

Georgia Southern University

## Digital Commons@Georgia Southern

---

Newsroom

University Communications and Marketing

---

9-8-2006

### Newsroom

Georgia Southern University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/newsroom>



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

---

#### Recommended Citation

Georgia Southern University, "Newsroom" (2006). *Newsroom*. 77.  
<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/newsroom/77>

This news article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Communications and Marketing at Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. It has been accepted for inclusion in Newsroom by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu).

# Irish variety concert Sept. 26

SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

The Center for Irish Studies at Georgia Southern University will sponsor the 'Gaels of Music' variety concert Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Emma Kelly Theater at the Averitt Center for the Arts. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Eddie Ivie Scholarship for Study in Ireland.

'A noted Savannah chef and restaurateur, the late Eddie Ivie had a passion for Ireland, especially its poetry and music,' said Howard Keeley, director of the Center for Irish Studies and assistant professor of literature and philosophy. 'Musician friends of Eddie's want to build the scholarship fund and to that end have undertaken to present an annual benefit concert.'

The show will be hosted by Harry O'Donoghue, who is no stranger to the Georgia Southern, Statesboro and Savannah communities. He has anchored Irish Folk Music Nights in Statesboro for a decade and uses his wit to bring the spirit of Ireland to life in music that appeals to people of all ages.

Also appearing are Danny Doyle and Jonathan Murphy. A native of Dublin, Ireland, Doyle has been hailed by The Irish Times as 'Ireland's finest balladeer.' He has won every major Irish music industry award and has given concerts across Ireland, Australia and the United States and in fall 2002 appeared at Georgia Southern. Murphy is a senior music performance major from Vidalia, Ga. His songs are associated with novels by James Joyce and include the ballads 'Love's Old Sweet Song' and 'I Dreamt I Dwelled in Marble Halls.'

'Variety is the way of the evening, so expect several other performers, including some high-energy Irish step-dancers,' Keeley added.

Tickets for the event are \$8 for students, senior citizens and children under 13 and \$10 for all other groups. They may be purchased by calling the Averitt Center Box Office at 912-212-ARTS or Rebecca Holloway in the Department of Literature and Philosophy at 912-681-5471.

# Erk Russell, 1926-2006

*SEPTEMBER 8, 2006*

Georgia Southern University mourns the passing of Erk Russell, one of America's most exciting and successful college football coaches, who died suddenly on the morning of Sept. 8 in Statesboro. The cause of death is yet to be determined. He was 80.

Russell, who coached the Eagles to three NCAA Division I-AA championships, led the team from 1981-89, after spending 17 years as one of the nation's top defensive coordinators at the University of Georgia.

'The entire Georgia Southern community is deeply shocked and saddened by Erk's passing," said President Bruce Grube. 'Just yesterday, he spent the afternoon with this year's team, giving our young players a moment they will treasure for the rest of their lives.'

To call Erk a Georgia Southern legend is still a bit of an understatement, Grube noted. Russell revived a football program that had been dormant for 40 years.

'His accomplishments in the football program were tremendous. His unwavering vision of what could be, and of the heights that were waiting to be attained, continues to inspire this university today," Grube said. 'Erk's spirit lives not only within Georgia Southern athletics, but across the campus, from classrooms, to laboratories and studios, and in the hearts of students, faculty and staff alike.

"Just as important, however, were the morals and ethics Erk instilled in his players and the positive impact he made on people he met in everyday life. His motto of 'just do right' was his rule book on how to live one's life.

Russell entered his final season, in 1989, as one of America's winningest coaches, with two national championships under his belt.

In the ensuing 105 days, Southern ascended to the top spot in the I-AA football world and Russell smoked 15 victory cigars. Georgia Southern gained distinction as the only 15-0 college team of the 20th century.

Russell's final record at Georgia Southern was a remarkable 83-22-1.

During his 17 years at Georgia, Russell molded some of the country's finest defensive teams and his 'Junkyard Dogs' became synonymous with Bulldog football.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Russell held bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn. He played football, basketball, baseball and tennis for the Tigers, earning 10 varsity letters. Russell was the last four-sport letterman in Auburn history.

# Annual composition conference accepting proposals for papers

*SEPTEMBER 8, 2006*

Georgia Southern University's Writing and Linguistics Department will host its ninth annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference in early 2007.

Set for Friday, Feb. 2, at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building on the Georgia Southern campus in Statesboro, the conference brings together college writing professors and high school English teachers to help bridge the gap between high school and college.

The Student Success Organizing Committee is currently accepting proposals for conference papers online at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/conferences.html>. Proposals for workshops, poster sessions and roundtable topics should also be submitted through the same website.

The committee co-chairs, professors Nancy Dessommes and Kathy Albertson, seek proposals that address theory and practice in the teaching of composition. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: successful composition teaching strategies; reading/writing connection; research practices; assessment of writing; collaborative learning strategies; multiculturalism, portfolios; and creative writing. Scholarship examining the high school/college connection is also welcome.

This conference is interdisciplinary and educators from disciplines outside of composition are encouraged to submit proposals that explore the use of student writing in other classroom subjects. High school principals, media specialists, and counselors are invited to attend.

Registration for the conference began on Sept. 5. The deadline to submit proposals is Oct. 16, and the deadline for presenters to register is Jan. 2. The early bird registration rate expires on Jan. 12.

All presenters must also register in advance for the day-long conference. The \$60 fee includes lunch. Registrations may be made online or by calling the Continuing Education Center at (912) 681-5551.

For more conference details, contact J. Marie Lutz at [seminars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seminars@georgiasouthern.edu) or (912) 871-1763.

# **CHHS presents awards to Lickteig, Lachowetz, and Hall**

*SEPTEMBER 8, 2006*

The College of Health and Human Sciences at Georgia Southern University presented three faculty Awards for Excellence at the beginning of the 2006 academic year. The Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Dr. Melissa Lickteig, assistant professor of nursing; the Award for Excellence in Scholarship was presented to Dr. Tony Lachowetz, assistant professor of sport management; and the Award for Excellence in Service was presented to Dr. Alice Hall, associate professor of child and family development.

Lickteig was recognized for her mastery of both the classroom and the clinical teaching environment. She incorporates Web-based lectures and learning activities, case studies, and clinical simulations into her instruction, while at the same time according to her students making learning enjoyable.

Lachowetz was recognized for his research projects focusing on sports marketing and the economics of sports. In addition to numerous publications, he has served as editor or reviewer for several professional journals. He secured grant funds to support his 'Grand Slam Marketing' project, which promotes Georgia Southern baseball, and has served as a mentor for the McNair Scholars Program. He also serves as a thesis advisor to sport management students.

Hall has used her expertise to improve the quality of after-school care for children in Bulloch County. She works with the local Boys and Girls Club, the Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation, Our Time, and the RECESS program by conducting training sessions, serving on boards, and reviewing grant applications. She is an active member of the National After-School Association, has served on the Georgia Southern Faculty Senate, and most recently agreed to serve as the interim director of the University's Child Development Center.

Last year's winners of the CHHS Awards for Excellence were Dr. Dannette Wood (teaching), Dr. James Bigley (scholarship), and Dr. Padmini Shankar (service).