrolled in programs to help them ease the transition to college.

The retention rates of students who are in these programs are higher than the rates of those who aren't.

Programs include a two-phase orientation (summer and transition), a first-year commuter program and academic support centers in writing, math, biology and advising.



ACADEMIC POLICIES

UWG has enhanced academic policies, such as stepped-up enforcement of the rule requiring students to declare a major by their 60th hour, with a required intervention if this doesn't happen. Also, the threshold for academic good standing has been increased, and intervention has become more widely used.

MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is being assessed in a number of areas, including pass rates in core courses, completion rates of courses per semester, first- and second-year retention rates and four-, five- and six-year graduation rates.



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UWG SCHOOL OF NURSING BEATS THE BUG

And draws high praise

By Rob Douthit

About a year ago, amid reports of H1N1 flu outbreaks spreading rapidly across the country and hitting college campuses especially hard, administrators at the University of West Georgia knew they had to take aggressive action to protect the campus.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health experts said that the best defense would be to have as many people as possible, especially those in high-risk groups, inoculated for H1N1.

Dr. Leslie Cottrell, UWG's director of health services, determined that a mass inoculation was needed. However, holding a mass inoculation would put a burden on the health services staff, so the department turned to the School of Nursing.

The nursing students would get hands-on experience in giving vaccines to men, women and children. The university would get a substantial portion of its population protected against a robust virus.

The program would turn out to be a big success, and became one of many that the School of Nursing has implemented as part of its curriculum for preparing health care professionals.

The school, which seeks to expand its facilities to be able to meet a growing demand for nurses, is instrumental in contributing to the health care industry. Additionally, it has drawn acclaim for its success.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn while serving their peers and faculty."

- Krystal Coveal, Nursing student

The Georgia Board of Nursing recently concluded a review of the school that resulted in its achieving 11 commendations and no recommendations. The board's report cited the School of Nursing's "evidence of continuous quality assessment/improvement," the program's "variety of educational options for pre- and post-licensure students" and the "education and expertise" of the faculty.

That kind of competence made the flu bug no match for this program and its students.

Before taking on H1N1, the nursing students would get to do a dress rehearsal by distributing seasonal flu shots to students, faculty, staff and their family members at UWG's Coliseum. They



UWG's School of Nursing received high praise from the Georgia Board of Nursing for the quality of its educational opportunities, like the recent administering of H1N1 vaccines to members of the community.

would get to see how their plans for establishing lines, filling out forms and administering the shots would work.

That program went off successfully, allowing the nursing students to set their sights on the H1N1 distribution. Twenty licensed RNs seeking their bachelor's of Science in Nursing assisted in planning the vaccination process, while 45 unlicensed students played a clinical role in the process, such as administering the shots.

The nursing students were grateful for the chance to run the inoculation.

"This is great practice, especially for my field," said Lauren Davis, a student studying in the field of pediatrics. "I never really get a chance to work with kids ... and I loved it. The overall turnout was great, and it was good to see so many people taking the initiative."

Nursing student Krystal Coveal agreed.

"I think it is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn while serving their peers and faculty," Coveal said. "At the same time we're also keeping the community healthy. Other schools do not give their students chances to experience hands-on learning like this, so to be able to participate here is great."

A BLUE-CHIP IDEA?

Professor's food-based research might help the energy industry

By Rob Douthit

What do potato chips have to do with oil sands?

Well, the chips are obviously a bit more appetizing. But both contain oil, a fact not lost on Dr. Ben DeMayo, professor of physics emeritus at UWG. He recalled his work with a potato chip company a few decades ago that involved edible oil as he sought to devise a way to more efficiently gather oil sands, which are decidedly inedible.

Oil sands, also known as tar sands, are made of clay, sand, water and bitumen, a thick, black oil, DeMayo explained.

Oil sands are mined in places such as the Canadian province of Alberta, often from open pits or by strip mining. The bitumen is then extracted and refined into oil. The problem is the process is complex and costly, both financially and environmentally.

So DeMayo was struck by a technique that he used during his days at a snack food maker that he thought might be a good concept for oil sands.

"I was a young guy working for the company and was told that I should develop some kind of lower fat potato chip," DeMayo said. "So I started tinkering around and came up with a way to get a good portion of the oil out of the chips."

DeMayo says he would heat the chips to make the oil on them thinner, or less viscous, and then he used a device to spin the chips to remove large amounts of the oil.

It seemed to work, but alas the chip company didn't think America had caught on to the health craze yet, so it scrapped the idea of a lower fat chip. But dieters' loss then could still turn out to be industry's gain today.

DeMayo thinks the same technology could be used in the extraction of oil from sands.

He devised a machine that dumps the oil-laden sand into a container, where it is heated and spun.

The heating process thins the oil, just like it did with the chips, and spinning separates it from the sand. When he began testing his model a few years ago, he found it to be successful, extracting about 85 percent of the oil from the sand.

"I asked myself why anyone else hadn't thought of this," he said. "I looked for patents for this kind of thing, and found none."

So, after further testing, he applied for one. While he hasn't been granted patent protection yet, he still believes the technology could have real-world applications.

"It's purely mechanical, using sheet metal," he said, and would



Dr. Ben DeMayo, professor of physics emeritus, has devised a safe, inexpensive method of efficiently gathering oil sands.

therefore most likely be less expensive than the current mining equipment.

Current mining methods also use a lot of water, which is not good environmentally.

DeMayo projects that his process could yield 3,500 barrels of oil a day from areas that are rich with oil sands such as Alberta and Venezuela. So far, he has yet to draw the interest of oil companies.

"I have written to some of them and explained the procedure, but none of them have wanted to pursue it at this point," he said.

As a result, he hasn't had the funding to make a large scale model of the machine that would be used.

"I think what I've tried in the lab could easily be converted into the kind of machinery that you'd need to do this, and it wouldn't be all that expensive," DeMayo said.

He estimates that it would take about three to four months to build the machine, and that once in use, it would pay for itself in about four days. While this technology is unlikely to fulfill all of the nation's fuel needs, it would be somewhat ironic to take a bite out of the energy crunch by using potato chip research.

NAVIGATING UNCHARTED WATERS

Georgia continues to seek long-term solutions to managing its most critical natural resource



Gubernatorial candidates discussed Georgia's water issues at the UWG Water Conference last spring.

By Rob Douthit

The management of water resources continues to be a challenging issue legally, politically and environmentally for Georgia.

But as the state moves forward in trying to address the water issue, there has been some positive news.

Georgia's legislature recently passed one of the nation's best water usage laws, said UWG geosciences professor Curtis Hollabaugh.

UWG provides valuable information to water-resource management agencies throughout the region.

"The law will help address consumption issues and encourage conservation," Hollabaugh said. For example, "individual apartment dwellings will have their own water bills, instead of one bill for the entire building or complex. That will help drive down consumption," he said.

"Future building guidelines will require the use of water-saving devices. There will be incentives to retrofit older buildings with water-saving devices, such as low-flow toilets," he continued. "These measures should help reduce consumption in the future, which is something we need to focus on."

But many challenges will remain, including the uncertainty of what the legal or legislative prospects are for Georgia's water resources.

"Ultimately, it's going to have to be a political solution," Hollabaugh said. "Either the Supreme Court, Congress or the

governors will have to devise a solution that will address the water resource needs of the region."

Georgia's congressional delegation has been reluctant to pursue a legislative approach to fixing the problem, and if it did, it would face an uphill climb, said John O'Keefe, an aide to U.S. Rep. Phil Gingrey, R-Ga.

The prospect of a congressional solution "doesn't seem to be going anywhere," O'Keefe said at UWG's Water Conference in the spring.

But, O'Keefe emphasized, it is imperative that a solution is discovered soon or there could be "an economic death knell to Georgia."

The UWG Water Conference brought together legal, political and engineering experts on water from all over the country, and included a debate among nine candidates for Georgia governor from the Democratic and Republican parties.

While conservation is seen as a key component of the regional water strategy, it isn't the complete answer, one expert told the conference.

"For 20 years, the water issue has been in the courts," said Jack Dozier, executive director of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. "Water conservation is not the answer, it is only part of the answer," he said.

"Decisions made now will change the future of Georgia," Dozier said. He talked about problems specific to the metro Atlanta area and how they pose an extraordinary challenge to planners in dealing with meeting the area's water needs.

"The Chattahoochee River is one of the smallest rivers in the nation to serve a major city," Dozier said. "Georgia gets a lot of rain,

but the problem is, people don't live where the water is."

Rainfall, specifically too much of it, affected the UWG area during flooding last year.

Peter Frost, Douglas County Water and Wastewater director, gave an account of the harrowing experience county residents and water department workers lived through during that event, which is now being called the "500-year flood."

Douglas County received more than 20 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. By comparison, a rainfall of 7-9 inches in a 24-hour period is considered by experts to be a 100-year flood.

"More than 170 roads were closed, 90 water lines and 21 sewer lines were broken," Frost said.

The conference's experts also discussed more esoteric water issues, such as inter-basin transfers, or transferring water from one river basin to another. That tactic has drawn criticism from some who say it can harm the environment and hinder the economic potential from downstream communities.

But Dozier argued that with Atlanta being near the headwaters of eight rivers, it is necessary.

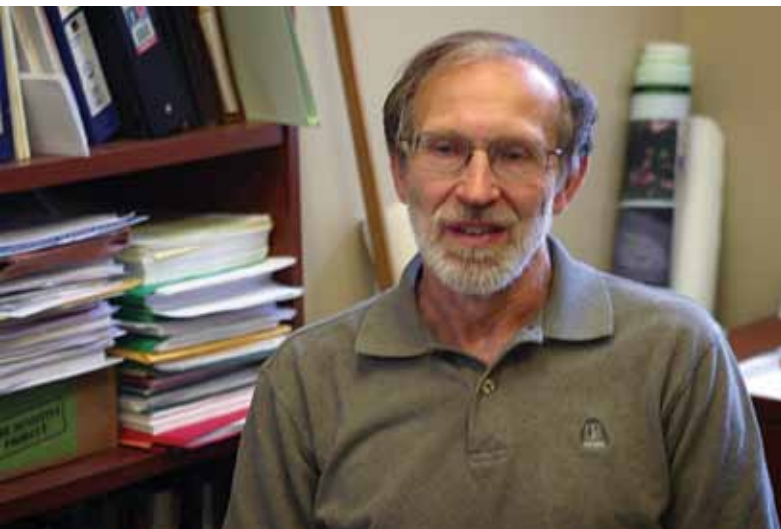
"If you get a drink of water on the east side of Peachtree Street and use the bathroom on the west side of the street, you have just committed a major inter-basin transfer," he joked.

A number of local officials statewide have called for an aggressive campaign of building reservoirs to capture more of the state's rainwater, but are divided over the best way to pay for such an initiative.

UWG's Geosciences Department continues to play a critical role in helping manage the water resources of the West Georgia region.

By testing the area's water sources for quality and monitoring rivers and streams, UWG provides valuable information to water-resource management agencies throughout the region.

(Kathy Wagstaff contributed to this article.)



UWG geosciences professor Dr. Curtis Hollabaugh says Georgia must take steps to limit consumption and encourage conservation of water in order to address challenges the state faces.

UWG FACES



ADDIE MCRAE SUMMITT '10

HOME:

Thomasville

PROFESSION:

Out Island mate for the Boy Scouts of America's Out Island Adventure Program, located at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base's Brinton Center

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Summitt took part as a coordinator for pre-program preparation, helping to set up the camp for staff member arrival.

IN HER WORDS:

"Studying chemistry for three years, I did research in my lab and learned that I get claustrophobic within four walls. With the camp program, I get to enjoy teaching these kids little things, like how to tie a knot, or fillet and cook a fish. I'm not necessarily doing it for them I'm teaching them how to do it themselves."

HOW SHE BENEFITS FROM THE EXPERIENCE:

"Some of these kids come from places where they've never seen the ocean before, so seeing the look on their faces while introducing them to such new things is very exciting. They show up as Boy Scouts and leave as men. Getting to see that transition every week is definitely worth it."

In tough job market

MAINTAIN SOLID SEARCH STRATEGY

By Rob Douthit

Despite some recent improvement, the U.S. labor market has remained quite challenging for job seekers.

An economy that has begun to climb out of its depths still has not produced enough jobs to make up for the massive cuts that have taken place over the past couple of years.

But, for those seeking work, it's important to maintain hope and employ the right strategies.

Job seekers would be wise to heed a few tips that could enhance their efforts in finding work, career experts say.

"Regardless of the economy, [people in the labor market] need to understand all the strategies of job searching," said Karen Lingrell, a career services expert at the University of West Georgia.

"A flexible, tailored resume, cover letters, networking and informational interviews are some of the key elements," she said.

Lingrell also stressed the importance of applying for jobs with a specific strategy.

"A thorough understanding of how to do industry and company research is vital. Always get to the company Web site rather than utilizing the listserv of a site like Monster, Career Builder or Yahoo," she said.

And as most job seekers know, a strong resume is essential.

"Tailor the resume and letter to each individual job; the days of sending 50 resumes with a click of a key are gone," Lingrell said.

Job seekers should also understand that unemployment remains high and job-growth rates are low, but opportunities do still exist.

"Candidates need to be realistic about job openings. There are peak industries and even companies doing competitive hiring. Knowledge of this is crucial," Lingrell said.

Employers still value talent that stands out.

"As the global economy slowly recovers,



Karen Lingrell acknowledges that the job market is tough these days. But with the right attitude, a few tips and a lot of patience, candidates can eventually find work.

employers will remain focused on maintaining financial flexibility and doing more with less," said Jeffrey A. Joerres, CEO of Manpower, a workforce solutions company. "Applying the same mindset to their workforce, employers have gotten more specific about the combination of skill sets that they are looking for, not only seeking technical capabilities in a job match, but holding out for the person that possesses the additional qualities above and beyond that will help drive their organization forward."

The job search is deliberate but does not need to be desperate, Lingrell said. Candidates should seek guidance from mentors and

others with whom they wish to network in the job market.

But it's important to maintain professional protocol.

"Candidates can't transmit a Facebook or Linked In status that blurts, 'Please hire me!'" said Lingrell.

Ultimately, face-to-face connections, keywords on resumes and "sweating the small stuff" during every stage of the search are going to help make candidates stand out, she maintained.

Career Services is also available to assist alumni. For more information call 678-839-6431 or visit careerweb.westga.edu.

Resumes should say what you can do, not just what you've done

By Stephanie Urich

In today's business market, what are the most effective approaches to resume writing?

The primary purpose of a resume is to gain an interview. Statistically, only one out of every 200 applicants receives said interview, according to Nick Lore of the Rockport Institute, a career-consulting firm.

Gone are the days of flooding the job market with resumes hoping to snag a prospective opportunity from anywhere.

"The candidate pools are so much larger now," said Karen Lingrell, assistant director of career services at UWG.

Resumes need to reflect the skills and qualifications of the applicant instead of simply listing basic job histories. They need to contain a visual presentation of the applicant's education and experience.

Lingrell advises applicants to ask themselves, "What am I bringing to the company?"

Connect experience and skills to what the employer is looking for. Demonstrate these specific skills and achievements or accomplishments from contributions to projects and activities, she continued.

Be truthful, specific, and brief with the assertions made in the resume. Resumes drowning in vague, boring statements find a new home in the trash can instead of the "Need to Contact" pile, experts warn.

Lingrell said to make sure that the first major topic within the resume is a clearly defined objective stating the specific goals the applicant wishes to achieve. Tailor the resume to the specific job that is being applied for, she advised.

Include as many industry and job-specific key words as possible. Most employers are looking for the resumes that contain the most potential in optimizing their productivity, experts say. The applicant wants to present a persuasive case.

Certain degrees make job hunt a bit easier

The job market remains tough, but some graduates might face an easier time by virtue of the degree they hold. What are the degrees that are yielding the most success this year? According to corporate consulting firm Challenger, Gray and Christmas, those who have studied health care, business and computers are likely to have the most success in the job market.

Here's a list of degrees that rank highest in terms of employment, according to Challenger:

Health Care

BEST DEGREES: Nursing, Physical therapy, Pharmacy, Medical technician
AVERAGE STARTING SALARY: Nursing — \$47,217; Health, related science — \$30,522

Business Administration

BEST DEGREES: Business, Business administration, Business administrative support
AVERAGE STARTING SALARY: Business administration — \$45,200

Computer Science

BEST DEGREES: Computer science, Technology support, Information technology and systems
AVERAGE STARTING SALARY: Computer science — \$61,205; Information sciences and systems — \$54,038

Accounting/Finance

BEST DEGREES: Accounting, Finance
AVERAGE STARTING SALARY: Economics — \$52,909; Finance — \$49,607; Accounting — \$47,982

Engineering

BEST DEGREES: Biomedical engineering, Civil engineering, Electrical engineering, Mechanical engineering
AVERAGE STARTING SALARY: Petroleum engineering — \$86,220; Computer engineering — \$60,879; Mechanical engineering — \$58,392

Marketing

BEST DEGREE: Marketing
AVERAGE STARTING SALARY: \$42,499

LOG ON AND TURN IT UP

Wolf Internet Radio launches an easier way to listen to music



Wolf Internet Radio held a remote broadcast at Zoo Atlanta, where Carlos Aquino (left) and Shawn Isaacs took turns on the mic.

By Stephanie Ulrich

Tired of turning on the radio and listening to nothing but commercials and unfamiliar music? Try logging on to The WOLF, the University of West Georgia's new student-based Internet radio station.

Dr. Brad Yates, associate professor of mass communications and founder of The WOLF, received a \$50,000 grant from the Technology Fee Committee for the creation of the new radio station and just over \$22,500 for next year.

"The WOLF Internet Radio is an initiative that allows students to actually see where their fee money is going and lets them get involved with it," said Yates.

The station is "For Students, By Students," a slogan created by Shawn Isaacs, station manager and, as of May 2010, UWG graduate. Isaacs split his time between getting the new Internet-based station operational, going to classes and holding down an afternoon job at Kiss 102.7, a Carrollton-based FM station.

"It was tough," said Isaacs, "but worth it."

The WOLF is an idea that started several years ago to reestablish a true college radio experience at UWG. Yates and his lab assistant, Jimmy Shaw '08, began laying the groundwork a couple of years ago and, once the Tech Fee grant was secured, things were put into motion.

Yates used his radio practicum class to develop live student programming. About six test shows were streamed, including a radio drama, early versions of the morning show, a sports talk show and a relationship show.

Eventually these shows became staples of The WOLF and gained a loyal following. During the latter part of the spring semester, the "Morning Howl" aired every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8-10 a.m. The show had listeners from as far away as Switzerland and Germany, according to Yates.

Tuesday nights featured "The Battle of the Sexes" at 7 p.m. "The Rowdy Ryan Phillips Show" discussed all things sports on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., while at 10 p.m. graduate student Bobby Moore '08 hosted "7 Inch Atlanta Radio," which played all punk music. Several of these shows will continue in the coming months.

The new station provides students with hands-on opportunities for professional radio experience as a station manager, music director, program director, promotions director and production manager.

"The objective is to teach professionalism," said Yates. "I want the students to be able to take their experience from here into the job market."

The WOLF is an open opportunity for students of any major to join and contribute

to the growing station. Volunteers are a necessity; current students will be the backbone of the station, but the station is open for all members of the UWG family to participate. Yates even encourages alumni to develop program content and offer suggestions for improving The WOLF.

The station tailors its demographic toward students' interests, and it offers an eclectic assortment of music, which ranges from classic rock and the latest chart toppers to R&B and country.

The WOLF is also committed to featuring local bands and musicians as often as possible, whether through live in-studio acoustic performances or via remote broadcasts around the area, said Yates.

He also said that podcasts of student programming and local artists will be available in the future, and he hopes to have someone create an application so the stream can be heard on mobile phones.

You can tune in and listen to The WOLF at www.westga.edu/thewolf. Become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thewolfuwg and follow the station on Twitter at www.twitter.com/thewolfuwg.

Anyone interested in getting involved with The WOLF should submit an email to thewolf@westga.edu.

ALUM DELVES INTO SUPERNATURAL



Beth Adams (right) and the Northwest Georgia Paranormal Research Society director Joey Bell prepare for a ghost hunting adventure.



The society investigates many historical sites, such as the covered bridge in Euharlee, GA.

By Julie Lineback

Halloween comes only once a year, but Beth Adams '87 '93 '97 '04 stays in the “spirit” of things all year long. She is currently co-director of and investigator for the Northwest Georgia Paranormal Research Society (NWGAPRS).

In these roles, Adams utilizes each of her degrees to either confirm or refute cases of ghost hauntings throughout the region. “My criminal justice degree helps me look for solid evidence,” she said, noting that while investigators may not be looking for evidence of a crime, they are looking for proof of paranormal activity.

“Saying, ‘We have a ghost,’ is like saying, ‘We’ve been robbed,’” she explained. “I need proof. I want the people to show me where they have heard the voices, had a sighting or simply experienced an uncomfortable feeling. Then, as odd as it sounds, I try to prove there is nothing paranormal going on by looking for logical causes. If I can’t disprove paranormal activity, it’s easier to prove it.”

Her psychology degree helps her remain

objective yet sensitive to clients’ emotions, she said, while the methods she learned while studying for her science education degrees help in validating or debunking ghostly phenomena.

For many years, the words “paranormal” and “science” couldn’t be uttered together seriously in the same sentence. Adams said she believes a change has come about because the paranormal is no longer considered a taboo subject.

“The paranormal has been taken from the world of parlor tricks with séances, crystal balls and mediums-for-hire who say ‘Grandma has a message for you, and that message will cost you extra,’” she said. “It is now in the hands of people who are serious about it and use steps in the scientific method as the basis for their investigations and findings.”

Modern technology also comes into play in analyzing ghostly activities. Investigators believe that apparitions trying to manifest themselves emit tremendous amounts of electromagnetism, which, they say, can be measured through the use of an

electromagnetic field (EMF) detector. Thermal imaging cameras help investigators detect changes in temperature and therefore can be used to see spirits. Cassette recorders and video and digital cameras are also in the group’s toolbox.

“During one investigation, at a site where two men had been murdered, we heard what sounded like the word ‘help’ on the ghost box, a simple AM/FM radio modified to continuously scan for a signal,” Adams recalled.

“I introduced myself and other investigators and said we meant no harm or disrespect to the spirits, and we would leave if they wanted us to. These words came over the box: ‘Great. Sit. Stay.’ Then we heard our names. Every time we’d say we had enough evidence, we would be told to stay. That was a great day and investigation.”

Adams reiterates that although the group enjoys investigating immensely, its first and foremost concern is helping people.

If you would like to contact Adam’s group for more information, check out their Facebook page or e-mail nwgaprs2@aol.com.



Robert Langston uses his experience in adjusting to the educational challenges of dyslexia to encourage young people who face the same obstacles. His For the Children Foundation has teamed up with organizations like the Professor Garfield Foundation (logo opposite page) to conduct motivational assemblies for more than 400,000 children nationwide.

"IF HE CAN DO IT, I CAN TOO..."

Robert Langston shares personal struggle to help others succeed

By Josh Sewell

When Robert Langston '93 arrived at West Georgia in the 1980s, a career in public speaking was not at the top of his list. He was more concerned with working out a system that could get him his degree.

His struggle with dyslexia made writing a severe challenge and his reading skills were on a third grade level. Clearly, his college experience was a bit different from the one his friends were living.

Thanks to his partnership with the university's Disability Services program, he was able to make his time at West Georgia an educational experience with long-lasting results. Namely, the fact that he is now a passionate advocate for people with learning disabilities

"When I started UWG, the Disability Services program was still in its infancy," Langston explained. "I was one of the first students they had to make accommodations for and together we set up a process that worked well for me."

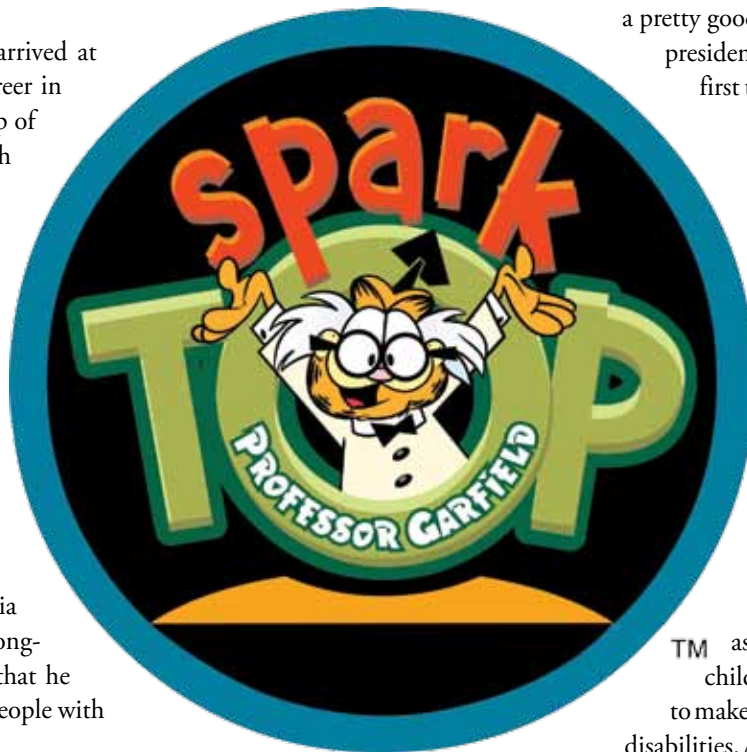
That process included adjustments now considered standard for students with learning disabilities, including untimed tests, oral exams and taking tests in separate classrooms to eliminate distractions. For day-to-day classroom instruction, Langston received assistance through note-takers and readers, people who would read textbooks and other class materials onto audiotape for study purposes.

He also took advantage of other methods for adapting to the college environment, including alternative classes to meet foreign language requirements and early registration to allow enough time for his professors to familiarize themselves with his situation.

"I always looked for a certain type of professor to teach me in a way that I could grasp the concepts of the class," he said. "Early registration allowed me the opportunity to meet with professors, explain my situation and help come up with a plan."

During his time at West Georgia, Langston interned as a recruiter for the admissions office. It was this job that gave him his first encounter with speaking in front of a big group on short notice, something that proved to be an unnerving experience.

"I almost passed out, to be honest," he said, laughing. "I was used to going to schools with my table, my tri-fold display and my brochures. Instead, this guy leads me to a room full of students who want to know why they should choose West Georgia for college. I was



a pretty good speaker thanks to being the vice president of my fraternity, but that was the first time I was really caught off guard."

Things have changed a bit since then. Now, as president of The Langston Company, Inc. and founder of the For the Children Foundation, he is a highly sought after keynote speaker who travels 100,000 miles annually to promote his message of inspiration in both education and business.

Teaming up with organizations like the Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation and the Professor Garfield Foundation, he has conducted TM assemblies for more than 400,000 children across the country in an effort to make a difference for those with learning disabilities. A lot of that work includes working with teens in juvenile detention facilities.

"That's where a lot of LD children end up because people don't know how to handle them," said Langston. "I tell my story and hope it can get through to some of them. I try to explain that they can still find ways to contribute to society rather than just take from it."

He has written two books, *For the Children: Redefining Success in School and Success in Life* and *The Power of Dyslexic Thinking*, and he also blogs regularly for PsychologyToday.com. It's an experience he finds shocking, as the site approached him about it rather than the other way around.

"I kind of jumped off the deep end with the blog," he explained. "Because of the dyslexia, I've always worked better communicating my message through the stories I tell. Getting my thoughts down on paper has always been a big issue. But my editor helps me organize my articles into readable copy, and they've been very well-received."

Based on the responses he has received from all over the world, Langston is happy to know that his personal struggle is helping countless others overcome their learning disabilities by adjusting the way they approach their education.

"When I was a kid, my mother made sure I knew that I was smart even though I was struggling in school," he said. "A lot of people don't get that encouragement. I share my personal experience, which some might find potentially embarrassing, in an effort to motivate others going through the same thing. After they hear my message, I hope they're thinking, 'Hey, if he can graduate college on a third grade reading level, I can do it too.'"

GAME ON! HOMECOMING 2010



The Wolves take on Southern Arkansas for this year's Homecoming game. Kickoff starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

1930s/1940s Reunion Luncheon

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10:00 a.m. Early Registration

11:30 a.m. Group Photos

12:00 p.m. Lunch Program

Cost: \$19 per person



There's no telling what you'll experience during Homecoming weekend.

Golf Outing

Sunset Hills Country Club

All alumni welcome

12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person

For more info or to R.S.V.P., contact:

John Ball '70 (770-570-0800) or

Bill Grubb '63 (706-614-0761)

Kappa Phi/Alpha Tau Omega Gathering

The Jameson Inn

700 South Park Street

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Check-in

5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Social time

For more info, contact

Bernie Morrison at

bcrazy@bellsouth.net

UWG Spirit Night: Wolves Capture the Square

Adamson Square

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

United Voices Choir Rehearsal

Humanities Building - Room 301

8:00 p.m.

African-American Alumni (AAA) Reunion Networking Social

Edward Jones Investment Office

410 College Street

8:00 p.m.

For more info, contact:

Vee Hammonds (678-557-0943)

The After Party

Little Hawaiian

206 Rome Street

9:00 p.m.

All alumni and reunion groups invited

Cash bar available

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

President's Pancake Breakfast

TLC Atrium

8:30 a.m.

Complimentary (reservations required)

Annual Meeting of the National Alumni Association

TLC Atrium

9:30 a.m.

Greek Village Open House and Parade Watch

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

For more info, contact: Amber Aiken

[Pelot \(amberpelot@gmail.com\)](mailto:amberpelot@gmail.com)

AAA Walking Tour

Gill Fountain

9:00 a.m.

UWG Alumni Parade Watch

Traffic light at TLC

10:00 a.m.

Viewing stands

Donuts with the Dean

College of Education

Parade Watch

Education Center Lawn

9:30 a.m.

Alumni Tailgate Zone

University Stadium

11:00 a.m.

National Alumni Association (look for big blue and white tent)

- Young Alumni Council (YAC)
- Phonathon Student Caller Reunion
- Tyus Hall Residents ('78 – 82)

AAA

Greek organizations

For general info about tailgating, or registering a group not listed, contact Eddie Duffey (678-839-3962 or eduffey@westga.edu).

Kappa Phi/Alpha Tau Omega

Potluck Luncheon

The Jameson Inn



Tailgating before the big game is always a popular part of Homecoming weekend.

700 South Park Street

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Kappa Sigma Alumni Luncheon

Location: TBD

For more info, contact:

Rob Dial (rtdial@bellsouth.net)

or visit KS website

(wgkappasigma.com)



Greek organizations have numerous activities planned for Homecoming.

WGAF Tailgate

University Stadium

12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

To R.S.V.P., contact Department of Athletics (678-839-6533)

UWG Wolves vs. Southern Arkansas

University Stadium

2:00 p.m.

Cluster Reunions

Class of '50 (60 year reunion)

Class of '55 (55 year reunion)

Class of '60 (50 year reunion)

Class of '65 (45 year reunion)

Class of '70 (40 year reunion)

Campus Center Ballroom

6:00 p.m. – Wine and Cheese

Reception

6:30 p.m. – Class Photos

7:00 p.m. – Dinner and medallion

presentation to class of '60

8:00 p.m. – Mix and Mingle

Cost: \$20 per person

Eta Sigma Alumni Association

Reception

Pike House - Greek Village

6:00 p.m.

Kappa Sigma Alumni Social

Irish Bred Pub

Adamson Square

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Eta Sigma Alumni Association Social

Plates on the Square

9:00 p.m.

For more info, contact:

Jay Sjolholm (jaysjolholm@gmail.com)

Kappa Phi /Alpha Tau Omega

Reunion Dinner

Little Hawaiian

206 Rome Street

7:00 p.m.

To R.S.V.P., contact:

Bernie Morrison

(bcrazy@bellsouth.net)

AAA Dance

Lower Level Z-6

9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

Kappa Phi Breakfast

The Jameson Inn

700 South Park Street

9:00 a.m.

Ecumenical Service

Campus Center Ballroom

10:30 a.m.

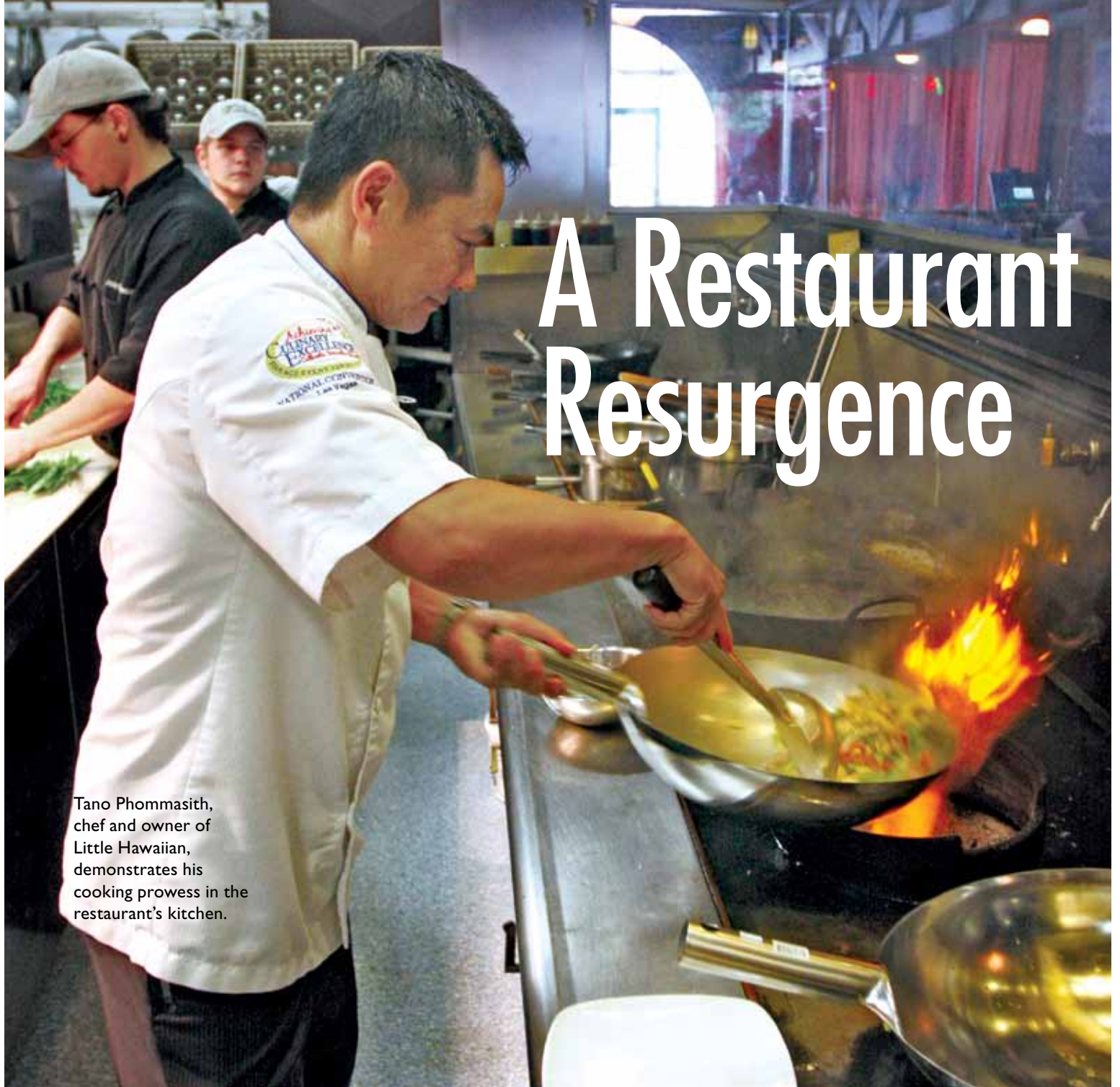
Led by AAA and Rev. Felix Moten

All alumni welcome!

To register for these events, or for more information, contact the Office of Development and Alumni at 678-839-6582 or by e-mail at alumni@westga.edu.



This year's Homecoming King and Queen will take over for 2009's winners, MaKaylie Morris (left) and John Sechrist.



A Restaurant Resurgence

Tano Phommasith, chef and owner of Little Hawaiian, demonstrates his cooking prowess in the restaurant's kitchen.



Local eateries boom downtown, expand Homecoming options

By Josh Sewell

Twenty years ago, people who found themselves in Carrollton's downtown area after business hours didn't have much to do. Instead of dynamic nightlife, visitors were more likely to see mostly empty parking lots, or maybe a few teenagers shooting the breeze in their pickup trucks.

A couple of decades later, things have changed dramatically. The area is now home to over a dozen locally owned restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries and bars, that offer a chance for patrons to avoid the fast food grind.

Since these eateries set up shop in a college town, they have the good fortune of experiencing a mutually beneficial relationship with university students, faculty and staff. UWG provides a steady flow of regular customers, while the businesses provide job opportunities for working students and sponsor university projects. Some restaurants are even run by UWG alumni, including the Irish Bred Pub, owned by Chad Houck '01, and the Corner Café, owned by Chris Duffey '90.

Tano Phommasith, chef and owner of Little Hawaiian, is deeply appreciative of the impact that UWG has on his restaurant. He estimates that 20 to 25 percent of his business is connected to the university.

"There are a lot of benefits for a restaurant in a college town," he said. "Student groups like to use us for their banquets, we host lots of faculty parties and the work force is plentiful."

Phommasith said he's proud of the fact that 12 UWG students are currently employed by Little Hawaiian.

"I especially like to hire students who are away from home, who haven't had a chance to establish many connections yet," he explained. "That way, we bring them into a family environment that helps them fit in a little more."

As far as student customers go, he understands most college kids have to stretch every dollar, so he's thankful when they choose to eat at his place.

"It feels good to know they consider us a nice treat every once in a while," he said. "Understandably, they can't eat here all the time,

so we try to make it special when they come in."

Phommasith also shared another reason he and other local restaurant owners like being so close to UWG: the huge influx of visitors Carrollton welcomes during graduation ceremonies.

"Those are huge for us," he said. "There are usually 200 to 300 people who come in before or after the ceremony. Often, those people are students' parents, relatives and friends from out of town, so that helps with word of mouth. But that also means we always have to be at the top of our game."

As Homecoming at UWG approaches, residents and visitors alike are encouraged to take a break from the same old assembly line of burgers and fries and experience some of the best local cuisine downtown has to offer. For starters, Little Hawaiian will be the location of this year's Homecoming After Party, starting at 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1. The helpful sidebar to the right features a list of the eateries, as well as Web sites (where applicable) and contact information.

When you're in town for Homecoming Oct. 1 - 3, be sure to check out these restaurants in downtown Carrollton. Friday, Oct. 1 is a great time to see what they have to offer during *Wolves Capture the Square*, sponsored by Carrollton Main Street.

ALLEY CAT RESTAURANT AND BAR
770-834-2642
120 Newnan Street
Appetizers, sandwiches, miscellaneous entrees

HIGHLAND DELI
www.highlanddeli.com
770-832-2656
402 Adamson Square
Sandwiches, salads and entrees with a Scottish flair

LITTLE HAWAIIAN
littlehawaiianrestaurant.com
770-838-1220
206 Rome Street
Hawaiian-inspired cuisine

PLATES/UNCORKED
www.platesonthesquare.com
770-214-5531
301 Adamson Square
Casual fine dining/upstairs bar

CORNER CAFÉ
www.cornercafecarrollton.com
770-834-9805
304 Adamson Square
Sandwiches, salads, pizza, calzones, etc.

IRISH BRED PUB
www.theirishbredpub.com
770-838-7774
210 Adamson Square
Appetizers, sandwiches, Irish entrees, steaks, seafood, etc.

MILLER'S DOWNTOWN
www.millersdowntown.org
770-830-8535
104 Adamson Square
New Orleans café and oyster bar

SAMBA LOCA
770-214-1253
120 Alabama Street
Brazilian steakhouse

EMPIRE GRILL
770-214-1996
412 Adamson Square
Burgers, dogs, sandwiches, shakes, etc.

LA TRATTORIA
www.latrattoriaonthesquare.com
770-834-9252
106B Adamson Square
Italian cuisine

PERSIAN TEA HOUSE
www.teahousecarrolltonga.com
678-664-0401
301 Bradley Street
Mediterranean cuisine, soups, pastries, teas, coffee, etc.

SAM'S HOUSE
770-214-5059
108 Alabama Street
Memphis style BBQ

GALLERY ROW
770-832-1455
309 Adamson Square
Coffee and pastries

PIECE OF THE PIE
770-838-2253
106A Adamson Square
European bakery

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATORS

Several alumni awarded Teacher of the Year honors

By Brittany Reid

The journeys of UWG students following graduation are often intriguing, particularly those who give back to the field of education by molding the young minds of tomorrow. Many alumni have had the honor of being named Teacher of the Year at numerous institutions. *Perspective* recently connected with three such individuals.

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Cyndi Chapel '90 '05 (Special Education, Mason Creek Elementary School)

Cyndi Chappel recently received the Council for Exceptional Children's 2010 Clarissa Hug National Teacher of the Year Award for providing a beneficial teaching program to students with disabilities at Mason Creek Elementary School in Winston. The award honors CEC members who take measures to exemplify the best in special education teaching for students who are either disabled or gifted.

Her teaching strategies utilize the Learning and Early Assessment for Preschoolers (LEAP) Program. The program consists of teaching children ages three to five who exhibit a significant delay in one or more of the following areas: cognition, speech/language, motor skills, social skills, adaptive skills, vision impairment or hearing impairment. The children's conditions are assessed on a regular basis, and the teaching methods are then adapted to meet a child's particular learning style.

Chappel is no stranger to the field of

education. She's graduated from UWG twice, earning her B.S.Ed and M.Ed. in special education. While at West Georgia, she encountered several instructors who had a strong impact on her teaching methods. One of them was retired professor Dr. Nancy Pollard.



"Dr. Pollard is a professional," said Chappel. "Her enthusiasm for instructing teachers greatly influenced my thoughts about the importance of

keeping children first in education while always including their families in the process."

In light of this philosophy, Chappel ensures that families play a large role in enhancing the education of her students by applying parental input and staff collaboration to her teaching strategies. This allows everyone to become involved in the students' education.

For example, she allows families to evaluate video clips and photos that document the students' progress in the classroom. She also develops PowerPoint slides pinpointing a child's growth, strengths, weaknesses, medical information and any other accommodating data to help families and teachers understand a child's

learning process.

"The teamwork aspect of my job is very rewarding," she said. "By talking daily with speech therapist Alisa Fontenot '99 and paraprofessional Tammy Rutledge, we are able to brainstorm strategies that will improve class structure and help our students continue to learn and grow."

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Jacob Griffith '09 (Social Studies, Scoggins Middle School)

As a Georgia History teacher, Jacob Griffith is responsible for making sure his students at Scoggins Middle School in Dallas grasp the importance of the state's culture and roots. His recent Teacher of the Year award proves that he is doing just that. His nomination for



the honor is attributed not only to his interactive teaching style, but also to his lessons of honesty, kindness and compassion.

"After reading the students' nomination letters, I noticed that these are the lessons that shined through. There was much written about the way I treated my students and the way I taught," says Griffith.

Griffith, who earned his Specialist in education from UWG, said his teaching methods are structured on the foundation of making a lecture interactive an interesting. He envisions

himself more as a storyteller than a teacher, relating Georgia's interesting, sad, motivating and awe-inspiring tales to his students in an animated manner.

"If I can hook my students with a great story, I can reach them emotionally," he said. "Students love a good story and by putting themselves in the position of the characters, they can analyze and learn from it."

Though Griffith was already an established educator when he came to UWG, he feels that the university pushed him to new heights and taught him even more than he knew about Georgia history. He credits the challenges he tackled at West Georgia in redefining his possibilities, increasing his bank of knowledge and pushing himself to further his career. This ultimately resulted in Griffith becoming a teacher leader in his district.

Griffith believes that being named Teacher of the Year signifies that there is an even bigger purpose for him in his life. He prides himself in knowing that his teaching methods are being validated

by how he is getting through to his students.

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Jennifer Sewell '06 '10 (Biology, South Paulding High School)

Jennifer Sewell was recently named Teacher of the Year at Douglasville's South Paulding High School for the impact she made on the lives of her students.

Sewell earned both her B.S. in secondary education/biology and her M.Ed. in secondary education and teaching from UWG, but she originally had a stronger interest in the field of medicine. It was a mission trip to China, where she taught children English as a second language, that shifted her focus to education.

"I loved teaching the kids there and I also saw the joy that kids got when

they finally understood what they were learning," she said. "I switched my major to secondary science education and, well, the rest is history."

Now, after only four years in the field, she is South Paulding's current Teacher of the Year. She credits the professors at UWG for being so helpful and supportive as she pursued her education.

"Dr. Judy Butler had the most impact on me," Sewell said. "She is very real and honest with her teaching."

She also shows appreciation to Dr. Tom Peterson, who emphasized how important it is to be real with students.

"I implemented his strategies into my classes this year and I had great success."

If you've recently been named a Teacher of the Year, contact the office of Development and Alumni Relations at 678-839-6582 or by e-mail at alumni@westga.edu.



College of Education changes aimed at paving way for innovation

By Rob Douthit

UWG's College of Education, which has enjoyed years of success in teacher preparation and advanced-educator training, has undergone a restructuring designed to position it to produce even more qualified instructors in the future.

The restructuring, announced in the spring, reduces the college's departments to four from six, and also aims to produce a more efficient framework.

"Our goal was to set this thing up so that folks were forced to talk across departments," said Dr. Kim Metcalf, dean of the college. "What we are talking about is trying to change the culture."

The four new departments include: Instructional Innovation and Foundations; Contemporary Teaching and Early Learning; Transformative Support and Intervention; and Leadership and Specialized Instruction.

Metcalf said these departments will accomplish many of the same objectives that were reached under the prior structure, but do so in ways that offer new benefits.

"We sought to set the college up so that cross-disciplinary and cross-departmental work is emphasized," he said. "There will be much more emphasis on clinical experience, for example."

As national, state and local leaders continue to strive to find ways to improve America's schools, the college wants to play a role by developing talent and ideas that will contribute to those efforts.

"The real long-term goal is to set us up to be nimble," Metcalf said.

In doing that, Metcalf said that the college will continue its efforts to provide collaborative opportunities for students to work as teachers, administrators and counselors in preschool—grade 12 programs.

Change isn't always easy to manage. But the input of the college's faculty and staff has helped build the new structure and contributed to a sense of anticipation going forward.

"We've got a group of folks who are genuinely energized about the changes," Metcalf said.

HELPING HANDS AND WONDERFUL FEATS

UWG devoted to volunteer efforts

By Stephanie Urich

At UWG, amazing efforts of volunteer work happen every month by both staff and students.

The university is committed to giving back to the local community. Recently, students and university employees have taken on a number of projects designed to help their local community.

Last spring, the Office of Institutional Diversity conducted a sock drive. The goal was to provide 500 new pairs of socks to local nursing homes in honor of Older Americans Month, which was celebrated in May.

“People at the university have been wonderful with their donations,” said Deirdre Rouse, program coordinator of the Office of Institutional Diversity.

The drive collected more than 320 pairs of socks. Student volunteers delivered them to Carrollton Nursing and Rehab, Carrollton Manor, Pine Knoll Nursing and Rehab, and Oaks of Carrollton.

In April, Earth Day was expanded into a four-day event of environmental information and fun. Each day leading up to Earth Day consisted of an environmentally friendly film and a speaker.

The events on Earth Day included the Little Tallapoosa River cleanup, tree planting, a recycling contest and the Mr./Ms. Earth Day Contest sponsored by Greek Life. In addition, the geosciences department sponsored a collection of lead weights from the highway. The weights are a major contaminant left by car tires.

The Sophomore Experience, a collaborative effort by various academic



American Recycling Group was one of several organizations with a booth on campus during Earth Day.

departments at UWG, hosted “A Day of Civic Engagement,” in April. The keynote speaker was Judge Glenda A. Hatchett, the presiding judge of the two-time Emmy nominated nationally syndicated show “Judge Hatchett.”

The day commenced with a volunteer fair that informed students of the local volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved.

C.A.P.E. (Crime Awareness and Prevention Education) and the Women’s Studies Program hosted a clothing drive. The drive was for the benefit of the Carroll County Emergency shelter, which provides victims of domestic violence and their families with a safe environment.

The clothing drive accepted clothes and shoes of all sizes for women and children.

“It is very important to get involved,” said Vicki Harden, assistant director of

career services. “We continually strive to provide new volunteer opportunities for both students and university staff.”

To find out about other volunteer opportunities at UWG, visit www.westga.edu and type in keyword “volunteer.”



An Earth Day volunteer displays his festive attire for the occasion.

MAKING THE CUT

Lassetter advances to U.S. Open Sectional

By Matt Cooke

Summer is generally the time when many college students are out in full force, squirreling away a few extra bucks to get through the upcoming school year.

Not so for West Georgia golfer Zach Lassetter, who spent the first part of his summer on the links in preparation for one of the biggest moments in his life thus far. On May 10, the Carrollton native shot a 68 in a regional tournament at Planterra Ridge, qualifying for a trip to the U.S. Open Sectionals.

Lassetter competed against 134 golfers in the tournament, finishing in the top 10 to earn a spot at the Sectional. He did so by being able to utilize one of his strongest skills: his short game.

“The course at Planterra Ridge was a good, tough course,” said Lassetter. “But it wasn’t the longest course, which is what I like because I am at my best when I get to hit a lot of wedges.”

He next took aim at June 7’s U.S. Open Sectional at Sittondown Creek in Roswell. To earn that trip, he would have to finish in the top two of 28 golfers. Following his practice round, the UWG senior was confident that he was ready.

“I was able to play my practice round there on May 24,” said Lassetter. “The course is tough with a lot of rough, but it was all out in front of me. With a course like that, I feel like I have a legit chance.”

But qualifying for the U.S. Open isn’t as easy as winning a tournament. There are sacrifices that Lassetter and his family have had to make. For one, he has to devote much of his day to practice, and number two has to do with his clubs.

“I had to get a new set of clubs because they don’t allow a U-groove in the U.S. Open,” Lassetter said. “My normal clubs are a U-groove and not a V-groove, so I have to learn how to play with these.”

Sporting a sparkling new set of V-groove clubs, Lassetter’s progress is one that is never-ending. But that seems to suit him just fine with his career choice.

“I think I’d like to take a shot at the pro tour when I graduate,” said Lassetter. “I am a marketing major and would like to give that a chance, but I feel like if I have a shot at playing professional golf, I should at least try it first.”

Lassetter has taken the marketing knowledge he has learned in the classroom and applied it on the course.

“On the pro tour, it is all about marketing yourself,” said Lassetter. “It’s the same here. We are promoting a product and want to see that product grow into something that people love and that is the



Zach Lassetter recently made it to the second round of the U.S. Open Sectionals.

same thing I want to do with my golf game after my college career.”

Since coming to West Georgia, Lassetter has been one of the Wolves’ top golfers, finishing in the top 10 numerous times throughout his three-year career.

That led Lassetter to shoot for the U.S. Open. After a few first-round jitters, he settled down, hitting for a birdie on two of his next three holes.

All told, as a junior in college, Lassetter finished 24th in a tournament that most golfers can only dream of qualifying for. If he and other UWG golfers like him continue on that path, the sky is the limit for both Lassetter and the West Georgia golf program.

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME GAINS FOUR MEMBERS

By Mitch Gray

The University of West Georgia Athletics Hall of Fame is welcoming four new members into its ranks.

Former baseball coach Archie White and baseball All-America Dr. Jimmy Blackwell, along with football legends Ken Terry and Casey Pennone were chosen for the honor in a unanimous vote of the UWG Athletic Booster Club Board of Directors.

“We feel this is an outstanding class,” said Jim Collins, chair of the Booster Club Hall of Fame Committee. “Each is very worthy of this honor, and we’re looking forward to their induction and having them back on campus.”

White is perhaps the best known of the newest Hall of Fame members. He spent 22 seasons (1969-90) as West Georgia’s

head baseball coach, winning 633 games. His teams were a power at the NAIA level through 1974, and in NCAA Division II, beginning in 1975. He coached five Division II All-America players and mentored 10 UWG Hall of Fame members. In addition, he coached 19 All-Gulf South Conference players, though the program didn’t join the league until 1984.

White, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, also produced success in the classroom. His teams traditionally maintained high grade point averages and graduation rates, and five of his players earned Academic All-GSC honors.

Blackwell was a stellar performer, both on the field and in the classroom during his days at West Georgia. The pitching star was a three-time All-GIAC performer, and earned

honorable mention NAIA All-America notice as a junior in 1965. His resume also includes the Gene Waldron Memorial Award, a national honor presented annually to the junior who best exhibited excellence on the field and in the classroom.

Blackwell’s academic credentials were even more impressive than his baseball accomplishments. The Carrollton native posted a grade point average of 3.97, earning him the status of valedictorian of West Georgia’s 1966 graduating class. Later, he graduated from the Medical College of Georgia and has been a practicing physician in Dalton since 1977.

Terry was a mainstay of West Georgia football during the program’s infancy in the early 1980s. From his defensive end position, the Decatur native ranked second



Archie White, seen here in archive photos from his coaching days (inset) and his time on the Milwaukee Braves with baseball legend Hank Aaron, made sure his student athletes were successful on and off the field.



Ken Terry is remembered for his efforts in the 1982 NCAA championship game against Augustana.

on the squad in quarterback sacks in both 1981 and 1982, and shared the team lead in 1983. He was also voted a team captain in 1984, his senior season.

The most memorable moment of Terry's career came in the 1982 NCAA championship game vs. Augustana. His defensive charge helped thwart an Augustana fourth-and-goal from the one-yard line, maintaining a scoreless tie in the second quarter. That stop set the stage for West Georgia's subsequent 99-yard scoring drive and the game's first touchdown.

Pennone was also a defensive standout during his West Georgia career. He was a four-year letterman and three-year starter at middle linebacker. A native of Warner Robins, Pennone was a two-time All-GSC selection, a team captain and ranks among UWG's career leaders in a variety of statistical categories.

Beyond individual accomplishments, Pennone was at the heart of one of the most successful runs ever for West Georgia football. During his four seasons of play, UWG either won the Gulf South Conference title, qualified for the NCAA Division II Playoffs, or both following each of his four seasons.

With the addition of the Class of 2010, a total of 87 former student-athletes, coaches, administrators and others have received induction into the University of West Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame.



Casey Pennone was a four-year letterman during his time at West Georgia.

Remembering Hall of Famer Russ Sharp

Last spring, the University of West Georgia said goodbye to one of its most revered family members. Russ Sharp, a 2006 inductee into the West Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame, died on March 17 following a battle with prostate cancer.

Though his professional journey carried him to many stops, Sharp's heart was never far from UWG. First as a student, then as a staff member and administrator, the mark Sharp left at West Georgia was indelible.

Russ Sharp never stopped being a part of the University of West Georgia family. The memory of his contributions will never be forgotten.



Russ Sharp, a West Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame member, died on March 17.



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Peggy Farrar Saavedra listens to a music instructor at the University of New Orleans' Performing Arts Center.

MISS PEGGY: COLLEGE'S GOLDEN GIRL

By *Natalie Brooks*

At first glance, Peggy Farrar Saavedra '41 probably doesn't look like the stereotypical college student. However, the 88-year-old is still taking classes at the University of New Orleans and living on campus, making college life just a typical day in the neighborhood.

The lifelong student, originally from Smyrna, said that her experiences on West Georgia's campus were actually not that different from how her present-day classmates live, especially considering they also stay mostly on campus and are going to school during wartime. Saavedra, known as Miss Peggy on the UNO campus, has been attending college since 1940, first graduating from West Georgia when it was still a two-year school.

For Miss Peggy, who considers her time at West Georgia a wonderful opportunity, living on campus in the '40s was like being part of a larger family.



"I had five roommates, so it was like having five sisters all my same age," she said. "Each of them was so different and so wonderful."

She looks back on her time living in Carrollton fondly.

"The city had a wonderful college town atmosphere," she said. "It was really great to live in the dorm on campus because we could walk the short distance to town, buy whatever we needed and even walk to the movies."

However, living in Carrollton wasn't the only nice thing about West Georgia for Miss Peggy. It also helped her foster her love for opera music.

"I've always been crazy about it," she said. "One of the deans at that time also loved opera and we could all go in his office to discuss it. His wife had all the opera records and she would give a talk about the opera to any of the students that were interested."

Miss Peggy further pursued her love of music by playing in the school's orchestra and as a member of the chorus.

"We got paid five dollars for playing in the orchestra pit," she recalled. "That's all I wanted to do all my life, play the violin in the pit and be around the stage."

Involved with the arts throughout college, Miss Peggy admits it's something that runs in the family, but she modestly downplays her own contributions.

"I'm really not a very interesting person," she claimed. "There's no story behind me. It was my family that was so fabulous. I came from a family of actors and musicians, from the Chaney family. My uncle, Joe Chaney, was a very famous Irish tenor, but I didn't know what the big deal was when I was younger. I thought everyone had a famous Irish tenor uncle. Another uncle, Lon Chaney, was famous for playing the Phantom of the Opera."

Although Miss Peggy has only graduated from college once, she has attended ever since, taking advantage of learning whenever and wherever she could.

"People say to me, 'where did you go to college', and I say, have you got an hour?" she joked.

Though she has taken more classes than most graduate school students, Miss Peggy has no plans to earn another degree.

"There's no reason for me to graduate again," she said. "I wore a cap and gown once. That was enough."

That doesn't mean she's calling it quits on her educational career. For her, college continues to be a way of life.

To read more about Miss Peggy's time at UNO, visit www.nola.com/education/index.ssf/2010/04/miss_peggy.html.



Photos from a 1941 West Georgia yearbook show a fresh-faced Saavedra sitting for her portrait (opposite page) and posing with her fellow orchestra members.

UWG FACES



LEO WILLINGHAM '87

HOME:

Atlanta

PROFESSION:

Digital producer for news Web site
AJC.com

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Assuming leadership of AJC.com's sports page. It is currently the Web site's second most popular page, behind the home page.

Willingham maintains the page's sports channels, as well as managing subchannels on topics including professional teams and college sports. He is responsible for changing the centerpiece story on the Web page five to six times per day, as well as changing the lead stories, and other headlines.

IN HIS WORDS:

"I might be in the minority, but I like the direction things are going in with news. There was the pick-up-the-newspaper-and-read-it-before-breakfast, to where we are now with the 24-hour news cycle. Personally, I like that."

"I like the immediacy of the way that the business is — reacting to what people want. It's kind of a culture shock for old-line journalists, but I think you can see some good points about the way it is now. Old-line journalists got used to coming in at 10 a.m., working on a story until late in the day, then seeing it go in the paper. Then they'd come in the next day and do it again. Now, it's much faster paced. It's about constantly updating. That's what people expect to see."

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'30s

Warren L. Jones '39 (general) was recognized as the Distinguished Older Georgian for 2010 by the Georgia House of Representatives on March 8, and was then presented with the resolution in his honor. Jones has served Rome and the Northwest Georgia region for over 40 years. The community has recognized his contributions with many honors, including the Minister of the Year Award, the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, the Heart of the Community Service Award and the Ellis Hale Community Award. He continues to volunteer his time to Friends of The Library, greets and leads tours for the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Center, and serves on UWG's National Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

Eva Daniel Ulrich '39 (general) celebrated her 90th birthday on May 12, and her family hosted a party in her honor with over 100 guests present. Ulrich is still very active and involved with her family, community and career. As a lifelong accountant, she continues to provide bookkeeping services for a few clients on a

regular basis and prepares tax returns for countless others seasonally. Ulrich has just been elected as treasurer for the local chapter of Altrusa, a professional civic club for men and women. She has two children, six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren and lives in Columbus.



'40s

Paul Cadenhead '44 (general) and Sara Davenport Cadenhead '44 (general) have relocated to a new home at Presbyterian Village Retirement Community in Austell after living at their Atlanta home for over 40 years. Paul has practiced law for

more than 61 years and was the first lawyer in Atlanta to receive all three of the Bar's highest awards: The Charles E. Watkins Jr. Award for Distinguished and Sustained Service, the Leadership Award and the Professionalism Award. Paul and Sara enjoy spending time with their two children and three grandchildren, and gardening.

THE HUNGRY WOLF

A section devoted to favorite recipes from UWG alumni



Charlie Marlar (right) displays his barbecuing prowess as he adds sauce made with his own recipe.

so about 15 years ago, I got together with some friends, and we built a cinder block cooker and it went from there."

With that much experience, Marlar, who competes in barbecue contests, must know what he's talking about. He says this sauce is great on pulled pork and grilled chicken.

Planning on doing some tailgating during Homecoming or football season? If so, you're going to need a great barbecue sauce recipe. Consider this one from University Police's own Lt. Charlie Marlar '98.

Marlar is responsible for maintaining law and order, but when it comes to developing barbecue recipes, a little pilfering is OK.

"You kind of beg and steal from everyone else and find something to fit your own taste," Marlar said.

"I've always enjoyed cooking, and

Charlie's Sweet BBQ Sauce

- 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 3/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoons paprika powder
- 1 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- Optional, additional ingredients for a spicier taste:
 - 1-2 tablespoons yellow mustard
 - 1/8-1/4 teaspoon red pepper powder

Mix all the ingredients together and warm in a saucepan for five minutes on a low/med setting. Do not let it come to a boil. Let cool and store in the refrigerator.

Got a recipe you'd like to share with UWG alumni? E-mail it to jsewell@westga.edu and attach a hi-res photo of the chef.

Rowell named Clayton State Alice Smith Staff Award Winner

Gid Rowell '94 '07, director of alumni relations for Clayton State University, recently celebrated his tenth year with the institution and received a special honor in the process. He was presented with the 2010 Alice J. Smith Staff Member of the Year award, a \$1,000 prize determined by a committee of his peers.

“Being nominated by your peers is especially rewarding, and I very much appreciate the support I receive from the university community,” Rowell said.

Rowell earned a B.A. in Mass Communications and an M.P.A. in Public Administration from UWG. This fall, he begins pursuing his Ed.D. in Higher Education from the University of Alabama. A native of Bremen, he currently lives in downtown Atlanta.

Previously, Rowell received the Service Above Self Award in 2008 from the Rotary Club of Clayton County and also the club’s Rookie of the Year Award in 2007.



Gid Rowell '94 '07



'50s

Verlyn Shugart Parks '50 (general) spent many years working and retired from three different occupations: secretary at Lockheed, transcriber for court reporters and as a church secretary. She has two sons and two grandsons. Her hobbies include reading and working crossword puzzles. She lives in Marietta.



'60s

Walter M. Jones, Jr. '66 (BA English) recently had a book published, “Light Shining Through,” a glimpse into the heart of ministry. He lives in Dalton.

Larry “Gene” Hobgood '69 '71 (BA, MS biology) presently serves as Mayor of Canton. He and his wife, Elly, live in Canton.



'70s

John Ball '70 (BA economics) and **Anne Bell Ball '66 '75** (BA English, MED secondary education) have lived in Carrollton since 1969. John was employed at

Richards Lumber Company for 22 years, serving as president during his last nine years. He retired in 2008 as Industrial Relations manager at Aubrey Silvey Enterprises. Anne is an English Program Specialist in the Learning Support and Testing Department at UWG. They have two children and six grandsons.

Phil T. Carter '70 (BA philosophy) retired from West Georgia Technical College as vice president of Economical Development after 30 years of service. His wife, **Leslie Powell Carter '69 '77 '91** (BSED, MED elementary education, EDS middle grades education), is a retired educator and taught in the Carrollton City and Bremen City

school systems. Phil serves on the board of directors for the West Georgia Athletic Fund. He and Leslie enjoy spending time with their two children and twin granddaughters. They live in Carrollton.

Tony Moye '70 (BA biology) recently retired after owning and managing seven drug stores in Henry County. He and his wife, Nancy, now enjoy spending time between their homes in McDonough and Tybee Island. Moye has one son and two grandchildren.

Nannette Stephens Rhodes '70 '74 (BSED, MED early childhood) taught school for 38 years and now is a part-time ESOL teacher for Cobb County Schools. In her spare time, she participates in church activities, is a member of Villa Rica Downtown Development, the Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Sorority and the Cheatham Hill Elementary School Foundation. She lives in Villa Rica.

Cathy Brooks Brock '71 '91 '92 (BSED, MED, EDS business education) has retired from the Technical College System of Georgia as the director of the Georgia Virtual Technical College. She plans to spend time with family, travel and continue volunteering for worthy causes. She lives in Covington.

Ernest W. Henderson, Jr. '71 (BBA marketing and management) was honored by the Kiwanis International Foundation as a Sustaining Donor for the Kiwanis Children’s Fund, 2009 – 2010. His wife, **Judy Bridges Henderson '72 '84** (BSED, MED special education) is a retired educator and they live in Palmetto.

Frank V. Brown '72 (BA political science), president and CEO of Brown & Company Jewelers, has been named as a director to the Buckhead Coalition. The coalition is a Chamber of Commerce-style organization for the northern part of Atlanta, and its mission is to nurture the quality of life and help coordinate an orderly growth of the community. He lives in Roswell.

Thomas “Steve” Redding '72 (MED guidance and counseling) is a research professor in the graduate program of City and Regional Planning at the University of Memphis and also serves as director of the Regional Economic Development Center. He lives in Memphis.

Prescott wins in the court and the community

When Elisabeth Quinn Prescott '98 graduated from UWG with a bachelor's degree in business, she expected to land a job that required working with numbers rather than people.

"I figured I would do tax law," she said.

But the courts had more in store for her. After desiring more interaction with her clients, Prescott shifted her focus toward business litigation. As a result, she gained a reputation for successfully representing regional and national financial institutions and insurers.

As a reward for her dedication and service, Prescott was recently named one of Baton Rouge Business Report's 40 Under 40.

In describing the honor, the publication states that "[s]ince 1994, the Baton Rouge Business Report has showcased men and women under the age of 40 who are influencing decisions, capturing the entrepreneurial spirit and balancing bottom-line results with involvement in community and charitable activities."

Prescott's ability to balance calculations and clients is not surprising considering her background. While attending UWG, Prescott's

gift for numbers led her to graduate summa cum laude in the field of finance. She also worked in the publications and printing department compiling resumes and proofing the football guide.

When Prescott was young, her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. That has prompted Prescott to donate much of her time to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center's Fight Cancer Campaign and the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Campaign. Fortunately, her mother regained her health, and Prescott's community service now centers largely on helping people around her lead healthier lives.

Prescott is now the mother of a 5-year-old daughter and currently works with programs and policies that enhance health and nutrition for children.

"I am naturally passionate about certain community organizations because of my life circumstances," she said. "Whether it is fighting for a cure for cancer or raising money to educate underprivileged children about health and nutrition, some aspect of my present or past life drives me."



Elisabeth Quinn Prescott '98

J. Greg Allen '76 (BBA management) is an attorney at Beasley Allen Law Firm, headquartered in Montgomery. He was recently selected, for the third consecutive year, for inclusion on the 2010 Super Lawyers list, a designation earned by fewer than five percent of lawyers in the state of Alabama. This honor is based on peer recognition and personal achievement, and involves a statewide nomination process. He lives in Montgomery.

Bill G. Fite, Jr. '78 (BBA management) has been named executive vice president and head of Regions Equipment Finance Corporation. He has 30 years of experience leading equipment finance organizations to Regions. Fite is recognized as an industry leader in effecting equipment finance initiatives within banking environments and has a broad range of expertise. He lives in Marietta.

Denise Wylie Worthington '89 (MED middle grades education) retired in 2007 after 30 years of experience as an educator. She now works as a personal staff assistant for the vice president of a small company in Douglasville. She and her husband, Carl W. Worthington '97 (BBA business information systems), have two sons. They live in Villa Rica.



'90s

Michael T. Coan '92 (BBA management) represents the 101st District in the Georgia House of Representatives. Gov. Sonny Perdue has recommended him as administrator of the Subsequent Injury Trust Fund. He has served as chairman of the House Industrial Relations Committee and is also a member of the Appropriations Committee, the Banks and Banking Committee, the Rules Committee and the Insurance Committee. Coan and his wife, Hope, have three children and live in Lawrenceville.

Edna "Edie" Massengale Rogers '92 (BA mass communications) has joined the Department of University Relations at North Georgia College and State University as the communications and event coordinator. After more than 17 years as a newspaper journalist, she took the new position to put her varied skills to work in promoting the university. Her duties range from writing press releases and taking photographs to planning university and alumni events. She and her husband, Scott, live in Gainesville.

'80s

James R. "Bob" Garrett '83 (BBA marketing) is vice president of Cape Electrical Supply Company, which operates 21 locations in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois. His wife, Joy Heustess Garrett '84 '91 (BA psychology, ASN nursing) is a stay-at-home mom. They and their two children, Anna and Ellen, live in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Nancy Martin Sullivan '86 '94 (AS, BSN nursing) has retired after working many years as a registered nurse. She and her husband, Jackie, live in Heflin, Ala.

Joseph W. "Joe" Garrett '96 (MED secondary education) and his wife, Ali, announce the birth of their fourth son, Robert Henry, on Dec. 25, 2009. He is president and CEO of Garrett & Robinson Investment Management and Wealth Planning. Garrett and his family live in Carrollton.

Autumn Deese Davis '97 '98 (ASN, BSN nursing) and her husband, Brandon, announce the birth of a son, Duke Deese, on Dec. 30, 2009. They live in Carrollton.

Alicia Taylor Tyson '98 (BSED special education) and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of a daughter, Ellen Christine Taylor, on Dec. 14, 2009. They live in Carrollton.

Neil A. Vines '98 (BBA accounting) and Tina Taylor Vines '99 '03 (BSED, MED speech pathology) announce the birth of a son, Taylor Andrew, on Dec. 14, 2009. They live in Bremen.

Staci Buchanan Windom '99 '00 (ASN, BSN nursing) and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of a son, Isaac Daniel on April 2. They live in Bowdon.



'00s

Allison Jones Smith '01 (BSED early childhood) and her husband, Joel, announce the birth of a son, Kane Beckham, on Dec. 17, 2009. They live in Franklin.

Kelly G. Edwards '02 (BSR parks and recreation management) and **Allison Murphy Edwards '02 '07** (BS sociology, MED special education) announce the birth of a son, Walker Beau, on Jan. 23. They live in Roopville.

Heather Graham Mullins '03 (BS biology) and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of a son, Cooper Ashton, on December 30, 2009. They live in Carrollton.

Drew P. Veal '03 (BA psychology) and Rachel Rooks Veal '02 '05 (BA, MA psychology) announce the birth of a son, Brady John-Michael, on Jan. 1. They live in Carrollton.

David E. Sears '04 (BBA management) and **Sunshine Cosper Sears '07** (MED media) announce the birth of a daughter, Katie Elaine, on April 6. They live in Woodland, Ala.

M. Christina Figueroa '05 (BS biology) recently graduated from the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine. She is now working as a veterinarian at Carroll County Animal Hospital. She lives in Temple.

Andrea R. Jordan '05 (BBA marketing) works as a client referral agent for United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, a non-profit agency. She has a 4-year-old daughter and they live in Duluth.

Suzanne Beck Whitworth '05 '06 (BA, MBA marketing) and her husband, Markus, announce the birth of a son, Brady William, on March 1. Whitworth works at State Farm Insurance Co. They live in Lawrenceville.

David Rossi-Espagnet '07 (BS criminology) graduated from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School on May 15. His wife, **Tabatha Haney Rossi-Espagnet '06 '07** (BSED, MED early childhood) teaches gifted students at Ruth Hill Elementary and is currently working on her doctoral degree at UWG. They live in Newnan.

Carla A. Maner '09 (BBA marketing) is an owner and marketing director of The Nest, a vintage décor shop. She also works on a part-time basis for Carrollton-Today.com, an advertising site for businesses in Carrollton. She lives in Carrollton.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Barr Perdue '38 (general), Carrollton

David T. "Buddy" Barrow '46 (general), Bowdon

Fred "Gene" Rachels '52 (general), Chester, S.C.

Leonard B. Holcombe '62 (BSED elementary education), Alpharetta

J. Dudley Eubanks '65 (BSED junior high education), Fort Valley

Mary Brewer Goldberg '65 (BSED elementary education), Newnan

Evelyn Hollis Miles '68 (MED elementary education), Carrollton

James C. Brown Jr. '70 (BS business administration), El Paso, Texas

Peter D. Stewart '72 (BBA marketing), Anna Maria, FL

Miriam A. Kent '73 '85 '91 (BA, MA psychology, EDS guidance and counseling), Cleveland

Robert L. "Bob" Lore '73 (BS business administration), Newnan

Brenda G. Guess '74 (BA art), Marietta

James Harold "Jim" Jordan '75 (BS business administration), Cumming

William "Bill" Avirett Jr. '76 (BA anthropology), Seattle, Wash.

Annie Maude Fletcher '76 (MED elementary education), Barnesville

Janet D. Byrom '80 (BA biology), Bremen

Hulet David Nation '80 (BA geology), Cumming

Robert R. Jenkins '80 (MED physical education), Acworth

Barbara Burnett Knox '82 (MED special education), Cumming

James T. "Tim" Williams '85 '94 (BS computer science, MED special education), Carrollton

Nelson "Monty" Cagle '86 (BA English), Decatur, Ala.

Mary Clements Padgett '85 '89 (BSED, EDS special education), Woodstock

Raphael Rea '87 (BA psychology), Canton

Richard "Dick" Benjamin '93 (MA psychology), Benton, Ill.

Margaret Landers Ruggiano '94 (MA English), LaGrange

Rori Chandler Bailey '96 (BBA management), Heflin, Ala.

Terri Lynn Phillips '96 (BBA accounting), Buchanan

Armenia Brown Stone '99 (EDS business education), Decatur

James M. "Jimmy" Johnson '99 (BA mass communications), Carrollton

Vincent J. Binder '09 (BS sociology), Tallahassee, Fla.

RETIRED FACULTY/STAFF

Kate Morris "Sandi" Bradley, Carrollton

Danny Duke, Carrollton

Dr. Hines Edwards, Jr., Carrollton

Dr. Richard Fryman, Charleston, S.C.

Dr. Tom Lightsey, Bristol

Dr. Sumner Long, Jr., Carrollton

Dr. Peter Pih, Carrollton

Dr. Eugene Poindexter, Carrollton

BOOK NOTES

Several UWG alumni have recently published books, each addressing an interesting topic or genre. If you are an alumnus who has become a published author, e-mail Josh Sewell, coordinator of marketing publications, at jsewell@westga.edu to make *Perspective* readers aware of your book.



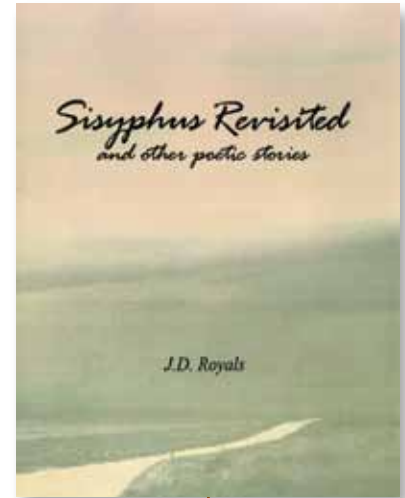
MERRI LISA JOHNSON '94

Girl in Need of A Tourniquet: A Borderline Personality Memoir

We're fascinated by what goes on inside unquiet minds. Does learning about others make us feel better about our own idiosyncrasies, or is it that we all want to understand why people do what they do?

In her book, Johnson takes us on her own emotional roller-coaster and spares us no details about what it feels like on the inside when she feels like she is bursting at the seams — or bleeding out.

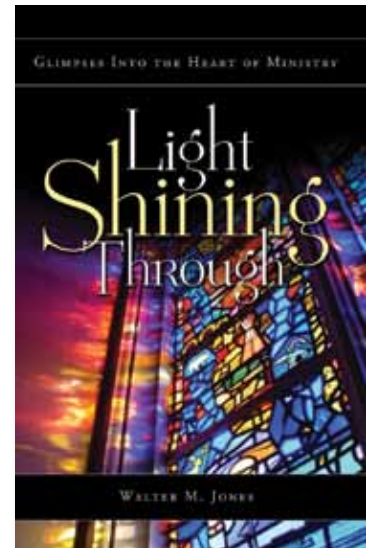
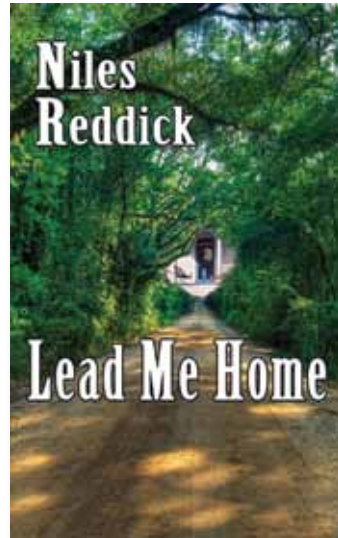
She details life with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) so artfully that readers can feel her struggle to establish where she ends and those she's in relationship with begin, albeit watching that struggle makes us uncomfortable. Skillfully weaving together a look at her dysfunctional past with an unstable present, and stitching in what a diagnosis of BPD means for her, Johnson shares with readers what this attachment disorder means for her, and sheds light on what healing looks like when nothing looks like what it is.



J.D. ROYALS '68

Sisyphus Revisited and Other Poetic Stories

For anyone who has ever dreamed about not only who they are, but where they fit in the overall scheme of things, *Sisyphus Revisited and Other Poetic Stories* presents a collection of visually narrated poems that explore these seemingly simple questions of life. As a flexible artist, active in several art guilds, Royals believes that daydreaming is one way we stay connected to the child within us, who still looks at the world with wonder, excitement and apprehension. Royals' book of poetry and photography is a testament for the daydreamer who, despite the intrusions of the adult world, has tried to keep that child within alive and kicking.



NILES REDDICK '91

Lead Me Home

This novel recounts the journey of a young man, Max Peacock, returning back to his roots. While home to attend his great aunt's funeral, Peacock discovers family secrets and witnesses a town scandal only to return to a wife who is now witness to a crime. Reddick, who is a finalist for an Eppie Award in fiction and teaches eCore classes at UWG, brings to life this story of humorous twists.

WENDY SUMMERVILLE TORRES '96

The Little Angel Book for Girls

This book features "The Angel Rules" — 10 sassy principles of right living featured in a monthly column in *Step Up Sista Magazine* — in a guide book for young girls and women. The Rules teach about goal planning, positive self image and esteem, friendship, healthy relationships, how to deal with the drama of life and living out your dreams. Every young lady has goals and dreams, and none of them are going to come true without a little work. *The Little Angel Book for Girls* is a perfect place to begin your journey to the "you" you were called to be. If you plan properly you too can live an Angel-esque life.

WALTER M. JONES '66

Light Shining Through: Glimpses Into the Heart of Ministry

The wonder of a stained glass window comes from the light. The subject matter will have been thoroughly considered, the design options explored and refined, and the best craftsmen chosen to apply their art. But it is the light shining through the colors and the characters that catches the breath and imprints itself upon the memory. This book contains many stained glass moments throughout the life of the church.

National Alumni Association seeks award nominations



The National Alumni Association's Board of Directors needs your help in seeking nominations for the Alumni Awards.

The following awards will be presented in Spring 2011. Nominations should include the nominee's name and contact information, as well as documentation to be considered by the awards committee.

ALUMNI AWARDS

Achievement

Presented annually to a graduate who has brought credit to UWG and the NAA through career achievement.

Distinguished Service

Presented annually to a graduate who has devoted long-term service to UWG and the NAA.

Honorary Alumnus/Alumna

Presented annually to a person who has demonstrated outstanding service to the university.

J. Owen Moore Faculty/Staff

In memory of J. Owen Moore '40, loyal supporter of UWG, retired faculty member and lifetime member of the NAA, this award recognizes service to UWG, students, and the community. This award is presented in two categories, one to a faculty member (retired or current) and another to a staff member (retired or current).

Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna

Presented to a graduate of the past 10 years who has made significant strides in career achievement.

Spotlight

Presented to "spotlight" the efforts of an alumnus/alumna who has made significant contributions to the NAA and UWG.

Thelma Harman Turner Alumni Loyalty

Presented periodically to an alumnus/alumna in recognition of enduring service to the NAA and UWG.

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There will be 12 positions to fill, with a three-year term of service beginning and ending at Homecoming. Membership requires that the elected party attend quarterly meetings and serve on one committee within the board. The board has 36 voting members and several lifetime members.

Nominations for both categories should include name, contact information for the applicant and supporting documentation as to why you feel this person should be considered. Please also include your name and contact information in case additional information on the applicant is needed.

Submit nominations by Dec. 31 to alumni@westga.edu or mail to UWG Alumni House, 1601 Maple Street, Carrollton, GA 30118.

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