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Multi-talented Vicki Lawrence to appear at PAC on Sept. 29

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A popular comedienne, actress and singer is bringing her many talents to the Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern University.

"Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two-Woman Show" will appear at the PAC on Friday, Sept., 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Lawrence won an Emmy Award for her work on the long-running "Carol Burnett Show," and she later starred in the sitcom "Mama's Family."

She also earned a gold record in 1973 for the hit single "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia."

With Lawrence appearing as herself and as Mama, her two-woman show features stand-up comedy, music and general observations about real life.

Tickets for Vicki Lawrence are \$35 plus tax per person for the general public. Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students will receive a 10 percent discount. Groups of 15 or more people from outside the University community are also eligible for a 10 percent discount.

In addition, if any tickets are available 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the performance, any Georgia Southern student with a valid University I.D. can purchase one ticket for \$10 plus tax.

Lawrence was a high-school senior in California when she was selected to be a part of the cast for the "Carol Burnett Show," which premiered in the fall of 1967. She spent 11 seasons on the legendary variety show, earning five Emmy nominations along the way.

It was during her stint on the "Carol Burnett Show" that Lawrence created her most endearing character, Thelma Harper, who is more commonly known as Mama.

The popularity of the character led to the creation of "Mama's Family." The show enjoyed a six-year run of original shows and can still be seen in syndication all over the country.

Lawrence became one of the few successful female game show hosts when she took on the daytime version of "Win, Lose or Draw." She went on to host her own daytime talk show "Vicki!" and became the only host since Oprah Winfrey to receive an Emmy nomination in her first year.

More recently, Lawrence appeared with fellow "Carol Burnett Show" alumnus Tim Conway on the sitcom "Yes Dear." She was also part of the "Carol Burnett Showstoppers Special," a reunion show on CBS that attracted millions of viewers.

The PAC is located on the Georgia Southern campus at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive. The box office is open every Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The box office is also open one hour prior to the start of each performance.

To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, call (912) 486-7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac> .

Leadership Southeast Georgia begins new class

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Leadership Southeast Georgia began its sixth leadership training class this fall with the maximum enrollment of 20 participants.

Conceptualized in 1999, the program combines leadership training and regional networking opportunities and offers a broader perspective on the region.

Leadership Southeast Georgia's design effectively builds on local leadership development programs and provides an interactive curriculum with a regional scope. The program visits multiple locations within the region, allowing participants to see resources not otherwise evident to visitors.

Working in a partnership that includes Regional Advisory Council (RAC) 12, the 10 county RAC chambers of commerce, and Georgia Southern University's College of Business Administration and Continuing Education Center, the program has graduated nearly 80 alumni so far.

The 2006-2007 Leadership Southeast Georgia program's first session convened in Glynn County in early September. Five upcoming sessions for the next year will meet in Bulloch, Chatham, Liberty, McIntosh and Screven counties.

Session topics will include team building, environmental issues, health care, education, community and economic development, industry and tourism.

The participants in this year's class come from the fields of business, government and non-profit organizations. They have made a personal commitment to gaining leadership skills, teamwork tools and knowledge about issues relevant to the region.

The broad cross-section of individuals enrolled in the program includes:

- Latisha Arrington of Chatham County. She is a communication liaison with the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education.
- William Bradley Blackmon of Bulloch County. He is chief operations officer with Digital Office Equipment.
- April Brinson of Chatham County. She works in business development with Manpower.
- Pamela K. Cawthon of Bryan County. She is director of business operations with Comcast Communications.
- C. Brett Cook of McIntosh County. He is the city manager for the City of Darien.

- Kimberly T. Davis of Liberty County. She is the chief financial officer for the City of Hinesville.
- Julie Dawson of Long County. She is a realtor with ERA Kelly and Fischer.
- Bill Doxey of Bulloch County. He is an executive vice president with Farmers and Merchants Bank.
- Joseph Ford of Liberty County. He is vice president and division manager with the Heritage Bank.
- Andy Green of Liberty County. He is an account executive with VIP Office and Furniture Supply.
- Richard Johns of McIntosh County. He is president of the Weimar Group.
- Mabelle Mavromat of Liberty County. She is the utility billing supervisor with the City of Hinesville.
- Debbie Peebles of Liberty County. She is ISP/LAN manager with Coastal Communications.
- Keith F. Post of McIntosh County. He is a realtor with Southern Choice GMAC Real Estate.
- Marcus Scott of Long County. He is a teacher with the Liberty County Board of Education.
- Kenneth L. Sellers of Chatham County. He is sales manager with Ashford Advisors.
- R. Stan Sparks of Chatham County. He is an area manager with Georgia Power Company.
- Stacy Underwood of Bulloch County. He is owner and general manager of Uncle Shug's Chicken Barn.
- Mason Waters of Glynn County. He is vice president of lending with Atlantic National Bank.
- Delmons White of Effingham County. He is a business manager and operator with Del's Enterprises.

For more information on Leadership Southeast Georgia, call (912) 681-5555.

Get shipwrecked at Southern

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Ahoy matey! Homecoming at Georgia Southern may still be more than a month away, but deadlines to sign up for events are looming. This year's theme is "Eagles of the Caribbean: Shipwrecked at Southern."

Nomination deadlines for Homecoming King and Queen are 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19. Fees are \$75 per nomination. Applications for king can be found

at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/sac/hc2006/king.htm>, and those for queen

at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/sac/hc2006/queen.htm>.

Nominees will be announced the week of Sept. 25, with voting taking place Monday, Oct. 16, through Thursday, Oct. 19, via students' WINGS account.

Following are other homecoming events and entry fees:

- Banner Contest – \$10
- Sculpt it for the Hungry – Free
- Mud Volleyball – \$25 (Proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital)
- Doo-Dah Contest – \$30
- Step Contest – \$30
- Parade Float – \$50
- Parade Krazy Car – \$25
- Parade Clown/Character – Free
- Parade Banner/Walking – Free

Students may enter as groups in Doo-Dah or the Step Show. However, only the first 20 team will be accepted.

Registration forms for the above can be found at <http://www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com/>.

The deadline to register for these events is 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22. Entries received after that time and through Monday, Sept. 25, will incur a \$25 late fee. No other entries will be accepted after that date and refunds will not be given on entry fees.

Groups participating in four or more events will receive a \$25 discount, if registered on or before the Sept. 22 deadline. Payment, made by checks, Visa or MasterCard, will be received in the Office of Student Activities located in the Russell Union Room 1056.

For more information and a listing of prizes for the various events, visit <http://www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com>. For a homecoming packet, contact the Office of Student Activities at 486-7270.

18th National Youth-At-Risk conference set for March 2007

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Planning is underway for the 18th annual National Youth-A-Risk Conference, an event that brings 1,400 teachers, principals, parents, and community members together to develop successful programs for empowering youth.

The conference is set for Sunday to Wednesday, March 4-7, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Savannah, Ga. Keynote speakers include Adolph Brown III, associate professor of psychology at Hampton University and founder of the Club wellness Group; urban sociologist Pedro Noguera, professor of education and director of the Metro Center for Research on Urban Schools and Globalization, New York University; and Christine Sleeter, a researcher in multicultural teacher education at California State University. Featured speakers include Kimberly Oliver, 2006 National Teacher of the Year.

Themes for the conference this year include

- Closing the achievement gaps and promoting learning for all students in a democratic society
- Fostering social and emotional skills of all children and youth and enhancing the social climate
- Preventing violence and ensuring safety, including cyber safety, for all children and youth
- Promoting the mental and physical health of all children and youth
- Developing and enhancing family and community support for all children and youth

This conference offers an opportunity for colleagues with a common interest to come together to share resources and ideas, and to work toward collaborative solutions. In addition to the keynote addresses, there will be more than 100 workshops and training sessions featuring successful programs from across the nation.

The National Youth-At-Risk Conference is sponsored by the College of Education and the Continuing Education Center at Georgia Southern University. Conference participants are eligible to receive continuing education credits from a variety of organizations.

Go to the conference Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/yar2007.html> to register and to learn more about the National Youth-At-Risk Conference, or call Georgia Southern's Center for Continuing Education at 912-871-1755.